

2019 Fall Quarterly Program Sunday October 20



Tony Stirling of Spring Valley will speak on aquaponics, a combination of aquaculture (raising fish in tanks) and hydroponics (raising plants without soil).

Tony operates Silver Creek Farms just west of Ladd, where he grows tilapia and koi fish and several varieties of organic lettuce for local stores and farmer's

markets. Currently, Tony operates in a 24-foot by 48-foot hoop structure containing three tanks for the fish and two 6-foot by 24-foot growing beds for the lettuce. Nitrogen from the fish tanks is converted to nitrate, which feeds the lettuce in the growing beds.



A 30-foot by 112-foot greenhouse is under construction.

In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of the following Putnam County Historical Society members and friends. Over the years all have supported the Society's goals and programs. All will be sadly missed.

Dorothy Cioni

Corinne Eckerd

Ervin Lyle Redshaw (Life)

Recent Donations

The Putnam County Historical Society thanks the following donors for recent gifts to the Society:

Ron Bluemer – mannequin in Civil War uniform representing John Wesley Powell, flag with 34 stars, poster commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Colorado River expedition, photos of Powell in Civil War uniform and as a bureaucrat in Washington D.C., a map of the siege of Vicksburg and a photo of the commemorative stamp issued in 1969.

Harold Heider – original print of 'John Wesley Powell on the Colorado – 1869' by Rudolph Wendelin, given to Anna Mary Mills Heider Wilson in 1969 at Page, AZ on the 100th anniversary of the Colorado River expedition.

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Memberships

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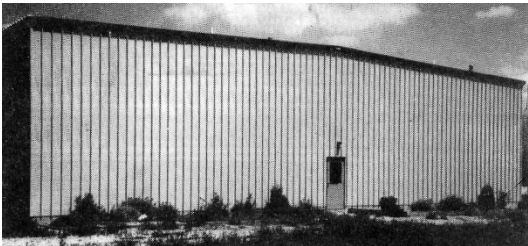
Listed below are renewing and new members since the last newsletter.

Couples: Michael & Lynda Markut.

Individual: Jonathan Downey, Cindy Huchel, Pattie Ong.

Agricultural Museum Passes 20 Year Milestone

In 1999 the Putnam County Historical Society took out a mortgage to purchase the 80-foot by 100-foot Star Union Brewery building in Hennepin for an agricultural museum. There was a small two story office with two bathrooms at the front of the building, but the remainder of the space was wide open for displays. Within three years a fund drive for \$98,000 was successful and the mortgage was paid off.



Agricultural Museum in 1999



Agricultural Museum in 2019

By 2004 a balcony was built along the west and north walls to expand the available floor space for storage and display. Every year since then we have turned some of the space that was used for storage into display space.

This year we also opened the Ag Museum the second Saturday of the month beginning in March. As is the case with Pulsifer House, the Ag Museum is also available for tours by appointment.

4th Grade Students Finally Get Their Visit

After two postponements due to rain, the fourth grade students were finally able to join us to tour Pulsifer House and the Agricultural Museum on Friday October 4th. Every year in the fall we and the Courthouse host the fourth grade students as part of their history curriculum. It is very enjoyable to observe their excitement when they see specific things that they learned about in preparation for the visit.

Putnam Past Times Celebrates 40 Years as Our Newsletter

In March of 1979 the first issue of Putnam Past Times was published. It generally came out twice a year, although in some years a third issue was published. Beginning in 2014 it was published three or four times a year. Photographs in color were included beginning in 2012. Now that many people have email, you may receive your copy that way.

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