



## Media Release

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### **CAVE CREEK MUSEUM A Look into the Past and the Future 2020-2021 Season**

Tucked away near a dry creek, on a hill a few blocks from the center of Cave Creek, is a desert foothills treasure in the rough. It's the Cave Creek Museum and its resources in terms of culture, historical preservation, education, and entertainment are substantial. If you discover it, like a miner back in the early days prospecting for gold, you'll be amply rewarded.

The Cave Creek Museum is the repository of the rich and highly varied history of the area. Native Americans, miners, ranchers, dude ranch guests, 1880's tuberculosis patients, artists, musicians, eccentrics, and successful business people have called the desert foothills "home." This is where all the records and artifacts are kept. "We're in the position to provide that hands-on onsite experience that only a small museum can," explained Suzanne D. Johnson, Interim Executive Director, Cave Creek Museum.

The Cave Creek Museum's newly renovated History Wing (formerly the Pioneer Wing) is a look into the past and the future, telling familiar tales that people have heard in the past at the museum, and then expanding them from the 1860's to present day. This covers Yavapai life into the eras of mining and ranching, to dude ranches, and everything all the way up to the Ocotillo Fire! It serves as a visual explanation of how life has changed or not changed and how the people have enjoyed the same space for over 150 years.

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Kiwanis Family Sundays are held once a month at Cave Creek Museum, and cover a variety of interesting topics. "Kiwanis Family Sundays are a chance for kids to experience the Museum and participate in varying educational events," noted Cave Creek Museum Program Coordinator Remington Pettus, "I want to encourage children of all ages to get a chance to learn, while making it fun!"

The Cave Creek Museum is located at 6140 E. Skyline Drive, Cave Creek and is currently open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:00pm to 4:30pm; Fridays 10:00am to 4:30pm; Saturdays and Sundays every second weekend of the month from 1:00pm to 4:30pm. The Golden Reef Stamp Mill runs every second Saturday of the month at 1:30pm. Kiwanis Family Sundays take place every second Sunday of the month from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. The Museum is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Cave Creek Museum general admission is Adults \$7; Seniors \$5; Students 12 and over \$5; Children Under 12, FREE. Please call the Cave Creek Museum at 480-488-2764 or visit [www.cavecreekmuseum.org](http://www.cavecreekmuseum.org) to confirm hours or check for event cancellations due to COVID-19 restrictions and CDC-compliant guidelines.

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**Photo ID:** Golden Reef Stamp Mill

**Photo ID:** Remington Pettus, Cave Creek Museum Program Coordinator with her Millman Certificate after completing training on the Golden Reef Stamp Mill

**Photo ID:** Cave Creek Museum Gold Panning

**Photo ID:** History Wing

**Photo ID:** History Wing Exhibit, close-up

**CAVE CREEK MUSEUM 2020-2021 Season**

**FREE**

**KIWANIS FAMILY SUNDAYS**

**and**

**SATURDAY STAMP MILL RUNS**

**with new**

**Gold Panning Exhibit**

**CAVE CREEK MUSEUM**

**STAMP MILL DEMONSTRATION**

**November 14, 2020 at 1:30pm**

The Cave Creek Museum Golden Reef Stamp Mill, complete with Tramway, is Arizona's only fully operational ten-stamp ore crushing mill. Watch history come alive as the ten 1,000 lb. stamps slam down with synchronized precision and hear the pounding echo from the desert foothills, just as it did over 140 years ago. Videos, photos, and fascinating historical tidbits and tales are regularly posted on the Cave Creek Museum Facebook Page. There is something for everyone of all ages and interests!

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**CAVE CREEK MUSEUM  
KIWANIS FAMILY SUNDAYS  
November 15, 2020**

**2:00pm to 4:00pm**

**Be a Miner for a Day**

Cave Creek Museum's very own "Dream Team" of dedicated Stamp Mill volunteers provides a virtual in-depth look at how miners conducted placer mining (mining from an open stream) panning for gold. You don't want to miss this grand reveal of Cave Creek Museum's new Gold Panning Display!

**CAVE CREEK MUSEUM  
STAMP MILL DEMONSTRATION  
December 12, 2020 at 1:30pm**

**CAVE CREEK MUSEUM  
KIWANIS FAMILY SUNDAYS  
December 13, 2020**

**2:00pm - 4:00pm**

**Merry Christmas, Arizona**

Have you ever wondered how residents of the Southwest decorate their Christmas trees? Take home a saguaro-themed craft and reconstruct your very own Christmas tree. Be sure to tag the Cave Creek Museum social media websites so everyone at the Museum can see your artwork!

**CAVE CREEK MUSEUM  
STAMP MILL DEMONSTRATION  
January 9, 2021 at 1:30pm**

**CAVE CREEK MUSEUM  
KIWANIS FAMILY SUNDAYS  
January 10, 2021**

**2:00pm to 4:00pm**

**Desert Safety in the Sonoran Desert**

Gila monsters, rattlesnakes, chuckwallas ... oh, my! Learn about desert wildlife and safety in our northern Sonoran Desert with special guests, Phoenix Herpetological Society.

**CAVE CREEK MUSEUM  
STAMP MILL DEMONSTRATION  
February 13, 2021 at 1:30pm**

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**CAVE CREEK MUSEUM  
KIWANIS FAMILY SUNDAYS  
February 14, 2021**

**2:00pm to 4:00pm**

**Museums in the Literary World**

Reading and museums go hand in hand! Sit back, relax, and enjoy a reading of children's books by local authors. Barbara Renner will read her *Quincy the Quail* book series to children in person and via a recorded live stream. Educational children's books make learning fun and promote literacy!

**CAVE CREEK MUSEUM  
STAMP MILL DEMONSTRATION  
March 13, 2021 at 1:30pm**

**CAVE CREEK MUSEUM  
KIWANIS FAMILY SUNDAYS  
March 14, 2021**

**2:00pm to 4:00pm**

**Cave Creek Museum Celebrates Archeology Month**

Cave Creek Museum celebrates Archaeology Month! Learn about the unique archaeology of the Southwest and take home a coloring page to craft your own pottery!

**CAVE CREEK MUSEUM  
SMITHSONIAN MAGAZINE DAY  
<cancelled 2021>**

**CAVE CREEK MUSEUM  
STAMP MILL DEMONSTRATION  
April 10, 2021 at 1:30pm**

**CAVE CREEK MUSEUM  
KIWANIS FAMILY SUNDAYS  
April 11, 2021**

**2:00pm to 4:00pm**

**Cave Creek Museum Celebrates Cave Creek**

Happy Birthday, Cave Creek! Join us as Cave Creek celebrates its Sesquicentennial (150th) Year as a very special town. Take home prizes ... and even a piece of birthday cake!

**CAVE CREEK MUSEUM  
STAMP MILL DEMONSTRATION  
May 8, 2021 at 1:30pm**

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**CAVE CREEK MUSEUM  
KIWANIS FAMILY SUNDAYS  
May 9, 2021**

**2:00pm to 4:00pm**

**Starry Nights in the Solar System**

Star gaze from the comfort of Cave Creek Museum! Learn about the solar system and space that resides above the Arizona landscape with featured guest speakers from Lowell Observatory.

**CAVE CREEK MUSEUM  
Closes for the Season  
May 31, 2021**

**Cave Creek Museum Hours  
Open October through May:  
Wednesdays and Thursdays 1:00pm to 4:30pm  
Fridays 10:00am to 4:30pm  
Saturdays and Sundays 1:00pm to 4:30pm  
Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.**

**Closed Holidays: Easter, Mother's Day, Observed Memorial Day, Thanksgiving,  
Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.**

**Pet Policy: Please, No Pets Allowed Except Trained Service Animals.**

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**The Cave Creek Museum is located at 6140 E. Skyline Drive, Cave Creek  
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