



# Beaver Creek Preservation and Historical Society

*Working to gather, preserve and share the history of the  
Beaver Creek area*



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## Rock School Update

### Happy New Year

Wow! 2023 seems to have flown by and here we are wishing you Happy New Year again and reminding you it's time to renew your membership. A membership form is available in the enclosed Brochure. Please clip out and send in the enclosed return addressed envelope.

**NOTE:** If you joined Oct. or later, we considered those 2024 membership dues.

It was a good year for the BCPHS as they had many activities and made some major improvements to the Rock School House. As usual, there's still more to do and plans are underway. Please join us.

*Wishing you a happy and healthy 2024.*

Thanks to the patience and extra efforts of Starla and Mike Collins of N. AZ Log Homes, the new ceiling in the Rock School building was finished in mid-September. Old pictures of the ceiling hinted that it wasn't originally painted so Mike lightly sanded the plywood and sealed it. We think it looks great! In early October, Josh from Connolly Electric hung twelve schoolhouse-type pendant lights. We'll be doing repairs, cleaning, organizing etc. and hope to have our Annual Meeting in March at the Rock School. Will keep you posted.

We are very grateful for the \$5,870.00 Arizona Community Foundation grant that covered 60% of the total cost. The remaining costs were covered by previous fundraisers and member donations. Thank you all for your loyal and generous support of the Rock School Project.



### Mark Your Calendars

**January 19, 2024:** Don Godard, In the Spotlight. "Stay Off Those Horses 'til You Know How to Ride", written by Don's daughter, Connie Ross, based on Don's diary. And a children's book, "I Wish I was a Cowboy", by Darlene Moreno.

**10:00 a.m., Beaver Creek Adult Center**

**February 16, 2024:** Rob Estrada. "Arnold's Place Preservation Project and Why it Matters"

**10:00a.m., Beaver Creek Adult Center**

**March 15, 2024:** BCPHS Annual Meeting.  
Program & Location TBD

**Reminder:** The BricksRUs fundraiser is on-going. A big Thank You to everyone who has taken this opportunity to pay homage to a loved one, community member, or to share a Beaver Creek School experience. An order form is enclosed if you'd like to purchase a brick, or order forms can be emailed to you or are available at Beaver Creek School, BC Adult Center, BC Library and online at:

[www.bricksrus.com/  
donorsite/beavercreek](http://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/beavercreek)

4 x 8 bricks = \$50;

8 x 8 bricks = \$125



## 2023 Program Highlights

**October:** Ken Zoll presented some interesting history of the V Bar V Ranch and its many owners, including Bruce Brockett. Bruce was not only a cowboy but also wrote poems about cowboy life and the western lands he loved. "Fenced Trails" was published in 1948 and was illustrated by his nephew, Bill Sullivan. Here is one poem from his book:

The Cowboy's Hope  
When the last big of range is fenced up and gone  
And Progress has had her say,  
When the last ol' moss horn is put on the cars  
And the honyok at last gets his way,

When the last ol' broomtail is drove in from the hills  
And the last long circle is rode,  
When the last guard is stood with shivers and chills,  
When the last herd's ready to load,

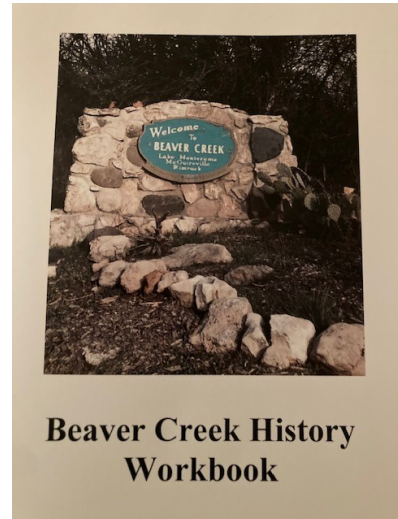
When the last gun is toted on the hip of a hand  
And the last cowboy yell is yelled,  
When the last outlawed horse in all the land  
Is cornered, 'nd beat, 'nd corralled,

When the last chuck wagon is under the shed  
And the last cowpunch draws his pay,  
I'll be ready, O lord, and if I ain't dead  
Please take me anyway.


**November:** Steve Ayers challenged our knowledge of Spanish at our November meeting as he presented "A Warm Land with Parrots, Spanish footsteps in the Verde Valley". A most-interesting tidbit was learning that the "fine large river which runs from northwest to southeast" was named "Rio de Las Parras" (River of Grape Vines). Today we know it as Beaver Creek!

## Beaver Creek Workbook

Our new Beaver Creek History workbooks were shared with some Beaver Creek third and fourth grade teachers and students last year. Before the end of this school year decisions will be made whether to continue with this as a curriculum and/or have it available to the public for a minimal cost.



Beaver Creek-The River of Grapevines



"We went down by a ravine so bad and craggy that we descended to a fine large river which runs from northwest to southeast. At this place the river is surrounded by an abundance of grape vines, many walnut and other trees. It is a warm land in which there are parrots. This river we named Rio de LasParras (River of Grape Vines)"

Written by Diego Perez de Luxan in his journal documenting the Antonio de Espejo expedition in 1582-1583. Courtesy of Steve Ayers.

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