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2012-2013

Highlights from this Year



Papua New Guinea Exhibit

(August 2012)

Brought 90 new visitors to the PHF



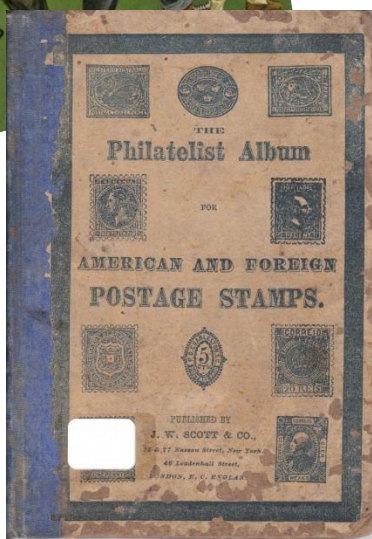
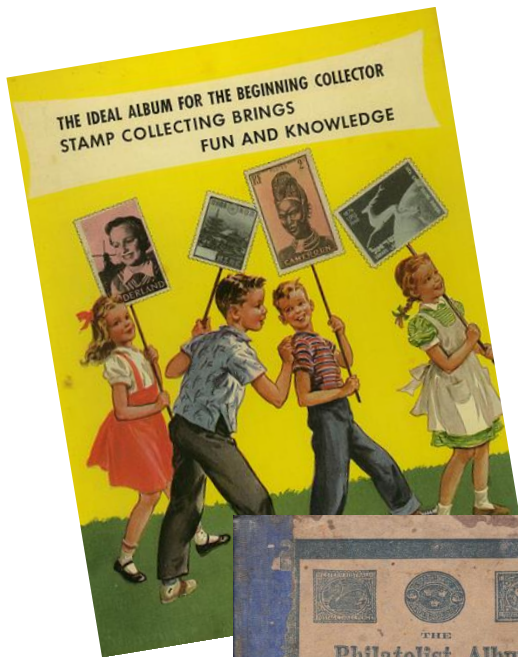
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- Civil War Stationery Exhibit
- Holiday Exhibit



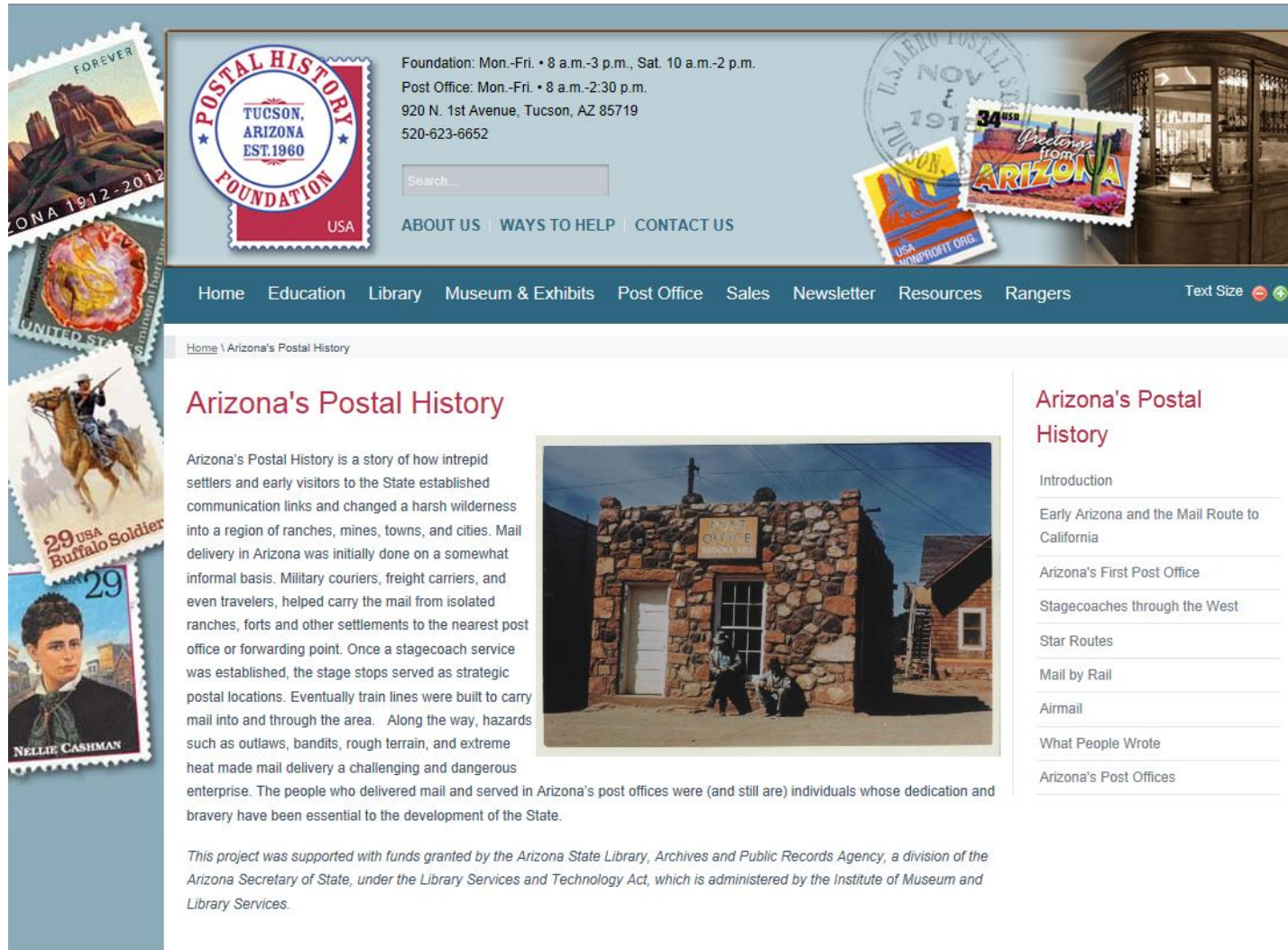
Now Showing....

- Golden Age of Stamp Collecting Exhibit



Online Exhibit of Arizona Postal History

Funded by LSTA Grant



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Arizona's Postal History

Arizona's Postal History is a story of how intrepid settlers and early visitors to the State established communication links and changed a harsh wilderness into a region of ranches, mines, towns, and cities. Mail delivery in Arizona was initially done on a somewhat informal basis. Military couriers, freight carriers, and even travelers, helped carry the mail from isolated ranches, forts and other settlements to the nearest post office or forwarding point. Once a stagecoach service was established, the stage stops served as strategic postal locations. Eventually train lines were built to carry mail into and through the area. Along the way, hazards such as outlaws, bandits, rough terrain, and extreme heat made mail delivery a challenging and dangerous enterprise. The people who delivered mail and served in Arizona's post offices were (and still are) individuals whose dedication and bravery have been essential to the development of the State.



This project was supported with funds granted by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records Agency, a division of the Arizona Secretary of State, under the Library Services and Technology Act, which is administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Arizona's Postal History

- Introduction
- Early Arizona and the Mail Route to California
- Arizona's First Post Office
- Stagecoaches through the West
- Star Routes
- Mail by Rail
- Airmail
- What People Wrote
- Arizona's Post Offices

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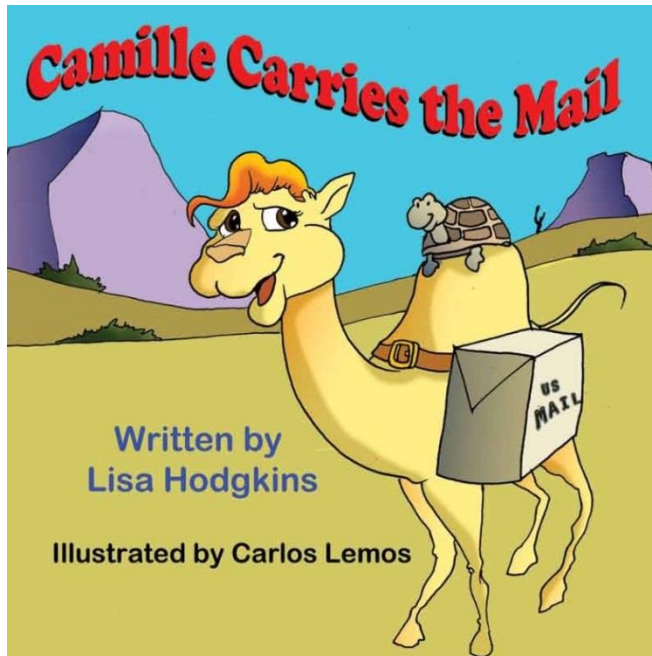
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Camille Carries the Mail

- So far, 15 copies sold onsite - \$150 for the PHF
- **39** copies sold through Amazon
- Event next week at Twin Peaks School
- Children's event at the PHF in June

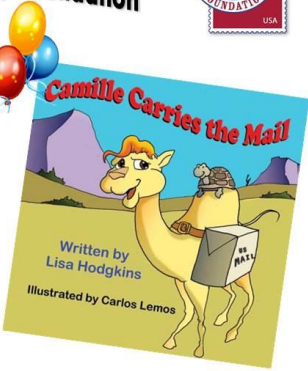


**Children's Book Launch Party
at The Postal History Foundation**



Camille Carries the Mail is a story for children ages 4-8 about a camel who is entrusted to carry an important letter across the Arizona desert. The launch party will include a story time by the author, children's activities, refreshments, and sales of books and commemorative cachets.

When: June 18, 2013 (10am-11:30pm)
Where: The Postal History Foundation
920 N. First Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85719
Contact: (520) 623-6652 ext. 107 or
library@phftucson.org
www.postalhistoryfoundation.org



The book cover is shown again, but with three balloons (yellow, blue, and red) floating above it. The text on the cover is the same as in the previous image.

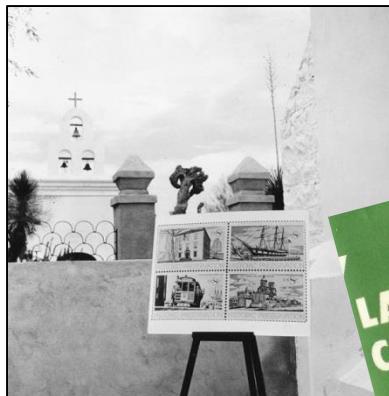
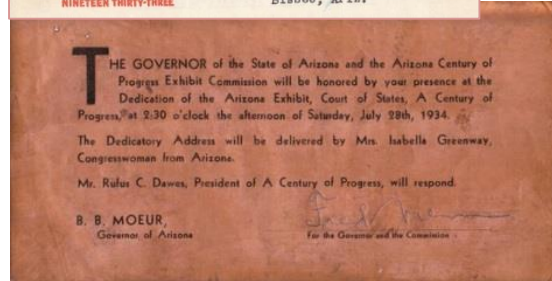
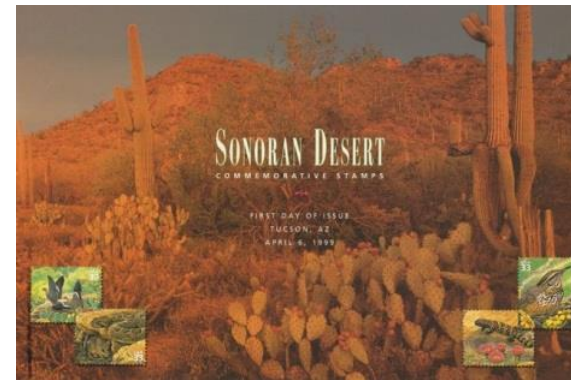
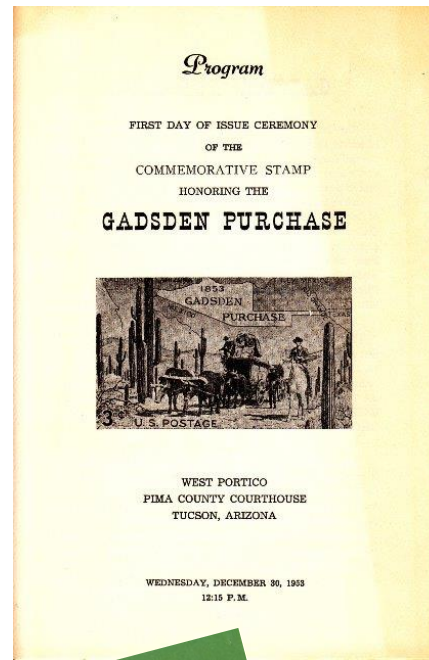
Now meeting once a month.....

Tucson Civil War Club



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Collection of AZ related stamps and events



Mexican Border Disturbance Collection



Columbus New Mexico
July 14, 1915.
Dearest Nora:-
I received your most
welcome letter a few days
ago, I was wondering all
the times why you did not
write, I thought I wrote
something in my last letter
that offended you again, I do
not want to offend a dear little
girl like you, because I certainly
do love you to write to me.
I was so low some days when
in this wilderness, I know
but now I have to guard
two widows places, and
make two cows for them, it



History of the PHF



...and the Arizona Philatelic Rangers



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Arizona Philatelic Ranger Volunteers, under the direction of William L. Alexander who originated and developed the Philatelic Education Program carried on by this group, and

WHEREAS: The program consists of educating and developing interest of the Asthmatic Child in the collection of philatelic material and through this process of education, the children learn history, geography, etc., as well as the values of vintage stamps, and

WHEREAS: Through the work of the Arizona Philatelic Ranger Volunteers, many valuable stamp collections have been donated to THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR ASTHMATIC CHILDREN, and

WHEREAS: Through the disposal of the surplus of these stamps to various philatelists, the Volunteers have provided substantial funds to the FOUNDATION for the care and treatment of Asthmatic Children who otherwise would not receive such care, and

WHEREAS: RUTH SPINER, a regular Volunteer, has contributed time, effort and special talents in making this project a success.

THEFORE: The Board of Directors of the NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR ASTHMATIC CHILDREN AT TUCSON passes this formal resolution commending each of the Volunteers for their devotion and service.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 15th day of the month of May, 1954 and caused the official seal of THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR ASTHMATIC CHILDREN AT TUCSON to be affixed thereto.

William L. Alexander
TUCSON

Mary Jackson
TUCSON



The numbers for this year...

241 New Books, Auction catalogs, etc *(196 last year)*

130 Reference Enquiries *(132 last year)*

4774 views of AZ Memory Project Pages *(43,833 last year)*

Website Usage:

6,337 unique visitors to our website in one year

50% bounce rate

Avg of 3 pages per visit

70% are new visitors

85% are from US - 25% from Tucson; 30% elsewhere in AZ