



LOST DUTCHMAN

★ MUSEUM ★

APACHE JUNCTION, AZ

2026-2027



Exhibits



Events



Much More!

Grounds Map



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Featured Exhibits



Gallery

Large exhibit gallery with artifacts that tell the history, legends, and lore of the Superstition Mountain region.



Elvis Chapel

Historic Apacheland Movie Studio set featured in the film *CHARRO!* starring Elvis Presley. Hosts Cowboy Church on *most* Sundays.



Apacheland Barn

Historic Apacheland Movie Studio set featured in the film *Arizona Raiders* starring Audie Murphy. Includes early Western films exhibit.



Dutchman's Emporium & Curiosity Shop

Travel back to the late 1880s for an interactive Old West shopping experience.

Featured Exhibits



Western Town

Experience the Old West by visiting our local Wells Fargo office, barbershop, and hoosegow.



Mining Tour

Step into an assay office, watch a stamp mill demonstration, and explore the early days of mining in the West.



Nature Trail

Take a stroll on our nature trail and observe native Sonoran desert plants and wildlife. This short trek is worth the unbeatable view of Superstition Mountain.



Museum Shop

History doesn't stop at the gallery door. Discover artifacts throughout the Museum Shop while browsing local goods, books, gifts, and keepsakes.

History in Action



Gold Panning

Grab a pan and try your hand at prospecting. You might even strike it rich. Well, pyrite rich.



Superstition Mountain Railway

Follow a G-Scale railroad journey through the changing West and discover how rail transportation transformed over time.



Stamp Mill

Feel the ground shake when our historic Cossak 20-stamp ore mill roars to life and discover how miners separated precious metals from ore.



Blacksmith Shop

Watch sparks fly as working blacksmiths demonstrate the traditional art of forging iron.

PLAN YOUR EXPERIENCE

Our hands-on activities and demonstrations are powered by dedicated SMLDM volunteers and offered seasonally on select days. Check our website for seasonal schedules.

Availability and schedules are subject to change.

WANTED: VOLUNTEERS

History needs a few good hands. No experience necessary. Curiosity encouraged.

Whether you're a seasoned trail hand or greener than a cactus after a rainstorm, we've got a place for you.



General Store Merchant ✦ Education

Docent & Town Guide ✦ Railroad Hand

Stamp Mill Miner ✦ Gold Panner

Town Hand ✦ and more!

SCAN TO
APPLY →



Or ask for an application in the Museum Shop

Events

9 am - 4 pm

paranormal investigators
guest speakers
vendor market

Oct 17, 2026



AZ GHOST TOURS

**After Hours with
AZ Ghost Tours**

family tour 6 pm

paranormal
investigation
7:30 pm

purchase tickets at smldm.org



FIRST ANNUAL HOOTENANNY NOV 28-29, 2026



An Old West
Gathering of Music,
Markets & Frontier
Spirit

Dutchoven
Cooking

Roping &
Reenactors

Frontier
Market

and
more!

For the latest event details, visit smldm.org.

Events

2ND ANNUAL DONKEY DAY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2027
10AM - 2PM

My donkey is my best friend!
Forever Your Donkey Friend!

kissing booth
donkey walks

One Herd

bring your own donkey + more donkey fun!



Valentine's Day
Shotgun Weddings
February 14, 2027

Marriages Elopements
Vow Renewals

Tie the knot with a traditional shotgun wedding in front of the Elvis Chapel.

Each short ceremony includes:

- An officiant
- Witnesses (unwilling)
- Bouquet + Marriage Certificate
- An angry father with a shotgun
- Your very own shotgun shell (shot by said angry father)



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It's a little piece of the Old West brought to life. So, grab a postcard, write your note, and let your mail ride the trail!

DESERT DELIGHTS

family day

at Superstition Mountain
Lost Dutchman Museum

featuring

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Activities for the whole family!
Reptile Presentation

9AM - 4PM SATURDAY

March 13



For the latest event details, visit smldm.org.

Memberships

Become a member of the Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman Museum and help preserve the history, legends, and lore of Arizona's Superstition Mountain region.

Members enjoy unlimited admission to SMLDM and the grounds for one year, discounts in the Museum Shop and Dutchman's Emporium, a subscription to The Museum Messenger, and more. Your membership directly supports exhibits, programs, preservation, and education.

Basic Memberships

Military Individual \$10

Senior (65+) \$20

Individual \$35

Military Family \$25

Family \$50

Make an Even Greater Impact!

Impact Members receive all Basic Membership benefits plus NARM Reciprocal admission to participating museums across North America, reserved seating to our seasonal lectures, and more.

Impact Memberships

Impact Individual \$100

Impact Family \$200

Learn more about becoming a member at
smldm.org

Speaker Series

Thursdays

Jan-Mar at 2pm

Join us in the Apacheland Barn!

Learn about the History, Legends & Lore of the Superstition Mountain & MORE!

Come early, seating is limited

****Reserved seating for Impact Members****

January 7 - Larry Hedrick

The True Story of Jacob Waltz and the Lost Dutchman Legend



In hundreds of books, the story of Jacob Waltz and the Lost Dutchman mine has been rife with fact and fiction. Follow years of research and documentation, and enjoy a fresh perspective to an age old legend.

January 14 - Jason Fritsch

A Case for Murder: The Adolph Ruth Mystery

In 1931, treasure hunter Adolph Ruth entered Arizona's Superstition Mountains carrying maps that he believed would lead him to the legendary Lost Dutchman Mine. Months later, his remains were discovered under mysterious circumstances. Was his death simply a tragic accident, or was Ruth murdered for the secrets contained in his maps?



January 21 - Jessi Welch

The Medicine Cabinet You Didn't Know You Already Had

Explore a variety of herbs that can be both nourishing and restorative – many of which are likely already in your kitchen. When we begin to view food as medicine, rethinking the spice cabinet becomes a practical resource for health and well-being.



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Speaker Series

January 28 - Roger Naylor

Arizona Boots and Burgers: A Guide for Hungry Hikers



No matter where you are in Arizona, you're only minutes from an amazing hiking trail, and a locally-owned eatery nearby if you know where to look. Roger combines two great passions—hiking and hamburgers—to create the ultimate culinary adventure.

February 4 - Kurt Cavano

The Four Peaks Amethyst Mine & Annual Trunk Show



Kurt Cavano shares the history of the mine and his adventures in working it. He has been a jewelry-making, stone-cutting rockhound for more than 50 years and has owned the mine for the last 29 years. Kurt will bring a selection of Four Peaks jewelry for purchase.

February 11 - Shanghai Brown

Hi-Jolly and the US Army "Camel Corps"



Accompany the U.S. military on their camel expedition abroad, meet a cast of characters, and address some myths, both about the use of camels in the deserts of the Southwest, and those about Hi Jolly, himself. And what became of the camels?

February 18 - Alan Rockman & Dan McCorison

The History of Cowboy Music



Multi-Media presentation on the History of Cowboy-Western music from the earliest days of the cowboys singing to sooth their horses and cattle along the wide and long dusty trails down to these times, with a narration from Historian Alan Rockman and musical accompaniment by singer-songwriter Dan McCorison.

Speaker Series



February 25 - Mark Redmond

Arizona Cowboy Ethics

For more than 150 years, the cowboy has symbolized rugged individualism, self-reliance and freedom. Cowboys lived by an unwritten set of values that true cowboys still follow today. Let's take a closer look at "The Code of the West."



March 4 - Dr. Corinna Stiles

Empire of Deceit: The Baroness of Arizona

Who was the mysterious "Baroness of Arizona," the woman at the center of an audacious scheme to claim millions of acres through the fraudulent Peralta land grant. Was she an accomplice or victim? Hear the story and you decide.



March 11 - James Shepherd

Birds: Backyard and More

Learn the basics of backyard birding, from identification and bird calls to equipment and field guides. Discover Arizona's birding hotspots, migration patterns, and ways to create a bird-friendly habitat at home. Jim brings 10 years of experience teaching about birds, plants, and nature at Boyce Thompson Arboretum.



March 18 - Vincent Amico

The Most Haunted Locations in Arizona

Explore some of the most haunted locations in AZ with the founder of AZ Ghost Tours. Vincent takes you on a "trip" to each location and shows you the evidence collected. Learn why the Superstition Mountains are such a hotspot for paranormal activity, remaining the stuff of local lore.



March 25 - Paula Rock

Naughty Ladies of the Old West

Life for women in the Old West wasn't easy. Take a peek at the seedier side of making a living - in the world's oldest profession.

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part of your story.

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CELEBRATIONS
MEMORIALS
PHOTOGRAPHY & FILM

Also inquire about our memorial repository for cremated remains.



Explore venues and packages at smldm.org
Showings by appointment only

Community Partners

SMLDM is stronger because of the businesses and organizations that invest in our mission. We gratefully recognize those who supported the Museum in 2026 and those who have committed their support for 2027.

Their generosity—through funding, donated goods and services, expertise, and partnership—helps us preserve the past while building for the future.



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Our Mission



More Than a Museum

The Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman Museum is operated by the Superstition Mountain Historical Society, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and sharing the remarkable stories of this region.

What began with a commitment to save those stories has grown into a place where history can be discovered, experienced, questioned, and passed along. Through our collections, historic structures, exhibits, programs, and grounds, we connect the stories of the past with the people who will carry them forward.

Your visit, membership, volunteer service, and support help make that possible.

The Mission of Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman Museum is to collect and preserve the history, legends and lore of Arizona's Superstition Mountain region through support of research, education, and publications involving the region.

Visit Us!



**One Admission.
The Whole Experience.**

YOUR ADMISSION INCLUDES:

GALLERY

APACHELAND JUNCTION

ELVIS CHAPEL

& ALL GROUNDS

General \$7

Senior (65+) \$6

Student \$4

Children 10 & Under Free

***Contact us for group rates**

Hours

September-June 9am-4pm

July-August 9am-3pm

Closed:

**Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day,
Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day**

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