

Saturday
 August 5, 2023
 at the Phippen Museum



WESTERN HISTORY SYMPOSIUM

20th Annual Western History Symposium features dynamic and informative presentations by leading authors, historians, and academics on a variety of Western history subjects hourly from 9:30AM to 3:30PM with a lunch break at 12:30PM.

SYMPOSIUM BILL OF FAIRE

9:30AM - Brad Courtney & Drew Desmond, *authors*
Legend of the Palace Saloon, the Bar and the Great Fire of 1900

Legend has it that the Palace Saloon bar was hauled over to the Plaza during the Great Fire of 1900. It's a fan-favorite story told and retold for decades, but is it true? Learn what recent research has revealed.

Early Driving Machines Enthrall Prescott

Celebrate early histories of autos and motorcycles in Prescott and the adjustments that had to be made for these world-changing new technologies.

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10:30AM - Roger Naylor - *author, travel writer*

Awesome Arizona: 200 Amazing Facts About the Grand Canyon State

Discover the essence of Arizona from its wild and wooly past to its breathtaking scenery, from its startling geology to its incredible diversity of cultures and terrain. This is the encyclopedia that lovers of Arizona have been craving.

Roger Naylor is Arizona's premier travel writer and member of the Arizona Tourism Hall of Fame. His work appears most weeks in the *Arizona Republic* and he is the author of several books about Arizona.

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11:30AM - Lolita Mann Paddock - *author*

Jean Mann, Navajo Weaver

She is a well-known Navajo weaver who demonstrated the art of weaving at the Grand Canyon for many years. Discover the history and heritage from her daughter about life on the Reservation and learning this art form.

Lolita Mann Paddock grew up in the Navajo Reservation town of Cameron, AZ. She has been a teacher and administrator throughout her professional career and is currently principal of Leupp School.

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12:30PM - Lunch available at the Phippen

Presented by local Scout troop youth; donation.

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1:30PM - John Vankat - *photographer, scientist*

The San Francisco Peaks and Flagstaff Through the Lens of Time

This visual tour de force examines history thru the photographer's lens by coupling eerily precise repeats, delivering an opportunity to see the past (1867) and the present, side-by-side.

John Vankat is a plant ecologist and scientist responsible for textual research examining how plant life has changed over time in the mountains and plateaus of the American Southwest. This book was part of his seven-year research project.

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2:30PM - Fred Veil - *author, historian, attorney*

The Battle of Skull Valley - 1866

In the *Arizona Miner* it read as a first-hand report of the military engagement against about 150 local Indians who had stopped a freight wagon train *en route* from La Paz to Prescott. Learn the 'rest of the story' as details of this one-sided battle are revealed.

Fred Veil founded the Western History Symposium 20 years ago and is lifetime member of Westerners International. He is the former executive director of Sharlot Hall Museum and continuing contributor to *Territorial Times*, "Days Past" articles and board member of the Arizona Historical Society and the Arizona History Convention.

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