

The Skull Valley Historical Society (SVHS)

JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER



Hilltop Structure near Turkey Creek
Photo credit: Michael Kellett

SVHS PRESENTS MICHAEL KELLETT

FEBRUARY 22, 2024

6:00 PM

SKULL VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

Reevaluating Form and Function of Hilltop Architecture with Drone Imagery and 3-D Modeling. Archaeologist Michael Kellett will discuss local archaeological research from over 60 sites, one of which is in Skull Valley, including the function of hilltop sites in west-central Arizona and how diversity of form may indicate their purpose. Following the presentation, Michael will be available to discuss other local archaeology such as the ceramic pieces on display at the SV museum. If you have pieces from your own property, bring them along! Come at 5:30 and join us for live local music and refreshments.

More programs are planned for this year as guided by the Skull Valley Community Center Use Survey that was conducted last spring, which indicated overwhelming desire for programs like this. For information about SVCC events, contact Program Chair, Lindsay Haberern, at 630-710-8584 or visit the Skull Valley website at www.skullvalley.net.

SVHS COMMUNITY CENTER

The SV Community Center saw increased use this past year. In addition to hosting the monthly SVHS board meetings, it also served members of the community for SVHS programs, HOA meetings, graduation parties, celebrations of life, and the annual SV Elementary School Christmas program.

Details will be published soon for a spring presentation on Modern Day Ranching by Jeremy Cluff, Ranch Manager at Seven Spears Ranch, and a summer presentation on The Battle at Grapevine Springs.

Members of the community are encouraged to request use of the building for private functions.

NEW SKULL VALLEY WEBSITE

Visit www.skullvalley.net for information on community resources, upcoming events, and a lot more! If you have an event or other information you would like to publicize, send the details to info@skullvalley.net to have it added to the website.

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Skull Valley Museum Updates

During Summer 2023 the Section House living room was transformed by the addition of a parlor couch, coffee and end tables, and a hall tree (all circa 1930). These items were donated by Christine Perry, Dinah Jenkins, and Gaile Dixon, daughters of Skull Valley residents Allan Perry (1924 - 2002) and Dora Perry (1926 - 2022). Stop by the museum to read about the Perry's life in Skull Valley on their own Bonehead Ranch. The Railway Depot and Section House will open Sundays from 1:00 to 4:00 beginning May 26th.



3150 S. Old Skull Valley Road

2023 SKULL VALLEY EVENTS

The 28th Annual Pie Social drew a large crowd who enjoyed homemade pie, ice cream, local vendors, and live country and bluegrass music performed by an ensemble from the surrounding areas, organized by Skull Valley musician Wes Schaffer. Greg Mengarelli won the 50/50 Raffle and donated 100% back to the SVHS. **SAVE THE DATE:** The 2024 Pie Social will be held on Saturday, October 5th.



The 7th Annual Skull Valley Car Show, benefitting the Skull Valley Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD), drew 109 entries and spectators from Skull Valley and the surrounding areas. New for 2023, the museum buildings were open during the car show and afforded many newcomers an opportunity to enjoy the Depot and Section House. **SAVE THE DATE:** The 2024 Skull Valley Car Show will be held on Saturday, October 19th.



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