

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PALM DESERT

The Hourglass



Summer 2025

Ed. Merilee Colton

April's Picnic in the Park(ing) Lot a Great Success!

After a short business meeting, the members enjoyed good food and a fun raffle

The Chefs

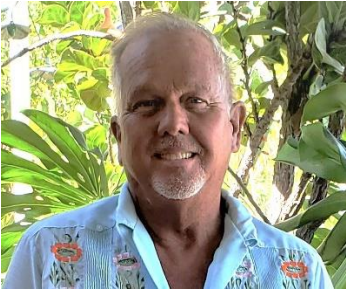


The Welcome Committee



Only the finest treasures for the raffle

President's Letter



Thank you all for all your participation and support during this last quarter. We have all helped to make our organization stronger and more successful. We concluded our visitor season with our last Friday Night Lecture at the Palm Desert Public Library in May. This last season we had a very successful partnership with the library. Our numbers were higher than ever and our donations were substantial as well.

We are all excited for our Midsummer Madness potluck and Volunteer Appreciation event, and of course the opportunity drawing, on July 20th, which will be held this year at the Palm Desert Country Club Association Clubhouse, a new but familiar venue for us, as the Historical Society met there in the summers until about 15 years ago.

We have revamped our Mini Muster Committee and are working closely with the schools, fire department, Rotary, and City of Palm Desert to create a more successful program. This year, for example, we are changing the event to March, as it won't be in the middle of fire season, making it better for all.

At the museum we will be making some changes to the firehouse apparatus bay (West-Prinzmetal Room) exhibits, adding some original works of art by some of the desert's famous artists. We also will be adding another 15 facings to our Breezblock garden. Archival work will continue through the summer with our archivist, Rochelle, and her volunteers.

Our Architecture and Design Committee is working on plans for our partnership with Modernism Week in February, with hopefully three events in Palm Desert in 2026, which always sell out. Remember that tickets for Modernism Week go on sale November 1st, 2025 for February 2026 tours and activities.

We are excited for the museum opening in October and another successful visitors' season. See you all soon,

David Toltzmann



SAVE THE DATE!

MIDSUMMER MADNESS POTLUCK PARTY

**AT THE PALM DESERT COUNTRY CLUB
ASSOCIATION CLUBHOUSE**

12-4 PM SUNDAY JULY 20

WATCH FOR DETAILS

Archivist's Corner

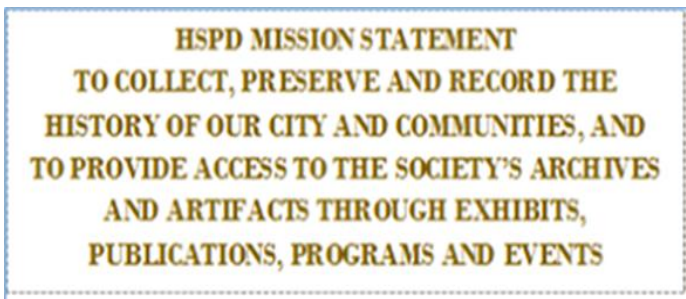


Last summer, while the museum was closed, we worked on a number of projects that we needed to do when there were no visitors. It was so successful that we decided to do it again this year. If you'd like to help, contact the HSPD at 760-346-6588 and leave a message, or contact me directly at archivist@gmail.com.

2025 Summer Projects:

- **Collection Cull Sessions** - so that we can officially discard non-Coachella Valley and non-Palm Desert materials appropriately.
- **Digital File Organization** - We are also renaming all the remaining files with a standardized naming system to make things easier to find.
- **New Donation Organization** - we've had two major donations recently, so we need to get those materials indexed and organized.
- **Photo Scanning** - We have vintage photos in our collection that need to be scanned and described.

Rochelle McCune, HSPD Archivist



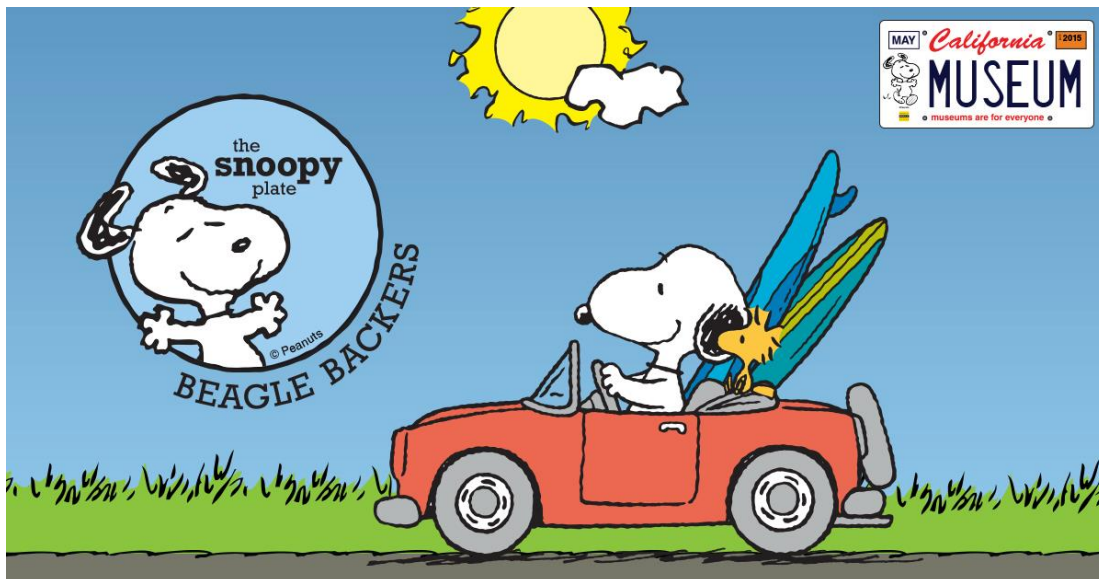
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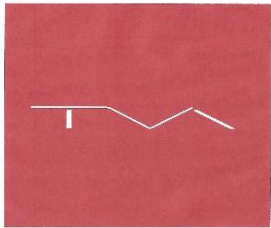
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