

EMPIRE RANCH FOUNDATION NEWS

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You Are Our Future!

Each year we contact our members in May for membership renewals, and then again in November for special program needs. Last year's November appeal focused on repair of the zaguan south lintel and the Ranch House corrals. Corral repairs are underway and will be completed early in 2009. But we postponed work on the zaguan lintel until first completing a full structural and seismic assessment of major ranch structures, and a companion assessment of our most critical stabilization needs.

This recently completed study has indeed focused our attention. Estimated costs of "Priority 1" repair tasks identified (not including the zaguan lintel) total \$154,000—including replacement of deteriorated ceiling beams in the oldest part of the Ranch House (\$52,000); beam, truss, and gable repairs in the Adobe Haybarn (\$95,000); and bracing gables in the Hired Man's House (\$7,000). Priority 1 tasks will be critical for surviving a seismic event.

These are daunting needs, but we are committed to working closely with the BLM to meet them, seeking funds from BLM grants and deferred maintenance allocations, and from other granting agencies. Strong matching contributions from you, our members, will be essential to success in competing for this funding.

Please send a check today! If you replied to our May appeal, this gift amount will be added to your membership level. If you've not yet contributed this year, please do so now. A reply form and envelope are enclosed, or see p. 4. Working together we can assure a strong future for the Empire Ranch—a special part of Arizona history.



Round 'em Cowboys!

And Round 'em we did as more than 2,000 turned out to experience "Cowboy Life on the Empire Ranch" at the 8th annual Roundup & Open House on November 1. The scene was perfectly set with historic wagons from the Tucson Rodeo Parade Museum, and authentic campsites of the Buffalo Soldiers'/9th Memorial Cavalry. Western music filled the air as the popular western band, "Way Out West," and balladeer Bruce Andre serenaded guests with classics. The Saguaro Strutters demonstrated and involved enthusiastic participants in western line dancing.

An enthusiastic crowd was mesmerized by the expertise showcased in the main arena including cattle handling and horsemanship by Kattle Kate Ladson; Californios-style cattle branding by Joel Elliot, Helen Fendell & Steve Schmitt; ranch branding and doctoring by Brent Cole and Steve Schmitt; and border collies for sheep and cattle work by Craig Pottinger of CP Ranch. Skillful shooting displays from the always popular Cowboy Mounted Shooters rounded out the arena events.

Steve Boice, Mac Donaldson, Gerald Korte, Marka Moss, John Sullivan, Tim Vail, and Jane Woods, shared their real life experiences as cowboys, cowgirls, and ranchers of today and yesterday.

Western storytellers Glenda Bonin, Jack and Suzanne Lasseter, Gil Payette and Ben Williams brought the Old West alive through their tales of vaqueros, cowboys, Native Americans, Dusty Vail, and ranching traditions.

Everyone enjoyed the demonstration of

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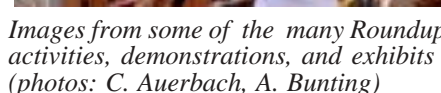
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Roundup (cont'd from p. 1)

Western skills including branding by Joe Quiroga; horseshoeing by Renee Brollini; reata making by Dick Schorr; rawhide braiding by Wes Starr, leather carving by Ben Claridge; and silver spurs and bits by Byrd Moss. The Roundup would not be complete without tours given by Gerald Korte and Eric Means, and the Kids Corral, presented by Anna Schorr Coleman and local 4-H clubs.

Delicious Western barbeque by El Paso Barbeque, served in style by the Elgin Sonoita Cowbells, and the cowboy coffee served by Arbuckle Coffee Roasters hit the spot. The Ranch Store was packed with bidders, maneuvering to get the last bid on more than 100 raffle and auction items including western art, golf and entertainment packages, fine meals, and wine from local vineyards.

We gratefully acknowledge the financial underwriting provided by our sponsors, the contributions from businesses and individuals for the raffle/silent auctions, and the supporters and friends who all helped to make the event possible. Special thanks are also due to the nearly 100 Western presenters who take this day to share their Western heritage and skills, the volunteers who contribute more than 1,000 hours of their time, and to the entire team from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management/Tucson Field Office.



Images from some of the many Roundup activities, demonstrations, and exhibits (photos: C. Auerbach, A. Bunting)

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Preservation Update

Much has been accomplished since our last report on preservation at Empire Ranch, in both planning and hands-on tasks. The eagerly awaited Structural and Seismic Assessment report was finalized by Statistical Research, Inc. (ERF's preservation contractor). The report evaluates four adobe structures—the Ranch House, Haybarn, Hired Man's House, and Grove House—in terms of their current conditions, potential structural and safety issues.

The priorities and "ballpark" cost estimates for various remediation options provided in the report will allow the BLM and ERF to make better and more realistic planning decisions. By January the Foundation and the BLM will determine which of the highest priority stabilization projects can be initiated in 2009. We'll keep you apprised of progress as we continue our efforts.

A second, and similar, report was also completed by engineers from the Bureau of Reclamation's Building Seismic Safety Program, assessing the Huachuca House and Field Station. Although not yet released in final draft form, this evaluation will also help plan for future needs at the site, including dedicated spaces for an on-site BLM Ranger, offices and storage for the Foundation, and other possible adaptive uses of existing structures.

Hands-on work has continued actively. At the August volunteer work day, damaged corrugated metal on the sides of the Mechanic's Shop was removed and replaced; weeds and overgrowth trimmed and removed; and wood for north corral repairs was treated and readied for installation. These work days are a great opportunity to be a part of preservation efforts at the Ranch - come on out and lend a hand!

An exciting project is already underway for 2009! With BLM funding, ERF has contracted with Kelly Timmerman for background research on the Ranch's historic structures to support expanding the National Register listing beyond the Ranch House to include all the eligible structures at the ranch headquarters.

Kelly has a degree in Historic Preservation and recently served two years as an intern on the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area, focusing on projects at the historic Fairbank and Charleston townsites.



Volunteers for August work day after a day of accomplishments (photo: C. Auerbach)



Adobe Haybarn beams and Hired Man's House braces were some of the conditions critically assessed in a recent structural assessment report by Statistical Research Inc. (SRI). (photos: SRI)

Gifts in Remembrance

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

Pete & Clorene Bidegain
Dick Dawson
Earl F. Glenn, Jr.
Gene & Alvessa Hummel
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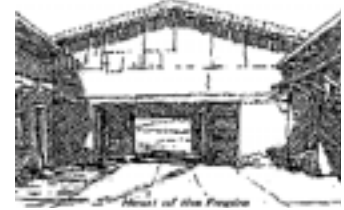
and *in appreciation of:*

Gerald Korte

Coming in January...

THE EMPIRE 100 WESTERN ART SHOW AND SALE

Benefiting the
EMPIRE RANCH FOUNDATION



Sponsored by Northern Trust
January 12-March 13, 2009

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, including featured artist Tom Dorr.

A sale preview will take place on **January 12-14**, followed by a Members and Friends Reception on **January 15, 2009**.

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

For a list of participating artists (available after December 20, 2008), please visit:
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Coming in March...

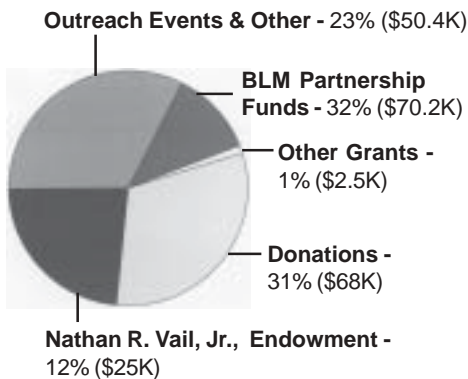
Empire Ranch Heroes Tribute, March 7

Save the date, and plan to join us on Saturday, March 7, 2009, at the Mountain Oyster Club in Tucson for ERF's first Empire Ranch Heroes Tribute. This year we'll honor Northern Trust and Marion Hyland for the stellar success of the annual Empire 100 Western Art Show & Sale in supporting Empire Ranch preservation and education. Invitations will be mailed in January.

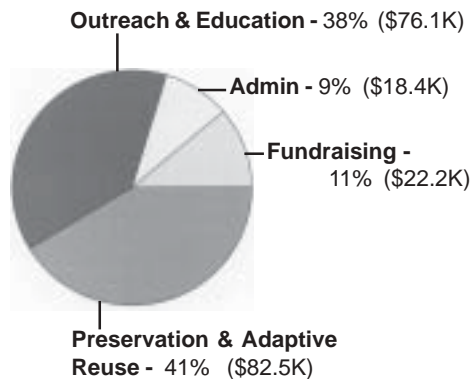
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Financial Summary FY07: July 2007 through June 2008

Income, by Source of Funds \$216,125 Total



Expenditures, by Use of Funds \$199,181 Total



Income during FY07 totaled \$216,125 — 43% from member donations, an endowment from the estate of Nathan Russell Vail, Jr., and a grant from the Patagonia Regional Community Foundation; 32% in grant funds from our BLM partner; and 23% from outreach events and other sources. Expenditures during FY07 totaled \$199,181 — 41% for preservation and adaptive reuse projects; 38% for outreach and education programs; 11% for fundraising; and 9% for general administration.

End-of-year assets totaled \$124.2K, comprising \$25.4K in BLM grant funds (fully obligated); \$6.3K in ERF unrestricted funds obligated for preservation; \$28K in the Vail endowment and ERF restricted funds for repairs; and \$70.8K in ERF unrestricted unobligated funds.

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

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2008/2009 Membership Reply

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

Name: _____
(Please enter name(s) in your preferred format for acknowledgments.)

Street/P.O. Address: _____

City, State, ZIP : _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Check enclosed MasterCard Visa Card This is a new address

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Card Number Exp.Date. Signature

- This donation is also in __memory/___appreciation of _____
 Please add me to your listing to receive email updates and e-newsletters
 This is a gift membership from: _____

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- \$35 Homesteader
- \$50 Total Wreck Miner
- \$100 Wrangler
- \$250 Vaquero
- \$500 Jefe
- \$1,000 Patrón
- \$2,500 Majordomo
- \$5,000 Cattle Baron
- \$10,000 Territorial Governor
- \$_____ Year-end Gift
- \$_____ Other

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Working Calendar

[Location: Empire Ranch Headquarters, unless otherwise noted.]

December

1 Entries due for Empire 100 Western Art Show & Sale

January 2009

12-14 Empire 100 Western Art Show & Sale - Preview, 9am-4pm, Northern Trust, 3540 E. Sunrise Dr., Tucson

15 Empire 100 Western Art Show & Sale - Members & Friends Reception to meet the artists, 4pm-7:30pm, Northern Trust, Tucson

16-30 Empire 100 Western Art Show & Sale - Open to the Public, 9am-4pm, Mon.-Fri., Northern Trust, Tucson (Show runs through March 13)

17 ERF Board Meeting, 9am-Noon

February 2009

2-27 Empire 100 Western Art Show & Sale - Open to the Public, 9am-4pm, Mon.-Fri., Northern Trust, Tucson

21 Volunteer Work Day, 8am-Noon

March

2-13 Empire 100 Western Art Show & Sale - Open to the Public, 9am-4pm, Mon.-Fri., Northern Trust, Tucson

7 Empire Ranch Heroes Tribute, Mountain Oyster Club, Tucson

21 ERF Board Meeting, 9am-Noon