

EMPIRE RANCH FOUNDATION NEWS

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Year-End Appeal Seeks Funding for Adobe Haybarn

Thanks for your generous support of Empire Ranch Foundation! Did you know that over 225 volunteers spent almost 6,000 hours helping to preserve, protect, and promote the heritage of the Empire Ranch? We reached over 3,000 children and adults through our outreach events and educational programs. We've made repairs on the house corrals; primed, painted, and cleaned areas of the Ranch House, and spruced up its surrounding landscape. Repair of the south lintel of the zaguan will begin in early November.

In May you responded to our request to renew your ERF membership. As 2009 comes to a close, we are seeking additional year-end support to undertake critical structural repairs of the historic Adobe Haybarn. The haybarn, constructed circa 1880, is the most vulnerable of all headquarters structures to catastrophic failure during a seismic event. The cost of recommended repairs is estimated to exceed \$200,000. We have in hand \$56,500 (\$26,500 from BLM and \$30,000 from ERF).

Please contribute today to help launch the repairs of this historic structure. Any amount will help. If you replied to our membership appeal in May, your contribution now will be added to your existing membership level. If you have not yet sent a donation this year, now is the time! A reply form and envelope are enclosed, or see p. 4. Together we can preserve the Empire Ranch for generations to come. Thank you!



B Troop US Cavalryman (Mem.) in action (photo: C. Sparfeld); Cowboy Mounted Shooters get ready, wanna-be cowboy looks on (photos: azphotoguy.com)

Classic Cowboy Country!

More than 2,000 enthusiastic spectators traveled to the Empire Ranch on October 24 to enjoy Cowboy Country at the Empire Ranch, the 9th annual Empire Ranch Roundup and Open House, co-sponsored by the Empire Ranch Foundation and the Bureau of Land Management. One highlight of the day was a visit from Representative Gabrielle Giffords (8th District of Arizona) and Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture Jay Jensen, who joined us for a ranch house tour and lunch.

Standing room audiences learned about ranching history and life at the *Cowboy Conversations* with Betty Barr, Jim Easterbrook, Jesús Garcia, Gerald Korte, Terry Majewski, John McLaughlin, Marka Moss and Jane Woods, Verne Steen, and Dr. Tim Vail. The Western Storytellers—Glenda Bonin, Ray Hyde, Ron Lancaster, and Gil Payette informed and entertained with their wonderful tales.

Over in the arena, skilled cowboys Steve Schmitt, Joel Eliot, and David Kay demonstrated cattle handling, branding, ranch doctoring, and horsemanship. Craig & Carrie Pottinger's border collies dazzled the crowd with their herding prowess, and the Cowboy Mounted shooters displayed their expertise with six shooters and balloons. In the field northwest of the main Ranch House, B Troop from the 4th U.S. Cavalry (Memorial) demonstrated military riding techniques and equipment.

We are grateful for the support of local organizations who provided opportunities to learn about western history. The Amerind Foundation brought a collection

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of antique branding irons; the Tucson Rodeo and Parade Museum displayed nine historic wagons from their collection; and the Arizona Historical Society & Traveling Suitcase Docents brought clothing and other items used by territorial kids, cowboys & vaqueros, Spanish settlers, and Apache Indians. Lee Anderson, accompanied by his horse "Dusty," told tales about the American cowboy; Big John Duhanich demonstrated gold recovery techniques; and the Arizona Ghostriders posed for photos wearing authentic period costumes.

The always popular Western Skills demonstrations by Ben Claridge, Jesús Garcia, Joe Quiroga, and Dick Schorr drew many viewers. The popular miniature horses from S&N Ranch delighted children and adults as did activities in the Kid's Corral organized by the Mustang, Rafael, and Rattlesnake 4H Clubs.

Entertainment on the music stage by the Desert Sons, western balladeer Bruce Andre and the Mariachi Apache performers from Nogales High School, provided a spirited accompaniment to delicious food. Rincon Market cooked up a barbecue plate which was served by the Sonoita Elgin Cowbells. Sierra Vista Girl Scout Troops 104, and 419, 1224 grilled hamburgers for those wanting a smaller meal.

We are so thankful for financial support provided by our sponsors and advertisers, contributions from businesses and individuals for the raffle/silent auctions, and everyone who helped to make the event possible. Special thanks are 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.

The Foundation and the BLM sincerely thank the following Roundup sponsors:

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Rep. Giffords enjoys Empire barbecue, Western entertainment draws crowds (photos: C. Sparfeld); wagons delight all (photo: C. Auerbach); teat for tat (photo: azphotoguy.com)

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Preservation Continues on Many Fronts

Several important preservation projects at the historic Empire Ranch are currently (or soon to be) underway, all part of the ongoing collaboration among the Empire Ranch Foundation; our preservation contractor, Statistical Research Inc.(SRI); and the BLM. The badly deteriorated lintel over the south entrance to the Zaguán will be replaced, using deferred maintenance funding from the BLM. The contract was awarded to SRI, which will be starting the work in November. In simple form, the plan involves re-distributing the weight above the lintel by installing a steel truss over the wall above it, out of view. Tie-rods will then support the lintel from above; this will allow for the removal of the shoring braces that currently support the lintel from below. We hope to have the lintel repair project finished by early 2010.

At the same time, SRI is preparing a work plan for completing necessary structural repairs to the Adobe Hay barn. The plan will be phased, so that portions of the work can be completed as funds become available. The work plan and initial phases of the repairs are being funded by the Foundation and a Challenge Cost Share grant from the BLM.

On a smaller scale, volunteers and BLM staff and interns have started weekly work days devoted to needed preservation and safety tasks at the Ranch. These in-



C. Schrager and R. Dirks repair partition at entrance to zaguan hallway (Stone Corral in rear). (photo: A. Bunting)

clude securing the doors to the Hired Man's House, reconstruction of the deteriorating partition wall that leads to the Stone Corral, and replacement of rotted, broken, and missing wood on the Tack Shed. Finishes on the wood will be coordinated with the long-term volunteer effort underway to repair and reconstruct the corral fences.

If you didn't make it to the Roundup and haven't visited the Empire Ranch in awhile, there's plenty of progress to see now - and more to come. Your support helps make it possible - thanks so much!

Departed Friend

We are saddened by the death October 8, 2009, of a great friend of the Empire Ranch, John Donaldson. Born in Philadelphia in 1920, thirteen-year-old John first came to Tucson to attend the Arizona Desert School, a ranch school for boys. It was an experience that influenced the course of his life. After serving in the Army Air Corps during World War II, he graduated from the University of Arizona, specializing in agriculture and range management.

His ranching career began with the lease of the Tanque Verde Ranch in Tucson. By 1952 he was a ranch owner, including the Tortuga Ranch located in the Avra Valley, and in 1960 the Diamond Bar



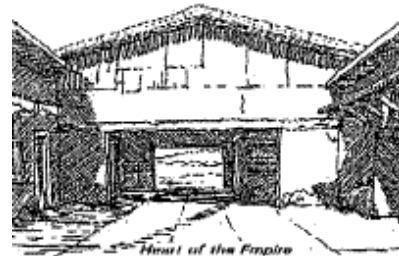
Ranch, near Silver City, New Mexico. In 1975, when Anamax Mining Corporation purchased the Empire Ranch, they consulted with John and subsequently entered into a lease agreement with him to manage ranching operations. In 1988, when the BLM acquired the Empire Ranch, John and his son Mac continued ranching under grazing lease until March 2009.

A few quotes from Foundation interviews with John reveal the man we will long remember for his love of and care of the land, horses, and cattle. "The land talks to me," he noted, and added, "Ranching keeps you humble. You realize you are not in control of the earth." He was happiest when riding, as "My soul is at rest when I am sitting on a horse." We express our sincere condolences to John's wife Barbara and the entire Donaldson family.

Coming in January...

"EMPIRE 100" WESTERN ART SHOW AND SALE

January 11 - March 12, 2010



Sponsored by Northern Trust
To Benefit
The Empire Ranch Foundation

Northern Trust
3450 E. Sunrise Drive
Tucson, Arizona

8:30am - 4:00pm, Weekdays

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

With featured artist **Diana Madaras**, and the "Empire Wall" of artworks inspired by the Empire Ranch.

Save the Dates:

January 11-13: Open for previews

January 14: Members & Friends Reception. (Members, please watch for your invitation in the mail.)

March 12: Show closes

After December 20, names of participating artists and images of artworks in the show may be viewed on the Foundation's website, www.empireranchfoundation.org

Coming in March...

WILD ABOUT THE GRASSLANDS!

Spring Camp for Ages 11-14
at the Historic Empire Ranch
March 15 - 17, 2010

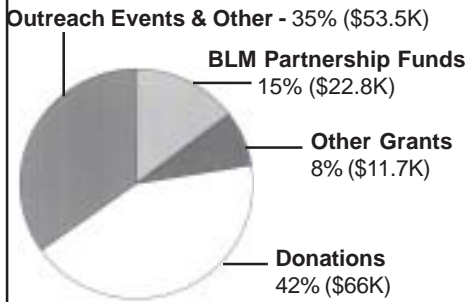
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Financial Summary FY08: July 2008 through June 2009

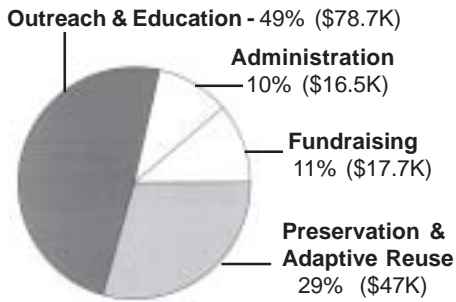
Income, by Source of Funds

\$154,021 Total



Expenditures, by Use of Funds

\$159,978 Total



Income during FY08 totaled \$154,021— 42% from member donations, 8% from grants from the Patagonia Regional Community, the Fred W. Stang, and Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative foundations; 15% in grant funds from our BLM partner; and 35% from outreach events and other sources.

Expenditures during FY08 totaled \$159,978 — 29% for preservation and adaptive reuse projects; 49% for outreach and education programs; 11% for fundraising; and 10% for general administration.

End-of-year assets totaled \$118.2K, comprising \$4.3K in BLM grant funds (fully obligated); \$4.6K in ERF restricted funds for education; 1.3K in ERF unrestricted funds obligated for preservation; \$27.9K in the Vail endowment and ERF restricted funds for repairs; and \$80.1K in ERF unrestricted unobligated funds.



Mariachi Apaches from Nogales High School perform for 2009 Empire Ranch Roundup (photo: L. Gregory)

Gifts in Remembrance

The Empire Ranch Foundation deeply appreciates recent donations:

In Memory of: Les Armour,
Mary Bartol, Raymond A. Day,
John Donaldson, Illeen Fraiser,
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Margaret Vail Woolley

In Appreciation of: Faith Boice

Working Calendar

[Location: Empire Ranch Headquarters, unless otherwise noted. To volunteer, or for more information, call (888) 364-2829]

December

4 Artists entries due for 2010 "Empire 100" Western Art Show & Sale

January

11-13 Preview days, "Empire 100" Western Art Show & Sale, 8:30am to 4pm, Northern Trust, 3450 East Sunrise Drive, Tucson, AZ

14 Members & Friends Reception, "Empire 100" Western Art Show & Sale -- Meet the artists and be the first to buy artworks, 4:30pm to 7:30pm, Northern Trust, 3450 East Sunrise Drive, Tucson, AZ

15-31 "Empire 100" Western Art Show & Sale -- Open to the Public, M-F, 8:30am to 4pm, Northern Trust, 3450 East Sunrise Drive, Tucson, AZ

16 ERF Board Meeting, 9am-Noon

February

Ongoing "Empire 100" Western Art Show & Sale -- Open to the Public, M-F, 8:30am to 4pm, Northern Trust, 3450 East Sunrise Drive, Tucson, AZ

20 Volunteer Work Day, 8am-Noon

March

12 Close of "Empire 100" Western Art Show & Sale

15-17 WATG! Spring Camp, 9am-3pm

20 ERF Board Meeting, 9am-Noon

2009/2010 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: _____

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This donation is also in __memory/ __appreciation of _____

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

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