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JOIN ARIZONA PATHFINDERS FOR A POT LUCK OCTOBER 19, 2017



San Xavier del Bac: Little-Known Lore From 1692 to Date

Creator and project designer of the amazing USS Arizona Mall Memorial on the University of Arizona campus, David Carter joins us for “**San Xavier del Bac: Little-Known Lore From 1692 to Date.**”

A designer/builder for 28 years, David worked on adobe residential rentals and historic renovation, primarily in Tucson’s Barrio Libre. Editor of *San Xavier del Bac: Portrait of a Desert Church* by Bernard L. Fontana, he has also served the community as the Secretary of Patronato San Xavier (2007-2016), Sheriff of the Tucson Corral of Westerners, and Tucson Festival Chair. David earned an M.A. with honors in philosophy, politics and economics at Oxford University.

Ever wonder where San Xavier Mission’s first church stands today and why? Why today’s Tohono O’odham likely avoided smallpox? Or how and why Tumacácori’s statues came to San Xavier? Discover the answers to these and many other related questions and enjoy some of the earliest photographs of Arizona’s iconic church. In addition, David will share the details of his unique December 2013 discovery above a church window.

This is a Pot Luck. Bring food to share. Board Members will provide coffee and dessert. The event is free and open to the public.

There is free parking at the Arizona Historical Society parking lot one block west of AHS at the corner of Euclid and Second street. Enter from Second street and drive straight in.

More information at azpathfindersahs@gmail.com

JOIN ARIZONA PATHFINDERS FOR VERDE VALLEY VENTURE OCTOBER 23 - 27

Here’s a taste of what’s in store:

Day one: A tour of Arcosanti with a docent-led tour of Ft. Verde State Historical Park, with dinner at the brand new Cliff Castle Casino-Hotel.

Day two: A docent-led tour of Travel Out of Africa Wildlife Park followed by a tour of Alcantara Vineyards and Winery.

Day three: Visit Montezuma Castle and Montezuma Well National Monuments; take a ride in a First Class car of the Verde Valley Railroad.

Day four: Visit Tuzigoot National Monument and shop and sight-see in Old Town Cottonwood. Visits to the Clemenceau Heritage Museum and the Copper Art Museum follow.

Day five: A docent-led tour of the Verde Valley Archeology Center Museum and the adjacent Visitor Center Museum.

E-mail us at azpathfindersahs@gmail.com for a registration flyer.

Cost: \$895.00 per person, double occupancy; \$220.00 single supplement for a total of \$1,115.00.

Registration deadline, with full payment required, by **September 29, 2017.**

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ARIZONA PATHFINDERS ENDOWMENT FUND: GIVE HISTORY A PRESENT

With the help of a generous donation, Arizona Pathfinders has established an **Endowment Fund** designed to enhance our long-term ability to deliver Tucson's Arizona History Museum financial support.

By holding the Fund's principal in perpetuity, the hope is to grow the Endowment Fund to a level which yields a significant annual income from interest earned. The experience of other history museums has proven this a sound fiscal approach for sustaining an institution.

The Endowment Fund also provides an opportunity for members to make a lasting contribution to Arizona Pathfinders and the Arizona History Museum. All donations received will be deposited to this account, unless otherwise specified, and your

gift will stand as a permanent symbol of your support.

Some members may be best served by donating today and cherishing the feeling of helping preserve Arizona history. For others legacy giving, bequeathing monies in one's will in the knowledge that their bequest will live on past them, might be best. In either case, the outcome is a 'Win-Win.' History benefits, as does each donor.

Pathfinders is a 501(C3) and that all donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law. Please consider contributing to the Arizona Pathfinders Endowment Fund today and **Give History a Present!**

Sincerely, W.D. Kalt III, President

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ANNUAL DUES (JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31)

PIONEER:..... \$10,000 and above	SPONSOR:..... \$100 to \$499
BENEFACTOR:..... \$1,000 to \$9,999	DISTINGUISHED MEMBER:..... \$26 to \$99
PATRON:..... \$500 to \$999	INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP:..... \$15
(Pioneer, Benefactor and Patron are Arizona Pathfinders lifetime memberships.)	
COUPLES:..... \$25	

Name(s): _____
 Telephone: _____ e-mail address: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Please fill out and mail with your check made out to **Arizona Pathfinders, Inc. to:**
 Arizona Pathfinders, Inc., c/o Arizona Historical Society, 949 East 2nd Street, Tucson AZ 85719

We ask that you notify Pathfinders when your address, telephone number or e-mail address changes. Thanks. **Note:** Pathfinders does not share, sell or otherwise misuse your personal information. It is only used outside Pathfinders' business for an Arizona Historical Society (AHS) event.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Several positions are open on the Arizona Pathfinders Board of Directors. The Board meets once a month from September to May on the first Monday of the month at 10:00AM. The meetings are fun and dynamic. Join us. Contact us at azpathfindersahs@gmail.com.



The **Publicity Committee** is looking for volunteers to coordinate communications with the media about current and upcoming events. We are looking to increase coverage.

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FREE LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

Arizona Pathfinders board recently voted to extend free lifetime membership to members after they reach their 90th birthday.



HIDDEN TUCSON II TOUR

On the crisp morning of April 8th, twenty-six enthusiastic folks boarded a Bee Line Coach for a Pathfinders' Hidden Tucson II excursion. Such a tour travels to somewhat out-of-the-way places in Tucson where it certainly can be more interesting and fun to go with a group than by oneself.

Our first stop was at Medicine Man Gallery on East Sunrise Drive. Here we viewed on display countless interesting pieces of history.

These included beautiful ancient Indian pottery, Indian blankets and jewelry. One of the lovely old pottery pieces was made by a member of the Zuni tribe circa 1865! We were fortunate to have our own historian Pathfinders'



member Jerry Freund share his extensive knowledge and stories of these treasures. At the gallery an entire room is devoted to well-known western artist Maynard Dixon.

The next stop was at Tucson Medical Center where again our own Pathfinders' member Jerry Freund shared the interesting history of Desert San (Sanatorium). This was a forerunner of the Tucson Medical Center.



In 1925 160 acres of land was purchased at \$25.00 an acre by Alfred and Anna Erikson. The location was four-and-a-half miles east of Tucson. Desert San would become a hospital for tubercular patients.

Another name for the disease was White



Plague. At Desert San tubercular patients were put through the cure by controlled sunlight. By 1943 Tucson Medical Center was coming into view.

At noon our group was welcomed for lunch at Tohono Chul Park, a desert oasis in northwest Tucson. After a delicious lunch in the patio, we were divided into two groups and enjoyed guided tours of the park with friendly and knowledgeable docents.

The Geology Wall is one of the outstanding exhibits at Tohono Chul. This wall exemplifies the ancient geologic history of the nearby looming Santa Catalina Mountains.



After a day of viewing, learning and socializing, we were returned to the Arizona History Museum at 4:30PM by our friendly and competent driver, Jack Burns.



—Tallia Cahoon

ARIZONA PATHFINDERS MAY 11TH PICNIC

Arizona Pathfinders traditional picnic once again took place at Fort Lowell park. The weather was perfect, pleasant; a cool breeze blew while we enjoyed great entertainment from The Rusty Chops, a wonderful Bluegrass Band.

Turnout was good and several visitors who heard about the event from the media joined us. Some joined Pathfinders then and there.



THE RUSTY CHOPS

