

Newsletter Spring 2022

Hello Friend and Greetings from Greer!

The Butterfly Lodge Museum first opened its doors 27 years ago in 1995. Since its inception, the museum and all its wonderful, dedicated volunteers have been committed to preserving the log cabin built in 1914 for author James Willard Schultz and his artist son Hart Merriam Schultz aka Lone Wolf. The cabin and its beautiful surroundings inspired both incredible men, and we are humbled and beyond thankful to be able to keep the museum doors open today so we may continue to share their stories and spark wonder in both locals and visitors alike.

This year, we continue to work hard to further our mission and care for the precious old cabin, along with the museum's unique and extensive collection of books, paintings, and other objects to ensure all our friends and patrons – such as yourself – get to enjoy them for years to come.

What's New This Year?

The museum has acquired some new items, including two original paintings by Lone Wolf, which will be displayed this summer. With the help of Tempe History Museum and a generous grant from Questers, we have also fully restored an old, illustrated invitation letter sent in 1925 by James Willard Schultz to his son Lone Wolf, asking him to participate in a series of memorial celebrations to honor Schultz and other distinguished pathfinders of the Great Northwest.

As always, the museum gift shop will be stocked with fun, interesting items to remember your visit. In addition to many former best sellers, such as "My Life As An Indian" by J.W. Schultz, this year we boast a wide selection of unique, handmade crafts and designs by local artisans from the White Mountains area. Our shelves will carry postcards and puzzles with pictures of Greer and local wildlife, handmade rugs and handbags, deliciously scented bath & body care products, tasty chocolates, T-shirts and hoodies, books, toys, Native American jewelry, recycled & upcycled home décor pieces, and so much more!

Thank You!

Thanks to our generous supporters, the Butterfly Lodge Museum gets to share its beautiful facilities – the museum, gift store, and Applewhite Pavilion – with visitors and bring moments of insight, joy, and wonder to their lives. This could not be achieved without you! Thank you! We appreciate your generosity more than you know.

Being a nonprofit, your support means everything to us. To continue our mission to preserve and share the legacy of James Willard Schultz and Lone Wolf, we welcome contributions of all sizes. Your donations keep the cultural heritage of Greer alive! This year, you can donate to help us purchase new outdoor signs to better guide visitors at our site. Donations will also be used for the required upkeep of our facilities and to design new informational labels for our museum collection, making your visits even more pleasant, educational, and fun than in the past. You may also choose to sponsor one of our events/speakers or donate food & drinks for an event.

Donating is easy! To donate online, visit our website <u>butterflylodgemuseum.org/support-us/</u> or use the enclosed envelope to mail in your contribution directly to the Butterfly Lodge Museum: PO Box 76, Greer, AZ 85927. All donations are tax deductible.

Honoring Our Contributors

Last year we established a donor recognition wall in honor of our contributors. As you can see from the pictures below, the butterflies turned out beautiful! Thank you to everyone who supported us by getting one! Come see yours in person at the Applewhite Pavilion, adjacent to the museum.



If you haven't gotten your own butterfly yet, help preserve a slice of history by going on our website or mailing in your donation. Each butterfly will be engraved with the name of the donor or their designee.

\$250 small butterfly - \$500 medium butterfly - \$1,000 large butterfly

Volunteer

Are you looking for a different way to support your favorite summer destination in Greer? Come volunteer for us! The Butterfly Lodge Museum offers many fun and meaningful ways for you to spend your time. Learn new skills and join our history-loving bunch by becoming a docent. Volunteer at our museum gift store. As a volunteer, you can also help plan and organize events, tend to our garden & facilities, join our educational team, or lend a hand with other projects that help us care for our museum collections.

To receive more information on volunteer opportunities and training, please contact us via email <u>contact@butterflylodgemuseum.org</u> or call (480) 246-2774.

Rent the Pavilion

The Applewhite Pavilion is a covered, outdoor facility with a fully equipped kitchen, sound system, and three bathrooms. You can rent it for the whole day to host your private family celebrations such as weddings or anniversaries, or on an hourly basis for meetings and other gatherings. Inquiries regarding availability & meeting menu: contact@butterflylodgemuseum.org.

Stay in Contact with Us!

To bring you news more than once a year, we are happy to announce that we'll be establishing a digital newsletter! If you'd like to receive a newsletter in your email, please write down your email address and use the enclosed envelope to mail it in, or send it directly to <u>contact@butterflylodgemuseum.org</u>. If you wish to keep receiving a newsletter via traditional mail, please notify us so we can update your contact information.

Other ways to stay in contact: find and like us on Facebook or keep an eye on our website <u>https://butterflylodgemuseum.org/butterflyodgemuseum.org</u>. When in Greer, get more information at one of our notice boards, the kiosk in front of the museum, or at the museum gift store.

Hours of Operation 2022 May 19th – September 24th Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays 10am – 3pm

Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Events 2022

Kids' Crafts will be held throughout the summer every Friday afternoon from 1–3pm!

May 19th, Thursday – Opening Day

- May 30th, Monday Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast in collaboration with Greer Fire Station and Lazy Trout Market & Lodge.
- June 11th, Saturday Fat Chance Band will entertain the crowds at the Applewhite Pavilion. Come enjoy music, dancing, and good food! During Greer Days, we will also have vintage jewelry on display & for purchase at the Museum Gift Store.
- June 24th, Friday Meet the Artist: Oralia Lopez, maker of beautiful Mata Ortiz pottery joins us for an evening to show and talk about the art of pottery. Wine & cheese will be served.
- June 25th, Saturday Mata Ortiz Pottery Show: use this opportunity to come and get your own beautiful, handcrafted pots made following famous Mogollon traditions.
- July 3rd, Sunday Salt River Brass ensemble will pamper your ears during this fantastic Independence Day Concert.
- July 9th, Saturday Peek into the Past: come meet your favorite historical figures during a reenactment day at the museum! Museum volunteers will dress up as famous Greer residents, and Hugh Grinnell performs as George Bird Grinnell at the Pavilion.
- July 23rd, Saturday Fundraiser Dinner & Auction
- August 6th, Saturday Country Dancing with Steve & Deena
- August 20th, Saturday History of Chocolate & Chocolate Tasting in collaboration with White Mountain Chocolates.
- August 27th, Saturday Arts & Crafts Show
- September 17th, Saturday Fall Festival

September 24th, Saturday – Bob Boze Bell, author, artist, and Arizona historian joins us as a guest speaker at the Applewhite Pavilion to celebrate our last day of the season!

Please Note: events may be subject to change. Keep an eye on our calendar and Facebook page to get updated information on all events!

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