

The Historical League is a vibrant, dynamic organization, currently with 170 members, who are dedicated to learning about and preserving the fascinating history of Arizona. The Historical League was organized in 1979 by seven women who had a love of Arizona history and historic preservation. At the beginning they met in members' homes and supported the work of the Arizona Historical Society Museum, then located in the Ellis-Shackelford House at 1242 North Central Avenue in Phoenix. The League's mission has been to preserve Arizona's rich cultural heritage and promote community awareness of the Arizona Historical Society, the state's oldest cultural institution.



As the museum grew and moved to its new facility at 1300 N. College Avenue in Tempe, the mission of the League remained constant, and it continues to provide funding and volunteer assistance for the museum and its activities. During its 30-year history, the League has contributed more than \$1 million to the museum, and its members have volunteered more than 108,000 hours to the League and museum.

The League has made many contributions to the community and museum. Some of the most recent are:



2010 Annual Photo Fair 1st Place Blue Ribbon, People section: League member Dee Steen's mother, Maudie Elizabeth Sharp

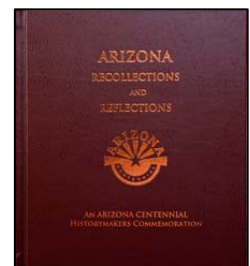


Peter Welsh and Ruth Ann Hogan holding check for annual grant from the League to the museum



Sandra Day O'Connor Exhibit

The League is very proud of its efforts to preserve the histories of outstanding Arizonans who have been designated as Historymakers™. By contributing oral histories, portraits, photos and memorabilia, the Historymakers and their life stories have become an important part of Arizona's heritage and an integral part of the Arizona Historical Society. The League was honored to have its 2011 Centennial Historymakers Gala sanctioned as the first Arizona Official Centennial Event. The accompanying Historymakers Recognition Program (including website, video and book) is an official Arizona Centennial Legacy Project.



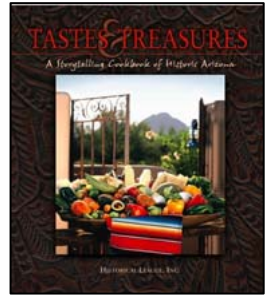
The Historical League has been fortunate to have outstanding talented members who volunteer their time and talents to make the organization the best it can be. Because of their dedication and hard work, the League has been able to:

- Offer interesting speakers at our monthly meetings to speak about the history and culture of Arizona.



Honey Moon Cottage in Jerome

- Arrange tours to learn about the Arizona experience. These monthly activities, which include lunches at local restaurants, provide education and fun for members.
- Host the Children's Holiday Party. This has been an annual party for 28 years and is enjoyed by all ages. The funds raised go to providing educational opportunities for children to learn about their state's history.
- Publish *Tastes and Treasures-A Storytelling Cookbook of Historic Arizona*. This award-winning cookbook was first printed in 2007 and is in its second printing.
- Publish the *Old Ned Newsletter*, which has promoted League and Museum activities for 28 years.
- Create historicalleague.org, a website that provides information that includes the Museum and League calendars and upcoming events.
- Institute the Historymakers Gala and Legacy Project, an ongoing effort to recognize living Arizonans who have contributed to the cultural fabric of Arizona.



Meetings are held the first Monday of the month at the Tempe museum and include a lunch, guest speaker and business meeting. Members receive the *Old Ned Newsletter*. The cost for membership is \$50 for Active, \$75 for Associate, and \$500 for Sustaining.

We are always looking for new members. More information can be found at historicalleague.org or you may contact Sharron McKinney, League President, at sharrper@cox.net