

## **Prescott Valley Historical Society**

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### **Greetings, and Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms:**

We have a very very busy May with our first event the Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 14 from 8AM to 2PM at the home of Al and Pauline Rice, 4185 Robert Road. We have a treasure trove of good merchandise and we can use more, but please hang on to it until the Friday before the sale as the garage is FULL! We will be setting up the sale on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> (Oh Oh) at about 10:00am at the Rice's if you have merchandise to bring or you would like to help please come by. If you would like to help the day of the sale for even an hour or two, please do come. Our leftovers will be given to Stepping Stones and also we have tax slips available for your convenience. Any questions, please call Barb at 772-8582.

Our next event is the annual picnic and general meeting on May 21 again at the Rice's. Fain park is still under construction so we are not able to meet there. We will gather at 11:00 for coffee and chat and a short business meeting. At noon we will have our picnic with hot dogs grilled to perfection by our master chefs Jac and Vic. The menu will be hot dogs with all the trimmings, chips, raw veggies, and deviled eggs (by special request). All this is compliments of your PVHS. The Rice's home is adjacent to Mt. Valley Park so you may want to walk over and see the new trees planted on Arbor Day. We think we will all be able to be in the shade but if you have a sun umbrella you may wish to bring it just in case. Many, many thanks to Pauline and Al for offering their home especially two weeks in a row!

To recap our April activities, we participated in the Family Art Fair which was very well attended. We had a colorful table with kids activity—tongue depressors stamped with our logo which the children could dip in glue and flower seeds, take home and put in a pot and hope a flower resulted. We repeated this activity at the Arbor Day Celebration at Mt. Valley Park on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Our big contribution to the day was placards with 100 years of events to celebrate our state centennial. Each placard with the event of the year was attached to a newly planted tree. It was a LOT of work in researching the info for each year and we hope to use this in a power point presentation at a later time. Meanwhile you can visit this on our website. Thanks to Darlene Packard, Ann Musarra, Jac Morse and all the rest of the helpers who attached the placards to the trees. Our Board really works and makes these activities possible. We also had a very good trip to the Skull Valley museum where we had a guided tour. The old railroad buildings are most interesting. We hope to plan more field trips and your suggestions are welcome.

Please visit our amazing website—[pvazhistoricalsociety.org](http://pvazhistoricalsociety.org). You will be very proud of our organization and all the activities we participate in. Thanks to our webmaster for all his hard work.

Our library continues to be a big part of our archives. If you have a book about local history that you would like to donate, it would be most welcome. You are invited to check out books so stop by and see what we have to offer.

Instead of our usual biographical sketch, here is a bit of history about Mother's Day.

Ann Jarvis was an activist quite before her time. She organized women's peace groups of mothers whose sons were killed in the Civil War. In 1868 she was instrumental in starting a May Mother's Friendship Day to reunite families divided by the Civil War. She died in 1905 before the celebration became popular. Anna, her daughter continued her mother's efforts and mother's day observations were held in scattered areas. She was committed to honoring her mother and on May 12, 1907 in Grafton, West Virginia the first official Mother's Day ceremony was held. Anna campaigned to establish Mother's Day as an official holiday and in 1914 congress designated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in May as the day we now honor all mothers. Happy Mother's Day!

This will be our last newsletter until September. We will not be holding meetings in June, July and August as has been our custom. We will, however, keep the office open on Monday and Wednesday from 10-noon. Come by and see us. The coffee pot is on and we always welcome member's visits.

## **Thanks to our corporate members**

**Country Bank on Glassford Hill Rd.**

**Days Inn on Highway 69**

**Keller Williams Realty**

**Kathy Renken (713-6292) and Charlie Musarra (710-2189)**

**Dr. Julie Schifferli, Chiropractor, 775-0522**

**See you at the April 16<sup>th</sup> Art Fair and the April 29<sup>th</sup> Arbor Day  
celebration at Mountain Valley Park**