

# EMPIRE RANCH FOUNDATION NEWS

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## Growing Up on the Empire

The Old West came alive at the 7th Annual Roundup Open House at the Empire Ranch Headquarters on Saturday, Oct. 27th. In keeping with this year's theme, "Growing up on the Empire Ranch," youngsters played an important part in the event activities. The main arena featured the colorful Escaramuza y Charros Flor de Primavera and the presentation of colors by the Sonoita Royalty Queen and Little Miss. An expanded Kids' Corral included demonstrations by the Mustang and San Rafael 4-H kids on caring for a variety of livestock. Saguaro Girl Scouts introduced visitors to the new Heritage Discovery Trail that winds alongside the Empire Ranch House and along the Empire Gulch riparian area. Storyteller Glenda Bonin enthralled her audience with "The Stories of Dusty Vail", who grew up on the Empire from 1914 to 1928.

Other arena performers included the skillful Cowboy Mounted Shooters and Kate Ladson demonstrating cow punching and riding skills. Experts in Western ranching showcased a variety of skills including horseshoeing, rawhide, leather and nylon braiding, and reata making. Two well known Western groups "Way Out West" and "The Desert Sons" had crowds toe-tapping and singing along to great Western favorites. The John Wayne classic Western film, "The Cowboys" was shown in the newly repaired Mechanic's Shop which was transformed into a historic recreation of a Western movie house. Chris Mitchum, who starred in several movies

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Roundup moments (photos: C. Auerbach, S. Hughes)

## Nothing Would Happen Without YOU!

Each year we contact our members twice for financial support, in May for membership renewals, and in November for special program needs.

Thanks to your terrific response last year, the West Gable and walls of the Victorian Addition are now stable. And because your donations were in our emergency fund reserve, in July we were able to quickly reinstall the roof that blew off the Mechanic's Shop in a freak windstorm.

We've set priorities for 2008's projects. The permanent repair of the lintel, which supports the wall and ceiling above the south entrance into the zaguan, is now critical. Temporary shoring is no longer enough. Repairing it will be a significant contracted project.

The corrals around the ranch house are also in trouble. Weather, use, time and termites have taken their toll. Our volunteers are signing up to help with corral repairs. The costs for this project will be primarily for purchase of historically compatible fencing materials. There are many more projects on our "to do" list, too.

Right now, please write a check. Your support makes our preservation projects possible. If you replied to our Membership appeal in May 2007, any amount you send now will be added to your current membership level when we publish our List of Supporters in May 2008. If you've not sent a contribution this year, now is the time. A reply form and envelope are enclosed, or see p. 4.

Thanks for your help!

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## Roundup (cont'd from p. 1)

made on and around the Empire Ranch (also son of movie star Robert Mitchum), gave a special-guest introduction before each showing. A standing-room-only crowd was also treated to Chris' first-hand moving-making experiences.

In lieu of the Western art show, this year's Roundup featured an expanded and spirited raffle and auction of more than 100 generously donated items including art, getaways, antiques and Western crafts, sending many visitors home with additional treasures beyond the memorable experience had by all.

As is the case every year, the Roundup would not have been possible without the invaluable assistance of the many donors, participants, volunteers, and exhibitors who made the event such a success. Special thanks are due to ERF administrator Christine Auerbach, to Alison Bunting, David Daiss, Kristi Keller, John and Judy Komrada, Sarah Miller, Tom Rogos, Laurel Wilkening, and to BLM for its ongoing collaboration and support, especially BLM staff members Catie Fenn and Chris Schrage.



### The Foundation & BLM Wish To Thank Roundup Sponsors...

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## Progress and Plans at the Empire

We hope you've followed our preservation reports throughout the year and noted during your Roundup visit the excellent progress made on numerous historic preservation and public interpretation projects at Empire Ranch. Three contracts were awarded and completed this summer using funds donated ERF members together with BLM cost share grants.

These projects repaired the roof blown off of the Mechanic's Shop, removed old carpet, asbestos tile, and linoleum in the Victorian Addition living and dining rooms and kitchen, and completed Phase 2 repairs to the weakened foundations of the Victorian Addition West Gable wall.

Other major projects, primarily under BLM auspices or with BLM funds, were the installation of a new Heritage Discovery Trail leading visitors through the headquarters down along the Empire Gulch riparian area, a replacement water system, and (at long last) installation of permanent restroom facilities.

Our Volunteer Days have been manned by enthusiastic, tireless, and caring volunteers. They've patched and repaired interior walls and exterior window frames, cleaned up rooms, removed storm debris, helped develop the new Heritage Discovery Trail, and greatly improved the landscape. On the most recent October 20th Volunteer Day, to ready the Ranch Headquarters for the Roundup, over 20 volunteers and several BLM staffers cleaned, pruned, set up arenas, moved hay bales, and encouraged the departure of a skunk who was hiding out in one of the rooms.

A lot has been done—and a lot more is planned for volunteer days in 2008. A major goal this winter will be repair of deteriorated corrals, but there are many more opportunities inside and outdoors at the headquarters. You're invited to c'mon out to the next work day, and lend a hand to ensure the future of Empire Ranch!

Major contracted projects are also planned for 2008. High priority in 2008 is given to contracting for permanent preservation repair and structural reinforcement of our signature (and stressed) wooden lintel at the south entrance to the zaguan passage way. An overall structural and engineering study of the headquarters buildings that will permit ERF and BLM to fully



*Newly repaired Mechanic's Shop donned a "Movie House" marquee for the Roundup, for screenings of John Wayne classic "The Cowboys."*



*Master bedroom (with west gable wall repaired in 2007) housed Roundup's new "Growing Up on the Empire" exhibit.*



*Newly installed Heritage Discovery Trail debuted at the 2007 Roundup.*



*Repairs to the zaguan lintel are planned for 2008. Good riddance to those shoring posts! (photos: C. Auerbach, S. Hughes)*

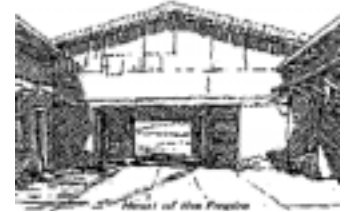
plan for the preservation and adaptive reuse of these buildings is another key goal.

Your continued financial support will

**Coming In January!**

## THE EMPIRE 100 WESTERN ART SHOW AND SALE

Benefiting the  
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Sponsored by Northern Trust  
**January 22-February 29, 2008**

At Northern Trust  
3450 E. Sunrise Drive  
Tucson, Arizona  
8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Monday through Friday

A juried exhibition of one hundred exceptional original works in oil, water color and bronze by nationally known painters and sculptors.

A Members and Friends Reception will be held **January 21, 2008.**

Members, please save the date and watch for your invitation in the mail.

*For a list of participating artists (available after December 20, 2007), please visit:*

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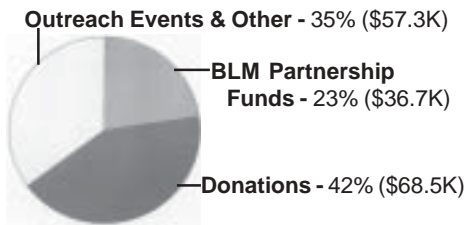
*Repairing historic corrals will be a 2008 priority. (photo: CactusHuggers.com)*

be key to how quickly we can pursue our ambitious agenda to save and share this American treasure.

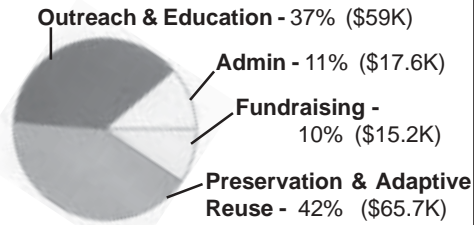
## Empire Ranch Foundation

### Financial Summary FY06: July 2006 through June 2007

#### Income, by Source of Funds \$162,489 Total



#### Expenditures, by Use of Funds \$157,444 Total



Income during FY06 totaled \$162,489—42% from donations, 23% in grant funding from our BLM partner, and 35% from outreach events and other sources. Expenditures totaled \$157,444—42% for preservation and adaptive reuse projects, 37% for outreach and education programs, 11% for general administration, and 10% for fundraising.

End-of-year assets totaled \$106.9K, comprising \$18.3K in BLM grant funds (fully obligated); \$5.4K in ERF unrestricted funds obligated for preservation; \$2.9K in ERF restricted funds for repairs; and \$80.2K in ERF unrestricted unobligated funds.

## Roundup Sponsors *(Raffle & Auction Item Donors, cont'd from p. 2)*

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The Empire Ranch Foundation deeply appreciates recent donations received in memory of:

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| Raymond A. Day            | Julia S. Ruch       |
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| Robert Bolton             | Russ Vail           |
| McGee                     | Willie              |
| Ben & Mary Pruett         |                     |

## Working Calendar

### December

**10** Entries due for 2008 Empire 100 Art Show

### January

- 19** ERF Board Meeting and Officer Elections, 9am-Noon
- 21** Empire 100 Art Show - Members and Friends Reception to meet the artists, 4pm-7:30pm, Northern Trust, 3450 E. Sunrise Dr., Tucson
- 22+** Empire 100 Art Show - Open to the Public, 9am-4pm Mon-Fri, through February 29, Northern Trust, 3450 E. Sunrise Dr., Tucson

### February

**1-29** Empire 100 Art Show - Open to the Public, 9am-4pm Mon-Fri, through February 29, Northern Trust, 3450 E. Sunrise Dr., Tucson

**16** Volunteer Work Day, 8am-Noon

### March

**15** ERF Board Meeting, 9am-Noon

## 2007/2008 Membership Reply

*Yes, I want to help save the Empire Ranch for future generations!*

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