

# Grapesvine News



COLORADO RIVER HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY MUSEUM

FEATURED ARTICLE

## Wagons that Forged the West

The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, signed on February 2, 1848, ended the war between the United States and the Republic of Mexico. Mexico ceded to the United States 55% of its territory, which included California, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico, most of Arizona and Colorado and parts of Oklahoma, Kansas and Wyoming. Mexico also ceded all claims to Texas and acknowledged the Rio Grande river as the southern border of the United States.

With the annexation of New Mexico, which included most of current day Arizona, and the subsequent construction of a road by Lt. Beale across the new territory, emigrants began heading west through this new territory. Wagon manufacturers met the resulting increased demand by building lightweight wagons that

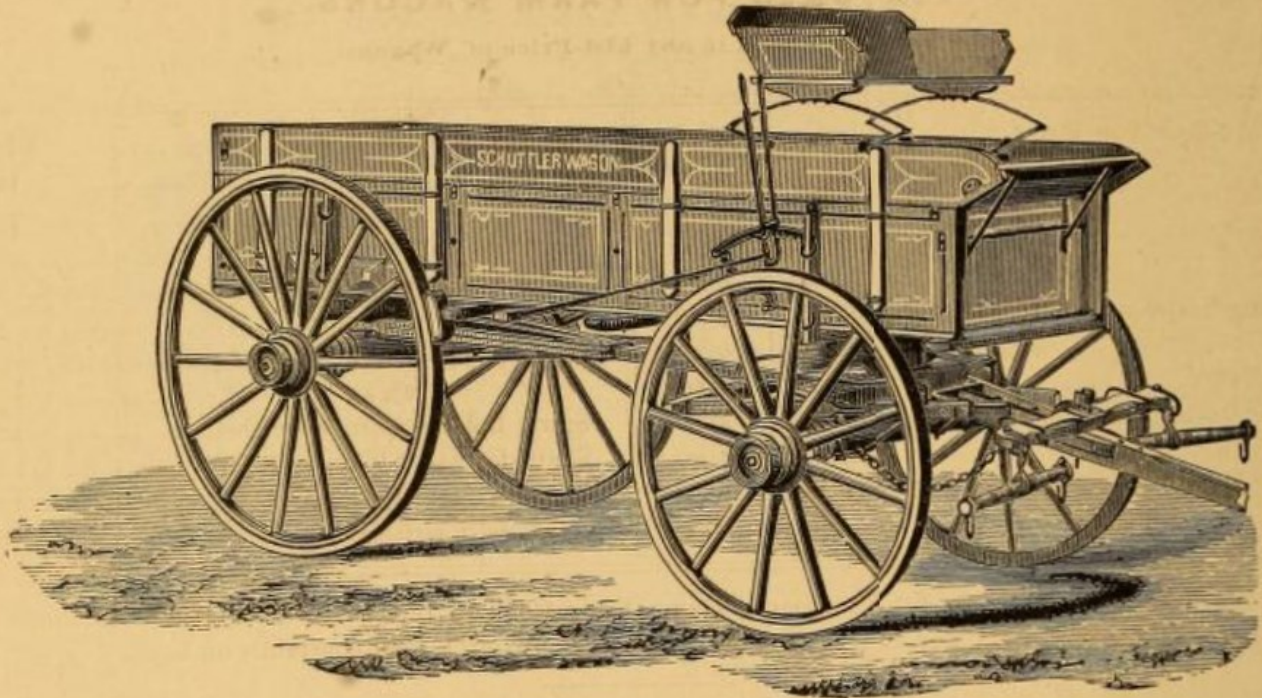
could carry heavier weight loads than the standard farm wagon and more suitable for the terrain than the Conestoga wagons. These wagons were also easier on the mules, or oxen used to pull them. The wagons were often covered with white cloth and were called Prairie Schooners because they resembled ships when viewed from a distance.

The wagon on display at the museum was donated by Ray Winslow. Unfortunately, we do not have the history of our wagon, but it is similar to wagons built by Levi Newton, or Peter Schuttler in Chicago in the mid to late 19<sup>th</sup> century that became popular for westward travel. Designed as a farm wagon it is sturdy, lightweight and has a capacity of approximately 2,500 pounds.



# Peter Schuttler's Catalogue and Price List of Wagons

Dated 1879. Courtesy of the Library of Congress



Farm Wagon with Footboard and Joint Brake.

## THIMBLE SKEIN FARM WAGONS.

With Single Box, Whiffletrees, Doubletree, Neck Yoke, and Wrench.

Size of Skeins.	Size of Tires.	Dia. of Wheels.		DIMENSIONS OF BODY. OUTSIDE MEASURES.				Capacity.	WEIGHT.		PRICE.	
		Front.	Hind.	Length.	Width.		Height.		Running Gear.	Wagon with Single Box	Runni'g Gear.	Wagon with Sin. Box
2 1/4 x 6 1/2	1 1/2 x 3/4	3ft. 8in.	4ft. 2in.	7ft. 6in.	3ft. 2in.	3ft. 6in.	9 in.	900 lbs.	400 lbs.	500 lbs.	\$61 00	\$67 00
2 1/2 x 7 1/2	1 3/4 x 1/2	3 " 8 "	4 " 4 "	8 " 6 "	3 " 2 "	3 " 6 "	10 "	1500 "	425 "	550 "	62 00	68 00
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3 1/4 x 10	1 7/8 x 9-16	3 " 8 "	4 " 5 "	10 " 9 "	3 " 2 "	3 " 6 "	16 "	3500 "	700 "	900 "	66 00	74 00
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3 3/4 x 12	1 7/8 x 1 1/4	3 " 9 "	4 " 8 "	10 " 9 "	3 " 2 "	3 " 6 "	16 "	5000 "	900 "	1100 "	72 00	80 00

WE MAKE NO CHARGES FOR CARTAGE.

Above prices refer to Wagons having our standard sizes of Tires. Parties wishing heavier Tires on their Wagons will add \$2.00 per quarter inch in width to the list price. For each additional eighth of an inch in thickness, add \$1.00 to the quoted price of the Wagons. All parts of our Wagons, including Wheels of corresponding sizes, are duplicates, and therefore interchangeable; hence, any part of a Wagon will fit the corresponding part in another of the same size.

# WORD PUZZLE

## Wagons of the West

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 HIDALGO  
 RIO  
 TREATY

CLOTH  
 GRANDE  
 MEXICO  
 SCHOONERS  
 WAGON

CONESTOGA  
 GUADALUPE  
 PRAIRIE  
 SHIPS  
 WHITE

November 2022 puzzle answers: Cpt. Alpheus H. Bowman

K E L Z O L B Q C S F G L T N  
 S U V G I L A O S A B P G D O  
 U O U A A B M S U L O L U O I  
 S Y Y C J M C N E T W P O S T  
 D I K J A O D O F N M S R L A  
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 E V E Q D I W R R S J K C L N  
 A S W H V E R F S V S U M F D

## 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.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

All events are at the museum unless otherwise stated

**Pipa Aha Macav Cultural Center Tour - Mohave Valley:**  
 January 11, 2023 - Wednesday 10:00am - 11:00am

**Grapevine Canyon Educational Experience - Grapevine Cyn, NV:**  
 Learn the history of the petroglyphs and the importance of the canyon from Paul Jackson - Mojave Tribe  
 January 28, 2023 - Saturday 10:00am - 11:00am

**Interview with Bea Thomas (Oswood):**

Bea is a lifelong resident of the area born in Kingman, raised in Oatman and married to Gene Thomas who was one of the workers on the Davis Dam project.  
 February 22, 2023 - Saturday 5:00pm - 6:00pm

**Bullhead City Early Media:**

Join us for a discussion with Rick owner of Murphy Broadcasting and Susan Murphy former General Manager of the Ramada Express.  
 March 29, 2023 - Saturday 5:00pm - 6:00pm

**Former Mayor of Bullhead City - Tom Brady:**

Join us for a discussion with former Mayor Tom Brady.  
 April 26, 2023 - Saturday 5:00pm - 6:00pm

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hi everyone,

Well Christmas and New years are gone and we're into our new year 2023 and we're hoping it to be the best ever. Our membership renewal letters are going out now so don't forget to resign up and renew and I know several of you have signed up for the tour.

We're hoping that we get a larger membership and more people enjoying our beautiful museum, with the building of the new backyard I believe that this will be possible.

I hope everyone spreads the word on how wonderful our museum is so come on down and see for yourself. Tell your friends and neighbors because if you do you will never regret it.

Again, may the New Year be very special to you and yours

Karole Finkelstein  
 President

## COMMITTEES UPDATES

### From The Desk of Our Curator:

Below is a picture of the wagon that was donated to the museum back in 2020 by Ray Winslow.

Restored by museum volunteers in 2021.



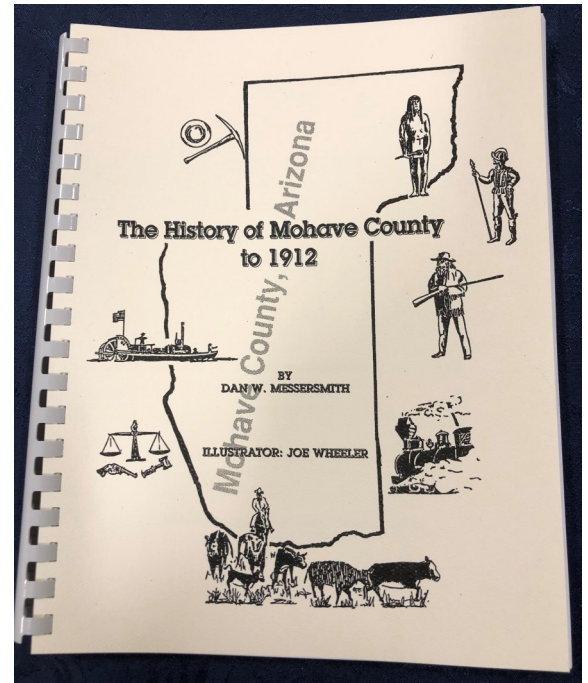
## GIFT SHOP NEWS

### Featured Book:

**The History of Mohave County to 1912**

Available in the gift shop now.

Price: \$18.00



## Seeking Donations for Our Collection

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

- ◆ 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 before 2010.

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Happy New Year

With this new year we are looking forward to many events this Spring including the development of the Educational Gardens in the backyard of the museum. This project and display upgrades are funded by your generous support.

Remember, December is the month that your 2022 membership expires. We sent out a letter this month to remind you to renew your membership that is now due.

Thank you again for all your support!

# MUSEUM PROJECTS

Now we see holiday season in our rear view mirror we are looking forward to moving forward with our backyard project.

Thank you so much to the City of Bullhead City and The Master Gardeners of Bullhead City!

Colorado River Historical Society Museum  
Educational Gardens  
"Preserving the history of the Tri-State area"  
\*Coming to the Community Park Spring 2023\*

## Seeking Storyboard Sponsors

Features:  
Kids activity center  
Amphitheater  
Educational exhibits

Each of our educational exhibits will have a storyboard depicting the plants and/or animals of that time. If you would like to sponsor one of these boards your name will be added to the display. Average cost per board is \$1000.



For more information call Laurie Thompson - 909-936-0345

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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.*

**\* \* \* \* MUSEUM FUNDRAISER \* \* \* \***

The historical society is currently in the midst of a fundraising effort, the monies of which will be used for construction of the next phase of the museum. This addition will store our archives and collections not presently displayed in the museum.

These items are currently stored at the Davis Camp site. Mohave County has generously renewed our lease on that building for an additional year, expiring in July 2023. We are in need of a new home for these artifacts, which require multiple storage racks. The Historical Society also stores various other supplies and tools in this facility.

In the coming months the museum’s Fundraising Committee will be using a variety of methods to raise money for our building fund. In the meantime if you are interested in assisting us with a donation it would be highly appreciated. Your contribution may be tax deductible, please confirm with your tax consultant.

It takes a village and we are counting on you to help us make this a reality.

