

# Whispering Palms

## A New Season Begins!!



Our opening day for the 2011/2012 Season at the McCallum Adobe Museum and the Cornelia White House is October 14th. Our new walking tour, Palm Springs Life: Inns, Glamour and Architecture, will focus on the history of the Ingleside Inn, the Viceroy Hotel, La Serena Villas, the Del Marcos Hotel, the Palm Springs Woman's Club, the Community

Church and the Orchid Tree Inn every Thursday at 9:45 a.m. We will still offer the tour of the downtown area to the north of us including La Plaza on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday at 9:45 a.m. and Thursday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. The walking tours are \$15.00, which includes admission to both museums. Palm Springs Historical Society members pay only \$5.00 per person.

### President's Message

Welcome back, it's been a *cool* summer! We have been busy making improvements.

We have cleaned out and organized our storeroom with the help of Board Member Ron Williams, and we have rearranged its contents making our collection more accessible for research.

The exhibit inside the Cornelia White House has received a facelift, and please come check out our new exhibit inside the McCallum Adobe showcasing some beautiful hotel brochures from days gone by.

We hope you'll come visit with us at our annual Pioneer Picnic coming up in November and maybe find a few gifts for friends and family during our first ever historical sale in December.

-Greg Hough

### HISTORICAL YARD SALE ON VILLAGE GREEN

The oldest home in the city of Palm Springs, the McCallum Adobe, located at 221 South Palm Canyon Drive in the Village Green, will be the location for our first fundraising downtown yard sale. We will offer a collection of historic items and collectible artifacts for sale with the proceeds going to fund the Palm Springs Historical Society.

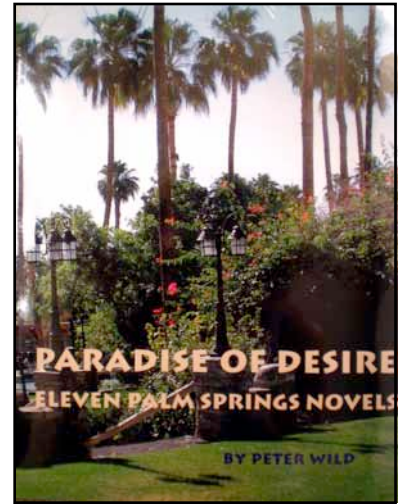
On Saturday, December 10 and Sunday, December 11 we will open the doors at 8 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. Included in the sale will be historic items such as issues of local magazines from the early 1930s, paintings, lanterns, and anything and everything that you can imagine.

## PETER WILD BOOKS ARE HERE!

Professor Peter Wild wrote several exhaustively researched books on the history of Palm Springs. He spent countless hours at our historical society and traveled the world to gather material for his work, leaving no stone unturned. At his untimely passing in February 2009, Wild and his book designer Nancy Solomon had completed three new volumes, which were in his computer, ready to be printed. Now, a collaboration among the Palm Springs Historical Society, Nancy Solomon, the Peter Wild Estate, Sharonne Myerson, and Arizona Lithographers has resulted in the publishing of two of those volumes, and we are privileged to announce they have arrived and are for sale at the McCallum Adobe. Please *call* (760) 323-8297 to purchase your copies. Don't delay, as the edition is



extremely limited, and we are the only place they will be offered for sale. Don't forget, historical society members receive a 10% discount.



**Above:** Wild examines 11 novels set in Palm Springs; loaded with local history! \$45 (soft cover)

**Left:** Palm Springs pioneer Lois Kellogg is the subject of a biography containing numerous photos that untangles the mysteries of her bohemian lifestyle. \$132.50 (hard cover)

## NEW MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM

Our membership data management system has been rocketed by technology into a new dimension. This summer we have entered our membership and volunteer data into the Past Perfect Software for Museum Collections using a brand new laptop computer. For the first time we will be able to

send invoices to the membership on a month-to-month basis as opposed to a generalized once a year mailing. Donations to cover the cost of the new computer and software would be most welcome!

## PALM SPRINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY MOVES INTO EDUCATION

The Anderson Trust has funded Zaddie Bunker's Traveling Trunk, a traveling museum to enrich local history education for the students in the 3rd Grade at Cielo Vista Charter School. Renee Brown, curatorial assistant, will visit the school and provide photographs and hands on activities that will enhance the knowledge of each student in the area of the history of Palm Springs. The curriculum includes information on the desert environment, the history and culture of the Agua

Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, and biographies of Palm Springs Pioneers. Three field trips will be part of the program taking approximately 140 students to Andreas Canyon to study the desert environment, Andreas Ranch for tribal culture, and walking tours of downtown Palm Springs, which will include a visit to the McCallum Adobe and the Cornelia White House.

HEAR THE VOICES OF OUR PIONEERS

We have digitized the oral histories that were recorded by Rush Hughes in the 1960s!! Syd Smith, one of our very dedicated volunteers, took reel-to-reel tapes and transferred them into a digital format. Come in and hear the voices of Zaddie Bunker, Carl and Edith Lykken, Katherine Finchy, George Roberson, Rose McKinney, Joe Henderson, Jimmy Swinnerton, Jim Maynard, Raymond Cree, Pat Moorten, Culver and Sallie Nichols, Frank Bogert, Francis Crocker, Betty Kieley, Ruth Valeur, Harold Hicks, Tony Burke, Pat Rogers, Philip Boyd, Herbert Samson, Margaret Foldesey Taylor, and many other Palm Springs pioneers.



*Raymond Cree, Earl Coffman, and Carl Lykken are pictured here during the 1939 Vaqueros del Desierto ride. Cree and Lykken were interviewed by Rush Hughes in PSHS's newly digitized oral history collection dating back to the 1960s.*

**Blast from the Past:**

Do you remember "Sun-Time?" On November 18, 1946 the Village of Palm Springs instituted a program that had merchants, banks, and the majority of Villagers set clocks ahead one hour to maximize our sunshine!

**Save the Date!**

Save the date of Sunday, November 13 for the 2011 Pioneer Picnic to be held at O'Donnell Golf Club. The picnic will honor the Palm Springs Mounted Police. Our annual historical calendar, also honoring the Mounted Police will be out soon as well!

**Happy Birthday!**

We want to wish a happy 90th birthday to William "Bill" Asher, director of many of the I Love Lucy episodes as well as a member of the Palm Springs Historical Society.



**WE NEED YOUR PHONE BOOKS**

We have gaps in our collection of telephone books that begin in 1928. We need telephone books from 1982, 1983, 1984, 1995, and 1996. If you have any of these years please consider donating them to the Palm Springs Historical Society. Telephone books are an excellent primary source for historical research.

Please Welcome Our  
New Members!

- Barbara Bentley
- Ray Marchant
- Eileen Schwartz

Please Welcome Our  
New Volunteers!

- Oceana Collins
- Karen Pirozzi
- Eileen Schwartz
- Mike Thompson

**In Memoriam**

Members & Friends

Patricia P. Bloss  
Robert Arden Broer, M.D.  
Lucretia Pennington  
Robert R. Pennington Sr.  
Frank Prieto

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PALM SPRINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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Palm Springs, CA 92262



Palm Springs Historical Society's Annual  
**PIONEER PICNIC**

"Honoring the Palm Springs  
Mounted Police"

**Sunday, November 13 at Noon**

O'Donnell Golf Club  
301 North Belardo Road  
Palm Springs, CA

\$35.00 Per person (PSHS members)

\$40.00 Per person (nonmembers)

Please **RSVP** to the Palm Springs  
Historical Society by November 4

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