



2019



ANHA Spring Conference

By Lowell Perry Jr.

This past April, I had the distinct pleasure to return to my hometown of Detroit, Michigan for the Alliance of National Heritage Areas (ANHA) spring meeting, hosted by Motor Cities Heritage Area. Representatives from over 40 Heritage Areas stayed at the historic Dearborn Inn Hotel. Besides holding several business meetings, including a session I led on diversity & inclusion, the group was treated to extensive tours of several iconic venues showcasing the history of the motor vehicle industry including the Ford Model T Piquette Ave Plant, Ford Rouge Factory, UAW Local 600, Durant Dort Carriage Co, GM Factory One, and the Auto Pioneers Statue Park. We did a brief visit to the FCA World Headquarters to round out the “Big-3.” The auto industry has been one of the backbones of the U.S. economy since the early 1900’s, and that journey has been dramatically depicted by the world renowned Diego Rivera Mural on display at the Detroit Institute of the Arts.

Additionally, we attended a session on organizational sustainability led by a panel including executives from the General Motors Foundation and the Mott Foundation. We also approved as a group to support a Pollinator Initiative that you will be hearing more about in the near future. In the meantime, if you would like to know more about the auto industry, or are planning a visit to Detroit soon, visit the Motor Cities HA website at <https://www.motorcities.org/> where you will be able to see part of the aforementioned Diego Rivera mural on the homepage.

The fall ANHA meeting will be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area has installed a new water pump in the Yuma East Wetlands. This pump will be used to flood irrigate cottonwood/willow habitat. This project was made possible by a Bureau of Reclamation Grant and several of the YEW stake holders.



Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area

Priscilla Starr joins the YCNHA with a background as an accounting professional and a leader of finance teams. After earning bachelor degrees in accounting and finance from Southern Illinois University her career has been diverse. Priscilla worked in private industry for The Tribune Company and for smaller privately held corporations specializing in leading teams through organizational growth, systems integrations and process improvements. New to Yuma, Priscilla sees this transition to the non-profit sector as a learning opportunity and is excited to join the team's efforts to move the organization forward.



***Priscilla Starr, YCNHA
Finance Manager***

Colorado River State Historic Park (CRSHP)

Tammy Snook, Park Manager, showcased available student programs regarding the history of the park and Colorado River with Yuma School District One administrators. Students programs are offered either in the classroom or at the park. If interested in the educational programs, please contact Tammy.Snook@yumaaz.gov.



The Colorado River State Historic Park has implemented a new sound system that will help visitors get a feel for what times were like back when the Army operated out of the Park. Sounds of water, steamboats and nature help bring moments back to life. Come and take a tour and venture back in time through Yuma's history.



Summer Hours

The Yuma Territorial Prison and the Colorado River State Historic Park have begun their summer hours schedule. This will run through September 30th, 2019.

Colorado River State Historic Park – Open Tuesday-Sunday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Yuma Territorial Prison – Open Thursday – Monday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Yuma Territorial Prison

On St. Patrick's day, the Yuma Territorial Prison hosted the inaugural "To Catch a Leprechaun" event. This event brought in over 300 locals to the park. Thank you to the high school students who helped create the rainbow pathways and the college student played who our Leprechaun. We are excited to do it again next year!



We want to thank Harley Owners Group Yuma Chapter for hosting the Yuma Territorial Prison Run benefit on April 20th. The event included poker games, Prison tours, food vendors and charity lock-ups to release Miss City of Yuma & Miss Yuma County from the prison cell block.



The proceeds go towards helping the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area preserve and maintain some of Yuma's richest history.



Yuma Wetlands

We are proud to announce that the Yuma West Wetlands Park received the Ponderosa Pine Partnership award from the AZ Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM) for the amazing collaborative efforts achieved to enhance the park in the past year. Enhancements include a new parking area, ADA accessible riverfront trails, educational signage, and over 35 acres of newly restored riparian habitat. Thank you to the City of Yuma, YCNHA, DFFM, Bureau of Reclamation, Arizona State Parks & Trails, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Gowan Company, and hundreds of community volunteers who contributed their time, money, and effort to make these enhancements possible for the Yuma community to enjoy.



City of Yuma staff, Debbie Wendt and Espy Matlock, accepted the award on behalf of the partners on April 24th.

Thanks to Bureau of Reclamation grant funding, over 1,100 feet of bank line and 7 acres of mesquite bosque habitat has been restored in the Yuma East Wetlands following the May 2018 wildfire. YCNHA also thanks the NAU honor students who came all the way from Flagstaff to help us plant 200 mesquite trees.



Community Outreach and Events

The Colorado River State Historic Park has created a new program called “Saturdays at the Museum”. The 1st Saturday of every month through September, there will be a workshop for our locals to come and enjoy. Each child must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are available on Eventbrite.com and the YCNHA office. Children are \$4 and Adults are \$6. For more information contact 928-783-0071.



The Hispanic Advisory Committee worked with Arizona Western College’s Spanish class to create a Spanish translated brochure for our two State Historic Parks. We are looking forward to future Hispanic outreach.



The Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area hosted the “National Space Day” event at the Colorado River State Historic Park along with Arizona Western College, Yuma County Library District and Yuma County Children’s Museum. Over 200 people attended with some traveling all the way from Mesa and El Centro. This event was sponsored by 1st Bank Yuma and AEA Federal Credit Union.

