



PRESCOTT VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER – January 2011

Happy New Year and Winter Greetings:

Few of us expected quite the winter weather we have just experienced, but we hope that you have come through this snow and cold in good shape and spirits. We at PVHS are ready to launch into the New Year with our new Officers and Board eager to make this a good year for the Society.

Our January general meeting will be Saturday, Jan. 15th at 9:30am in the Crystal Room of the Library. Our speaker will be Carm Staker, former mayor of Prescott Valley, and currently chairperson of the Veteran's Memorial project underway on the premises of the Civic Center. She will share with us some memories of her term as mayor as well as give a progress report on the Veteran's Memorial. Please plan to attend and bring a friend.

Did you see our "pioneer" Christmas tree at the library, and the Glassford Hill Volcano gingerbread creation at the resort? The volcano will be on display at Country Bank on Glassford Hill Road for the month of Jan. If you have not seen it you have another change to check it out. Many thanks to Ann Musarra and her committee for a good job on the volcano and to the makers of the pioneer ornaments for the Christmas tree.

We are still looking for a secretary for PVHS. If you think that you could serve, even for a few months, please let us know. We also welcome suggestions for projects for 2011. Give us your good ideas!

If one of your New Year's resolutions is to clean out closets and simplify your household, do remember our rummage sale in the spring. We are already collecting merchandise in Barb Burton's garage so give her a call at 772-8582 if you have things to contribute.

Our annual memberships are now due and payable. They are still a bargain at \$12.00 so please use the following tear-off and let us hear from you. Our dues are the main source of support for the Society so we appreciate your memberships. Please tell your friends and neighbors about PVHS. The more members, the better we can preserve the history of our area. Thanks to those who have already paid several months ago.

Please renew my membership in the Prescott Valley Historical Society for 2011.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **e-Mail** _____

Brief bio for January

The Yavapai people were exiled to San Carlos for 25 years. During that time in 1878, Sicatuvva was born. Sicatuvva or Viola was a bright girl and was sent to the Phoenix Indian School when she was 15. Meanwhile Viola's parents returned to the Ft. Whipple reservation in Prescott and Viola visited often. She returned to Prescott permanently and met Sam Jimilla who she married in 1901. Sam and Viola worked in the mines in the area and Viola also worked as a housekeeper. Once the reservation was established in 1935, Sam was appointed chief and trusted leader. Unfortunately he was to live only 5 more years and when he died, Viola succeeded him as Chieftess. A tribal council was appointed and she headed this, governing with strength and kindness. She was influential in the Presbyterian Church, as well as preserving her tribal traditions. Her basket weaving was legendary. Funeral services were held for Viola on December 10, 1966. The Reverend Franklin Barnett was quoted thus, "...one who gave only the best of herself to others throughout her life, and sought only the good in those she met." Viola Jimilla is celebrated as a much loved and revered symbol of the Yavapai people.

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