

Grapewine News



COLORADO RIVER HISTORICAL
SOCIETY MUSEUM

Artist Maynard Dixon (January 24, 1875-November 11, 1946)



Artist Maynard Dixon is known for his paintings and sketches of the American West. Born Lafayette Maynard Dixon in Fresno, California to parents who had emigrated from Virginia after the Civil War. In 1883 Dixon moved to San Francisco where he studied at the California School of Design.

the trading post and found that many of the Mojave people were happy to pose for his sketches when he paid them \$.25 cents each. He also sketched the surrounding area. The result is an amazing body of art depicting the Mojave people and structures in Mohave Valley. You can visit this University of Arizona Museum of Art link to view more of Dixons sketches

[Creator Search for Dixon, Maynard | University of Arizona Museum of Art \(pastperfectonline.com\).](https://pastperfectonline.com/creator-search-for-dixon-maynard/)

In the summer of 1900, Dixon left his job as an illustrator for the *San Francisco Examiner*. He was also an illustrative contributor to the *Overland Monthly*, *Land of Sunshine*, and the *Sunset* magazine. Dixon, along with his friend and fellow artist Dana Bartlett, headed to Arizona on vacation and an opportunity to discover new subject material for their art.

Their first stop was Needles, California. From Needles they rode the mail wagon to Fort Mojave. The wagon driver Ben Spear invited the pair to stay at his Trading Post in Mojave City. After settling in at the store, Dixon began creating sketches and writings. Bartlett found the summer heat intolerable and headed for cooler weather with plans to meet up with Dixon at Sharlott Hall in Prescott. Dixon remained at



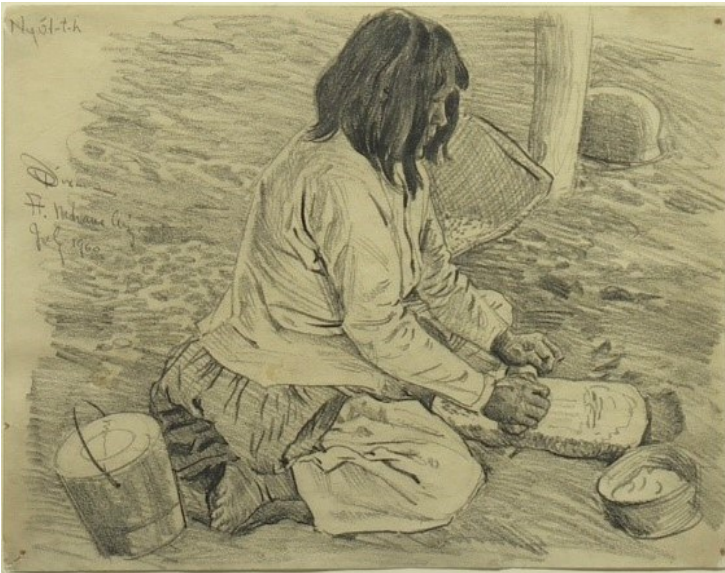
Squaw Near Fort Mojave, 1900
Pencil and chalk on buff wove paper
Collection of The University of Arizona
Museum of Art, Tucson; Gift of Edith Hamlin
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After leaving Mojave City, often dressed in cowboy attire including a black Stetson hat and bolo tie, Dixon continued to paint, sketch and write about the people and places in the American West and upon his death in Tucson, Arizona he left an impressive legacy of work. We are all fortunate that he chose to spend time in this area leaving wonderful illustrations of life at the turn of the last century.

Resource: Claude Compton: Indian Trader, Fort Mojave 1899-1904 by Jere Baker. This book, which is available in the museum gift shop contains additional information regarding Maynard Dixon's stay at Mojave City.



Mojave Squaw Grinding Maize (Nyól-t-h), 1900
Pencil on buff wove paper
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PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hi and welcome back Snowbirds.

So many special happenings at the museum. Please stop by and see all of the accomplishments. We were so excited we had 51 home school children for an educational event. It was very successful. Hopefully more to come.

The Educational Garden is coming right along with additional donations made and now we have a few streetlights and eventually there will be a street name added with the name of the donor. If you would like to donate a light be sure to get in touch with Laurie Thompson.

Several of our board members have been cleaning at the museum and making displays perfect for you to enjoy.

The November 7th Robert Bilbray presentation was very interesting. Robert brought multiple photos and spoke of his history in the development of Laughlin. The attendance was in excess of 100.

Our annual member meeting was held on the 13th. There was a slate of 4 candidates with the following results: Karole Finkelstein, Ellen Brown, and Mary Wall elected for 3 year terms. I also would like to announce that Barbara Brandt was accepted as the new Vice President replacing Ralph Patterson who retired this year.

One other item that is happening at this time is the new wing has been started by Pueblo construction and we are getting excited.

I want everyone to know anytime you need to talk, or ask questions, please call me at 928-219-2582 and I will try to answer as many questions as possible. Anyway, have a Great November and Happy Thanksgiving.

And don't forget to stop by the museum to visit and do some Christmas shopping in our retail shop. Also, don't forget Dec 7th at 5:30pm the Santa sleigh will be at the museum presented by the Bullhead City Police department.

Sincerely
Karole Finkelstein

WORD PUZZLE

Maynard Dixon

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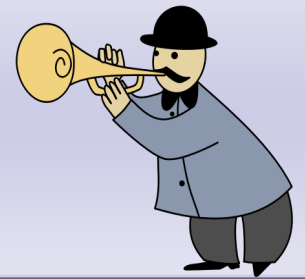
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Have you been by to see our Educational Gardens yet? Our volunteers have done a phenomenal job creating a beautiful space highlighting local floral and fauna, a Cactus Hill, a Prehistoric display, mining displays, a wonderful mural wall and much more! Your donations made this space available! If you haven't become a member of the Colorado River Historical Society yet, now is the time.

If you have questions about membership, or you're interested in becoming a member, please reach out to Ellen Brown at 928-542-1160 or see one of the docents when you visit the museum.

Membership Chair - Ellen

**A Big
 SHOUT Out
 to Our New
 Members in
 2023**



Oct 2023 puzzle answers: Early Towns of Mohave County

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Lionel Grant

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Jackie Miller

Rick Murphy

Maury Oglevie

Barbara Pape

Robert Rodda

Rick & Collen Southey

Earle Spamer

Bonnie Wright

GIFT SHOP NEWS

Featured items

We are now selling lovely Southwestern artwork provided by the River Valley Artist Guild.

\$30.00 each



And for your Christmas shopping we have many types of stocking stuffers as well as mugs with coco, unique ornaments, cactus plant purses.

Mugs \$8

Ornaments \$8 - \$12



EVENTS CALENDAR

All events are at the museum unless otherwise stated

Santa's Sleigh at the Museum:

Santa and his helpers will visit the museum on his sleigh and kids will be able to tell Santa what they want for Christmas.

December 7th 2023 - Thursday 5:30pm - 6:00pm

Fort Mojave tribe - Paul Jackson:

Paul the tribes historian will talk on the river and Spirit mountain. He is also going to try to bring some of the Mojave dancers. More information to come.

January 17th 2023 - Wednesday 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Debbie Miler-Marschke - Olive Oatman :

Debbie does a full costume presentation of Olive Oatman.

Coming this Spring - Date TBD

Museum Phase 3 Update

Work started this month on the new addition to the museum. This addition will store our archives and collections not presently displayed in the museum. Also, with this addition we will have an area to do maintenance and repair on our artifacts as needed.





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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Mission Statement

The mission of The Colorado River Historical Society shall be to operate a museum to promote interest and knowledge concerning the history of the Lower Colorado River area, most specifically the Tri-state area.

SEEKING DONATIONS FOR OUR COLLECTION

We are always looking for any artifact that is pertinent to our Tri-state area. This includes, but is not limited to, photographs, family histories, mining equipment, Davis Dam, Native Americans, steamboats, ranching, fossils, explorers, highways, historical maps, churches, service clubs and businesses.

- ◆ We cannot accept an artifact with stipulations on it such as it must be displayed in a particular way or time period.
- ◆ We do not accept loans.

Give us a call at the museum if you have an artifact or historical item you would like us to consider.

We are actively seeking local historic photographs and Mohave Valley Daily Newspapers prior to 2010.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Colorado River Historical Society Museum is seeking volunteers. If you enjoy history and want to learn more about the area, the society needs you. This is a chance to meet area visitors from all over the world and form friendships with a wonderful group of volunteers. Many of our volunteers are part-time residents and retirees. Hours are flexible and duties are as easy or challenging as you would like.

Examples of the types of volunteer we need:

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| Docent | Handyman |
| Gardener | Data Entry |
| Teachers | Marketing |
| Research | Librarian |
| Fundraising & Event Coordinators | |