

**Buckeye Valley Historical Society  
Membership Application**

P.O. Box 292  
Buckeye, AZ 85326

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**Street:**

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**City/State/Zip Code:**

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**Personal Membership:**

_____ Individual	\$ 20
_____ Family	\$ 30
_____ Patron	\$75
_____ Business	\$100

*The Buckeye Valley Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.*

The Buckeye Valley Historical Society is dedicated to bringing about a better understanding an appreciation of the archaeological, historical, and cultural significance of Buckeye Valley and its communities by our residents and visitors.

**We shall**

- ❖ Provide a means by which persons and organizations interested in supporting and promoting the Buckeye Valley Museum (Museum) may voluntarily contribute their time and services.
- ❖ Receive and administer funds and other property solely for the betterment of the Museum operated by the Town of Buckeye, to promote the educational and interpretive activities undertaken by the Museum, and to support the docent, archives, and other programs conducted by the Museum.
- ❖ Disburse all net proceeds received by the corporation to or for the direct benefit of the Museum, deducting only those amounts that must be expended for necessary staff, operating and promotional costs, and proper accounting. The Society may acquire, own, dispose of, and deal with real and personal property and interests therein, and may apply gifts, bequests, and devises, and the proceeds thereof, in furtherance of the purpose of the corporation.

*Donations of artifacts, letters, documents, photographs, and other material related to Buckeye Valley are welcomed.*



**Buckeye Valley  
Museum**



1954 – 2008

52 Years of Telling History

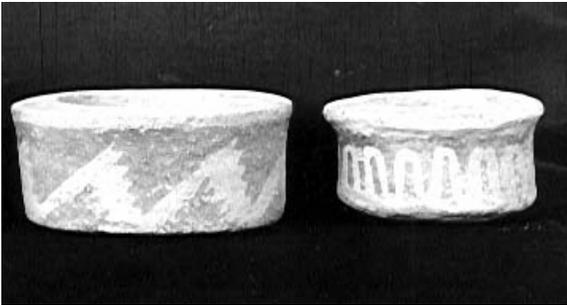


**In Town Park  
at 10th Street and Monroe  
Buckeye, AZ**

**Open September thru June  
Wed.& Thurs. 12:00 – 4:00  
Fri. & Sat 10:00 – 4:00  
623-349-6315**

## Buckeye Valley Prehistory

The Hohokam lived and farmed in the Buckeye Valley over 1,000 years ago. They lived in villages along the Gila River. They grew cotton, beans, corn, and squash in irrigated fields. They gathered cactus fruit and mesquite beans and hunted rabbits and deer to add to their diet.



The Hohokam made clay pottery, stone and shell jewelry, arrows, axes, and other stone tools. They used stone manos and metates to grind corn and mesquite pods to make flour.

*The Museum has an impressive collection of pottery made by the Hohokam and other prehistoric groups.*

## Buckeye Valley People

It is the people of Buckeye Valley that make the history. They grow the crops, build the houses, and make the tools.

The Museum preserves their story for future generations. We maintain biographies and photos of the Buckeye Valley and West Gila Valley Old Settlers Union, which was founded in 1934. We have over 16,000 names entered into our family history program. We interview our residents to document their life experiences.



*The Museum uses our settlers' own words to tell the story of Buckeye Valley. Come visit and tell us your story.*

## Buckeye Valley History

After the Hohokam left Buckeye Valley about 700 years ago, the area remained empty until the 1880s. Several small ranches were developed first in Liberty, then in Palo Verde. The construction of the Buckeye Canal in 1885 opened up large tracts of land for farming. The first crops were alfalfa and grain used to feed livestock. Later cotton became the primary crop.



The Town of Sidney, later called Buckeye, was established in 1888 by Thomas Newton Clanton and Oscar L. Mahoney. Buckeye served as the commercial center for the scattered farming communities.

*The Museum has a valuable collection of historic photographs.*