

# Saddlebag Newsletter

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Welcome to the Saddlebag Newsletter. Here is the latest information from WWHA. Previously posted Saddlebag newsletters will be found by date further down this section in the list of available newsletters. All earlier information will be

retained for reference.

If you have Wild West news, please contact the editor at the e-mail address shown at the top of the Saddlebag page. We reserve the right to include or not include any materials submitted to us.

Our YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/@WildWestHistoryAssociation/videos> is now monetized so WWHA gets paid for views. **Please subscribe, watch and like our videos, and you are contributing to WWHA. It is free and a win-win for WWHA**

### Special Roundup Addition Fort Smith Arkansas



Roundup 2024 has come and gone. We are looking forward to next year in **RENO, NEVADA**, July 16-19 at Circus Circus, a Caesars property, with a field trip to VIRGINIA CITY. Watch our website, Saddlebag and Journal for updates. Jerry Schaeffer (Doc Shores) and Alan Blanchette are the Roundup Chairs.

Photo at Fort Smith by Donna Harrell

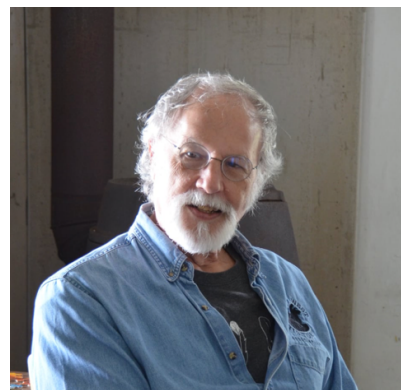
We have some big news. Our President, Jim Dunham has retired from office after serving for **NINE YEARS**. He will remain on the Board as Past President: Donna Harrell will move into Vice President and Roy Young is 2<sup>nd</sup> VP.



Meet our new President, prior 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Paul Marquez. Congratulations, Paul.

Long time board members Charlotte Steele and Dr. James Bailey have retired from the board. Their participation will be missed. They both received awards for their service.


Congratulations to our two new board members David Guyton from North Carolina and Paul Johnson, New York.



Here are a few pictures from Fort Smith. More will be posted in the Journal when our photographer, Madison Harrell, sorts his photos and submits to our Journal editor. The U.S. Marshals Museum is a must see with something for everyone.





 Congratulations to our WWA **Award Winners**, Awards luncheon 2023:  
**Lifetime Contributions Wild West History**  
 Michael Wallis  
**Best Book on Wild West History**

John Boessenecker GENTLEMAN BANDIT THE TRUE STORY OF BLACK BART, THE OLD WEST'S MOST INFAMOUS STAGECOACH ROBBER. Published 2023.

**Runner-up**

Donald Chaput and David D.de Hass M.D. TOMBSTONE ARIZONA MISTIQUE published 2023.

**Best Article Scholarly and or Historical on Wild West History**, Walnut Creek Massacre of July 18, 1864, Jeff Broome, *Denver Westerners Roundup* October 2023.

**Best general article on Wild West History**, The Strange and Mesmerizing Death of the Outlaw Jesse James, by Mak Lee Gardner, *True West*, February/March 2023.

**Best WWA Journal Article on Wild West History** Josephine "Sadie" Earp's Sordid Secrets and Lies, Peter Brand, March 2023.

**Non-literary (Art, films, recordings, or events) Outstanding Contribution by an Individual**, James Locke, The Long Ride.

**Non-literary (Art, films, recordings or events) Outstanding Contribution by a Corporation**, Video Last Cattle Drive of this Millenium , Hubbard Museum of the American West Historic Lincoln: Craig Hummer TVG Producer.

**Silver Star Award Meritorious Service to the Association** by President Jim Dunham, Jean Smith.

**Retiring Board Member**, Charlotte Steele

**Retiring Board Member**, Dr. James Bailey

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A memorial service date has been set to dedicate the tombstone of Frank Stewart on August 6th, 10:00 a.m., at the Fairmont Cemetery in Raton, New Mexico. As Frank Stewart (alias of John W. Green) was instrumental in the "chase and capture" of Billy the Kid, culminating at Stinking Spring, he is due, these 143 years later, recognition with a "first time" tombstone on his previously unmarked grave.

Kurt House and I would be thrilled to see you at the 10:00 a.m. dedication and a program that will follow at 1:00 p.m. at the Arthur Johnson Memorial Library in Raton.

I know this is short notice, but things came together quite rapidly with the several entities in Raton - the library, the chamber of commerce, the cemetery board, etc. - to get this memorial celebration scheduled.

Roy B. Young and Kurt House

Authors of "Chasing Billy the Kid. Frank Stewart and the Untold Story of the Manhunt for William H. Bonney"





## CHASING BILLY THE KID

FRANK STEWART AND THE UNTOLD STORY  
OF THE MANHUNT FOR WILLIAM H. BONNEY



KURT HOUSE AND ROY B. YOUNG



Frank Stewart





*Bedford, TX*

**Friday August 23rd**

**Sunday August 25th, 2024**

**9:00 am**

**Preview Day: Thursday, Aug 22nd 10:00 am - 6:00 pm**

**<https://www.rockislandauction.com/gun-auctions/premier-firearms-auction-4092>**

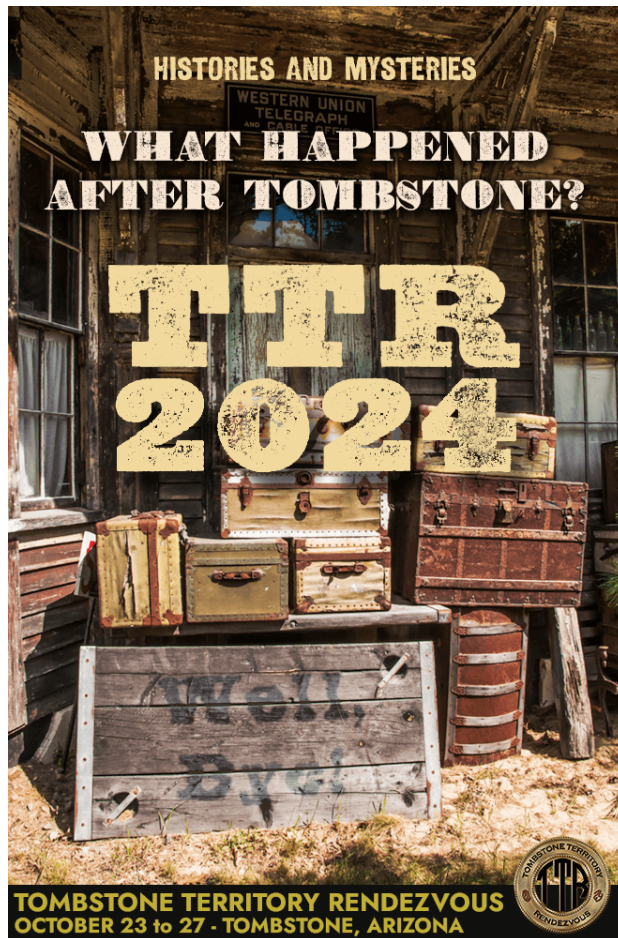


This gift Colt Model 1877 Thunderer was presented to Pat Garrett while Customs Collector in El Paso, Texas, in the early 20th century. As a truly special artifact of the American West, it is among the most desirable of all Colt double action revolvers.

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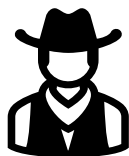


**The annual Tombstone Territory Rendezvous will be held October 23 - 27 in the**



**famous Schieffelin Hall in Tombstone, Arizona. Saturday is the WWA Regional Roundup Day. The theme this year is "Histories & Mysteries: What Happened After Tombstone". There will be a full lineup of speakers, as well as panels, cowboy poetry, snacks, Meet & Greet Luncheon, lunch at the Bird Cage, dinner at the Tombstone Monument Ranch, an evening at the historic St Paul's Episcopal Church, book signing, auctions, & other surprises. An agenda & registration will soon be available at the WWA Roundup & on the TTR website & TTR Facebook page. This is a really fun event filled with camaraderie and a love for the Old West.**

← If you are having a book signing, book release or receive an award for your book or film, please submit to the Saddlebag to share with our members. →





## PLAQUE UNVEILING AT 4:00PM

NEXT TO 123 N. MONTEZUMA ST., PRESCOTT  
BEHIND BASHFORD COURTS

- ★ PLACING A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE  
SHOWING WHERE DOC HOLLIDAY LIVED  
DURING HIS TIME IN PRESCOTT.

## RECEPTION AT 5:00PM

THE MARINA ROOM AT THE HASSAYAMPA INN  
122 E GURLEY ST., PRESCOTT

### REFRESHMENTS

### NO HOST BAR

- ★ 1880'S FASHION CONTEST!  
WEAR YOUR FINEST PERIOD  
OUTFIT AND PARTICIPATE!
- ★ DOC HOLLIDAY LOOKALIKE CONTEST
- ★ OLD WEST ENTERTAINMENT
- ★ MUSIC BY TYLLER GUMMERSALL
- ★ RAFFLE PRIZE WILL BE A PRINT BY LOCAL  
ARTIST KUKI HARGRAVE, "NOTORIOUS"
- ★ \$25 INCLUDES  
ONE RAFFLE TICKET



Hear ye! Hear ye! All Wild West history lovers are invited to "Doc Holliday Night" on August 14 in beautiful Prescott, Arizona. At 4:00PM, there will be the unveiling of the "Doc Holliday in Prescott" historical marker behind Bashford Courts, next to the parking lot near 123 Montezuma Street. This open to the public and once-in-a-lifetime ceremony will be followed by a reception/cocktail party at the splendid Marina Room at the Hassayampa Inn, 122 E. Gurley Street. See attached flyer for more information. Tickets for the reception can be purchased at the Prescott Western Heritage Center, 156-C, Montezuma Street/Whiskey Row. Call 928-910-2307, or check out [WWW.VISITWHC.ORG](http://WWW.VISITWHC.ORG). We aim to make "Doc Holliday Night" an annual event. Your participation will be greatly appreciated!