



Mission Statement

Dedicated to preserving and presenting the culturally diverse history, the human experience, as well as exploring the natural environment unique to the Miami-Globe region of Arizona.

The Center-Museum achieves its mission through exhibits, education programs, collections, publications and outreach programs that are designed to serve, engage and enrich the individual and the community.

You can ensure continuation of our community's enviable "can do" legacy. Join your neighbors as we build an institution enshrining and celebrating a productive heritage left by generations of families whose hard work has enriched the lives of us all.

The museum has obtained a 501(c)3 so your membership is a tax deductible contribution.
Make checks payable to the Bullion Plaza Cultural Center and Museum, P.O. Box 786, Miami AZ, 85539
Phone 928-473-3700 Website: www.BullionPlazaMuseum.org

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

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Yearly Membership is January 1st through December 31st

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual membership | \$10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family membership | \$25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend of the Museum | \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donor | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor | \$250.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron | \$500.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor | \$1,000.00 |

The richness of Arizona and Gila County lies in the history of its development. This development is *true* drama; real people facing danger in a new frontier while solving the day to day problems of building a new life. It's the story of those who hungered for change and of those who had it thrust upon them unwillingly.

What was heralded as "the taming of the frontier" by the new-comers was, in reality, an invasion of the homeland of the Apache. Unable to stem the tide of invaders, their way of life was forcibly changed forever. They became caught up in what was to become the ethnic melting pot called Gila County.

Bullion Plaza Grade School itself stands as a testimony to the triumph of ethnicity through education. Listed on the National Register of Historic Sites, it opened in 1923 as a segregated school for Mexican and Indian children of the area; it became a place of pride and through the efforts of many, evolved from a close-minded, segregated school system, to one of equality and opportunity. Immigrant groups came to the region from all over the world to find a new and better life: Mexicans, Italians, Scots, Welsh, Cornish, Germans, Irish, Chinese, English, Czechoslovakians, and Serbians among others. Throughout the years, these people overcame their language and ethnic differences, and together, built schools, businesses and neighborhoods and were able to share in the progress of their community.

The Bullion Plaza Cultural Center and Museum was created to establish and preserve the history of Mining and Cattle Ranching as well as the public education, cultural and ethnic heritage of our community. What wonderful stories there must be! Stories still to be discovered with so much to teach the generations to come. Stories of silver and copper and cattle, of adventure, bravery and laughter. People of all backgrounds coming together for good or ill to bring us to where we are today. Help us collect, preserve and document their history through the Bullion Plaza Cultural Center and Museum. A gift today will help us continue to provide important historic legacies and to preserve and save Bullion Plaza School as an important landmark in Miami for future generations.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

Give A One-Time Gift Today: Send a contribution in support of the Museum or increase your annual giving when you renew your membership.

Make An Ongoing Commitment: You can spread your annual donation over monthly installments.

Outright Gifts: You may make a cash gift, donate artifacts, services, personal or real property.

Designate the Museum in a will or trust document: bequests may be made to the Bullion Plaza Cultural Center and Museum.

Volunteer: You can play an important role in achieving the goals of the Museum.

Give your time and talent to keep the museum running. We would love you to join us!

Sign up to work on Fridays or Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. Visit with guests and enjoy a day at the Museum learning more about our local culture.

Come to our meetings the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m..

Come to our First Friday programs: the first Friday of every month at 6:00 p.m.. Listen to programs about mining, ranching, history of our area and other interesting topics of local interest. Help with refreshments.

Currently being displayed is a memorial to those in Gila County who have served in our armed forces. There is also a tribute to our local schools, historical photos, a large amount of mining history including equipment and specimens, a growing display on local ranching and the unique McKusick Gallery showing the techniques for the artistic use of clay pottery.

We have the room, now your involvement will help us grow! Any ideas on grants, suggestions for displays or what we might do to expand your museum are welcome. Please, join us in this worthwhile project!