

EMPIRE RANCH FOUNDATION NEWS

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Your Year-End Support Makes Progress Possible

It's hard to believe 2010 is almost at an end. We've accomplished so much, due to our members' generosity! Over 380 volunteers contributed almost 6,600 hours to our preservation and education efforts. This represents a 12% increase in volunteer hours contributed, and a 70% increase in the number of volunteers from the previous fiscal year.

Last year we asked for your year-end support for seismic and structural repairs to the Adobe Haybarn. As a result of your generous response and that of our partner, the BLM, we will be able to begin work on the Adobe Hay Barn early in 2011. When the project is completed we plan to invite you to an old fashioned Barn Dance!

The 2008 Structural and Seismic Evaluation report which provides the blueprint for repairs to the Adobe Haybarn also delineates essential repairs for the Empire Ranch House, the Hired Man's House, and the Grove House. Please help us to begin to address the needs of these historic structures with a generous year-end contribution!

If you renewed your membership in May, this donation will be added to your existing 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.

The coming year will bring wonderful changes to the Empire Ranch. Your support is what makes these changes possible. Thank you!

Carla Kerekes Martin, President



♥ for the Empire

Our 10th anniversary Empire Ranch Roundup and Open House on October 23rd fittingly celebrated a decade of friend and fundraising for this historic ranch cherished by so many. Our first Roundup was held in September 2000. Its theme, A Heart for the Empire, featured a heart—the first Vail cattle brand for the Empire Ranch.

Each year the Roundup attendance grows and this year the event showcased not only preservation needs but accomplishments, including a permanently repaired lintel over the south Zaguán; new interpretive signage and a display case of items of the era in the Victorian Addition's Master Bedroom, and new trail signs, adobe benches and a hand washing station on the Heritage Discovery Trail.

Approximately 2,000 attended this year's Roundup, fully enjoying the many opportunities to learn about Western history and life. Popular Cowboy Conversations included presentations by Joel Bernstein, Alison Bunting, Jesús García, Susan Vail Hoffman, Dane Johnson, William J. Kelly, Gerald Korte, Gayle Martin, Gil Payette, Robin Pinto, and Bob Shelton (with Don Collier).

Western skills demonstrations included reata making by Dick Schorr, leather carving by Ben Claridge, horsehair rope making by Jesús García, horseshoeing by John Russell, mule packing by Shane Lyman, adobe making by Chris Schrage and David Yubeta, and branding by Bill Schock, Mac Donaldson, Ian Tomlinson and Ron Fish.

Arena events included cattle handling and horsemanship by Joel Eliot and Deanna
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Roundup (cont'd from p. 1)

Welch, and horse and marksmanship skills by the Cowboy Mounted Shooters and B Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry (Memorial). The border collie pups of Craig and Carrie Pottinger's CP Ranch in Nogales, AZ provided a delightful and remarkable show of herding expertise.

Visitors were able to speak with more than 20 authors in the Author's Pavilion. The Arizona Historical Society Travelling Docents had adults and children alike guessing the purpose of the items they had on display, and everyone enjoyed photographing re-enactors represented by the Arizona Bounty Hunters, Arizona Ghostriders as well as so many who came dressed for the day. Garret Allen provided a setting for photographs with his wet plate photography.

Touring inside the Ranch House, visitors reviewed new exhibits, and also checked on the status of their bids in three rooms filled with auction items. In the South Barn corrals, Horse'n Around Rescue Ranch and Foundation and Jabez Ranch presented demonstrations on horsemanship skills and caring for neglected horses.

It was especially notable and gratifying to see how many children attended this year's Roundup. Many were drawn to the miniature horses brought by Sherry and Nelson Secor and the "Kid's Corral" organized by the Mustang, Rafael, and Rattlesnake 4H Clubs. Nearby in the North Corral, similar hands on activities were offered by eleven non-profit organizations.

Musical entertainment featured western balladeer Bruce Andre, the Bill Ganz Western Band and Mariachi Apache from Nogales High School. Arbuckles' Coffee Roasters served delicious coffee to all while delectable food choices included barbecue beef 'n fixins, hamburgers, and roasted corn. Many were drawn to the chuck wagon Dutch oven cobbler dessert offered by Empire Ranch board members Tom Rogos and Patty Wands. The Elgin Sonoita Cowbells graciously served the barbecue lunch, while the Sierra Vista Girl Scouts served the hamburgers, and also assisted in a variety of operational tasks.

We are very thankful for the financial support provided by our sponsors and advertisers, and contributions from businesses and individuals for the raffle/silent auctions. Our heartfelt thanks are extended to the

Western presenters who willingly share their skills and knowledge, to the BLM our partner and co-sponsor, and to the volunteers who contributed more than 1,000 hours of their time to make this event a success.



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

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Roundup Sponsors: • Arbuckles' Coffee Roasters • Pima County Parks & Recreation • Prime Event Group • Schouten, Klein & Sullivan • Tucson Rodeo Parade Museum • Mark & Joan Williams

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Heritage Discovery Trail Enhancements

Delighted Roundup visitors were among the first to experience recently installed enhancements to the 0.5 mile Empire Ranch Heritage Discovery Trail which eventually will circle the entire Empire Ranch Headquarters. After passing through a new metal gateway, walkers are informed along the way by a series of interpretive signs covering topics such as the history of the Empire Ranch; who lived in the Hired Man's House (HMH); preservation efforts at the HMH; the hidden residents of the Empire Gulch (deer, bobcats, foxes, and javelinas); and the frog refugia.

Other welcome additions to the trail include a hand washing station near the restrooms, and seating constructed of adobe bricks. Plan to enjoy the trail on your next visit to the Empire Ranch—there is so much to learn and see!

Planned Spring Trail Ride & Western Shindig

Explore the beauty of the Empire Ranch during the 2011 Spring Trail Ride set for Saturday, April 16. Following up on the success of last year's trail ride, this expanded event will be capped by a "Western Shindig," featuring music, entertainment and a mouthwatering cowboy dinner. It's an event you won't want to miss!

For those who want the trail ride experience, but do not want to ride a horse, scenic wagon rides will be offered as an option. Watch for details forthcoming in January, including pricing options for horse and wagon rides, or for the dinner only.

To add your name to the Trail Ride contact list, call (888) 364-2829, or email admin@empireranchfoundation.org.

New at the Empire Ranch

The Empire Ranch timeline exhibit, first created in 2007, has been updated and completely refurbished by Paul and Sarah Miller. Located in the Living Room of the Victorian Addition, the timeline uses text and photographs to document key historical events from 1876 to the present.

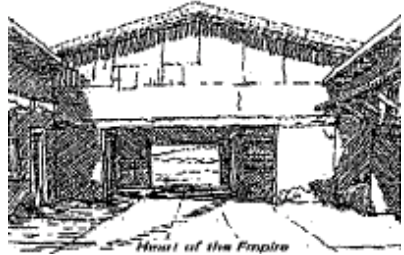
We are also pleased to report our progress on the planned enhancements to the Victorian Addition Master Bedroom and Master Bath. Talented volunteers patched and painted the Master Bedroom during several work sessions this summer, and new curtains now grace the windows. Seven temporary interpretive wall panels, mounted just in time for visitors to the Roundup to enjoy and critique, describe the history of each room.

We are very grateful for the donations received thus far for this project, including paint from Jonathan D. Steffens of Dunn & Edwards Paint Store and vintage bedroom items received from several of our members. These items are on display in the bookcase of the Master Bedroom behind a secure clear panel. Our goal is to have the permanent displays and new light fixtures installed early in 2011.



Coming in January...
11th Annual
"EMPIRE 100"
WESTERN ART SHOW
AND SALE
at Northern Trust

January 10 - March 10, 2011
 Open for Previews **January 10-12**



A juried exhibition of one hundred exceptional original works in oil, watercolor and bronze by nationally known painters and sculptors. The show will also feature artwork inspired by images of the Empire Ranch

The "Empire 100" show is pleased to announce Bill Moomey as the Featured Artist

Northern Trust, 3450 E. Sunrise Drive
 8:30am - 4:00pm, weekdays

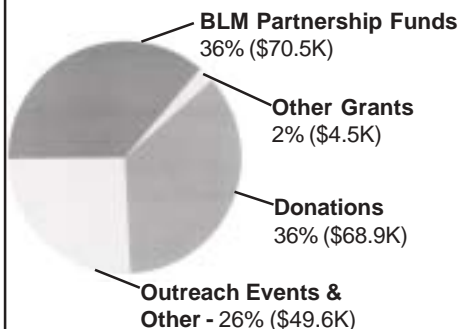
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After December 22, participating artists' work can be viewed on the Foundation's website, www.empireranchfoundation.org

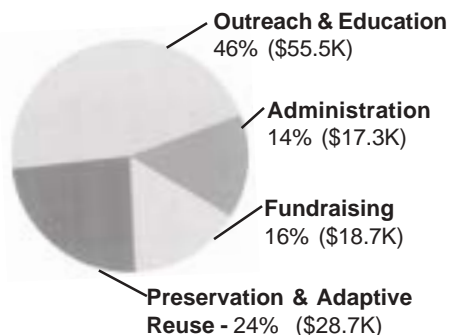


Empire Ranch Foundation Financial Summary FY09: July 2009 through June 2010

Income, by Source of Funds \$193,468 Total



Expenditures, by Use of Funds \$120,164 Total



Income during FY09 totaled \$193,468 — 36% from member donations, 36% in grant funds from our BLM partner, 2% from a grant from the Fred W. Stang Foundation, and 26% from outreach events and other sources.

Expenditures during FY09 totaled \$120,164 — 24% for preservation and adaptive reuse projects; 46% for outreach and education programs; 16% for fundraising; and 14% for general administration.

End-of-year assets totaled \$163.4K, comprising: \$47.9K in BLM grant funds (fully obligated); \$5.9K in ERF restricted funds for education; \$27.9K in the Vail endowment and ERF restricted funds for repairs; \$21.6K in ERF unrestricted funds obligated for preservation; and \$60.1K in ERF unrestricted unobligated funds.



This issue includes a selection of Roundup photos contributed by Christine Auerbach, azphotoguy.com, Alison Bunting, Ty Holland, and Carl H. Sparfeld.

Gifts in Remembrance

The Empire Ranch Foundation deeply appreciates donations recently received:

In Memory of:

Les Armour, John Donaldson,
Earl F. Glenn, Jr., Dick Jimenez,
Elmon M. Sapp, Marie Schorr,
John & Goldie Stark, Dick Theibert,
Oscar G. Ward

In Appreciation of:

Kid's Corral, Dick Schorr

Working Calendar

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

December

3 Postmark deadline for entries to 2011 Empire 100 Western Art Show & Sale

January

10-13 Preview days, Empire 100 Western Art Show & Sale, 8:30am to 4pm, Northern Trust, 3450 East Sunrise Drive, Tucson, AZ

13 Members & Friends By Invitation Reception, Empire 100 Western Art Show & Sale, 4:00pm to 7:30pm, Northern Trust, 3450 East Sunrise Drive, Tucson, AZ

15-31 Empire 100 Western Art Show & Sale -- Open to the Public, 8:30am to 4pm, Mon-Fri through March 10, Northern Trust, 3450 East Sunrise Drive, Tucson, AZ

15 ERF Board Meeting, 9am-Noon

February

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

19 Volunteer Work Day, 8am-Noon

March

10 Close of Empire 100 Western Art Show & Sale

19 ERF Board Meeting, 9am-Noon

April

16 Spring Trail Ride and Western Shindig

2010/2011 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 Charge to: MC Visa Discover This is a new address

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This donation is also in __memory/ __appreciation of _____

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EMPIRE RANCH FOUNDATION

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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
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