

Clarkdale Historical Society & Museum

Current Exhibits

America Gets Electrified

Exhibit includes early insulators, light fixtures, sockets, switches, circuit breakers and appliances from the 1910 — 1930's. From the collection of Tim and Jennie Cross.



Upcoming Events

October 4, 2014 Clarktoberfest

The Downtown Clarkdale Business Alliance invites everyone to a Oktoberfest themed Party on Main Street

October 11, 2014 Sentimental Journey & Their Big Band Music

6:30—9:30 p.m. Dance held at the Clark Memorial Clubhouse at 19 N. Ninth Street. \$10 per person. Refreshments are available.

October 14, 2014 8 a.m. Archives 101 Workshop

Ladies Lounge of Clark Memorial Clubhouse

October 16, 2014 6:30 p.m. Chamber Mixer

Copper Art Museum

October 30, 2014 7:00 p.m.

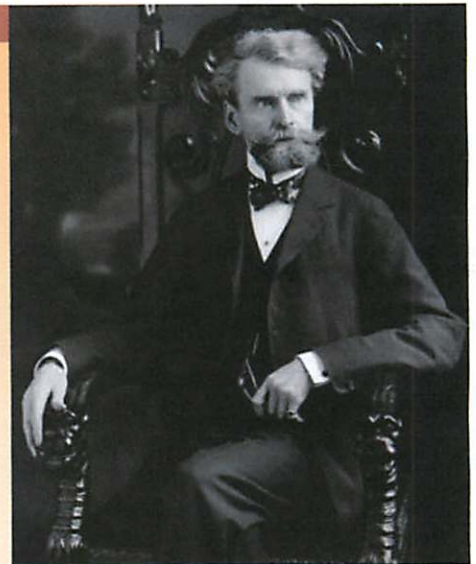
Two local authors, Diane Seward Rappaport and Ginny Chandra, will read and sign their books at the museum.

November 2, 2014 2:00 p.m. The Verde Tunnel & Railroad Section

Amateur historian Mr. Jess Valdez will tell the story of the VT & SRR from its conception to the last load of ore transported from the Clarkdale Smelter.

Check the website for the most current listing of events:

www.clarkdaleheritage.org



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Our Mission

Provide an engaging museum experience rich in stories and artifacts while professionally stewarding our historical collections and building a sustainable organization for the future.

The Secret Pasts of Clarkdale's Historic Buildings

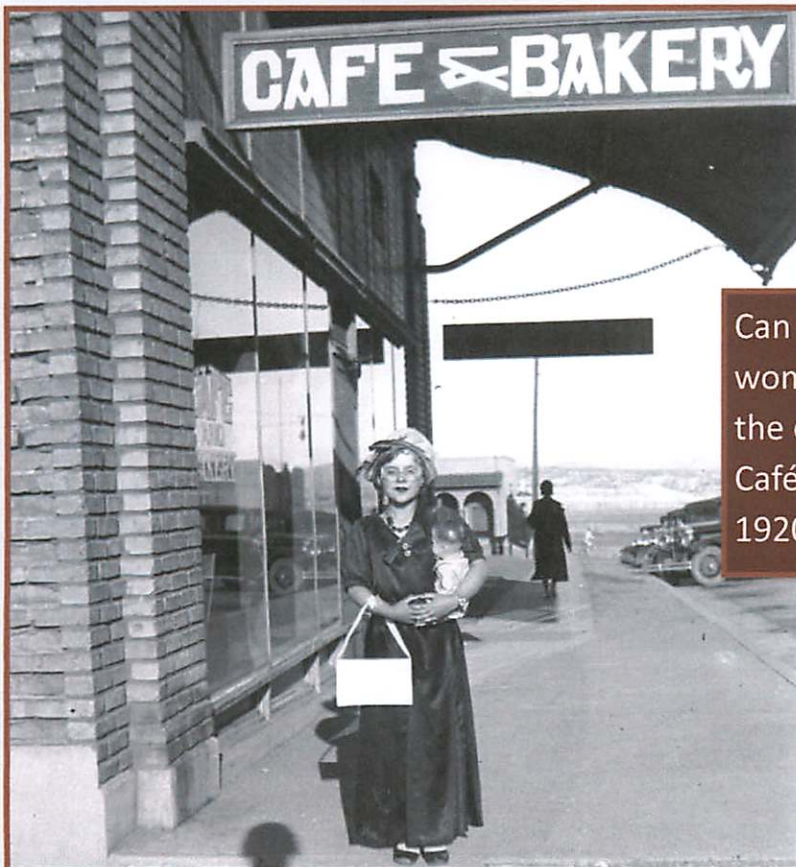
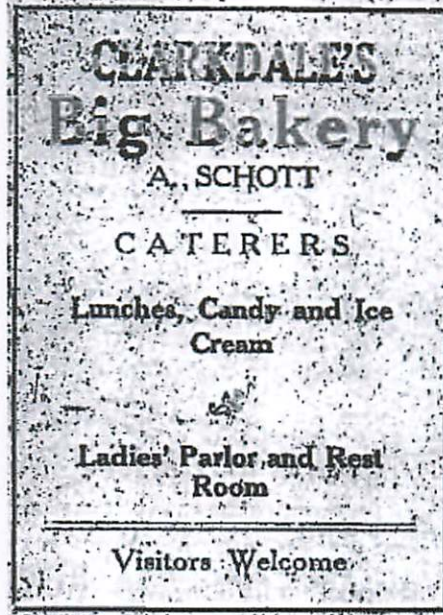
Have you ever wondered who might have sat in your favorite seat at Main Street Café before you?

The building at 920 Main Street in Clarkdale began life as an ice cream parlor and bakery run by Karl Schott. The new establishment opened in September of 1915.

A newspaper article from the time described it as 'one of the most modern and up-to-date establishments in Arizona.'

The café included a soda fountain and candy store. A rest area with comfortable chairs and couches specifically for ladies was located in a balcony overlooking the soda fountain.

According to a report in the March 30, 1923 edition of the Verde Copper News, Mr. Schott eventually moved his business to Cottonwood.



Can you identify this woman standing outside the entrance to Schott's Café & Bakery circa 1915-1920?

The Elements of Architectural Character

Historical preservation focuses on retaining the small bits and pieces that create the overall look, or architectural character, of a place or building.

Clarkdale has an abundance of architectural features that contribute to the character of the Historic District. These include the brick-relief motifs and the clerestory windows along the commercial buildings on Main Street.

The homes within the district share wrought iron fences and open front porches. These elements contribute to the character of the small town that is Clarkdale.

These small features create a big impact to the historic feel of the original town site and are worth retaining.



News from the archives:

Provided by Linda Smith, Board Secretary and Archivist

Preserving the archival information and artifacts of Clarkdale is part of the Mission of the Historical Society.

This summer, many archival supplies were purchased with funds received through the Arizona Historical Record Advisory Board Grant.

In addition, a \$1,600 grant from the Arizona Historical Record Advisory Board has been awarded to the Historical Society. These funds will be used to hire an intern to inventory the Town of Clarkdale ledgers pertaining to the United Verde Development Co, the United Verde Public Utilities Co., the United Verde Farm and Orchard Co., and the Clarkdale Improvement Co.

The intern will prepare finding aids that will go into AZ Archives On Line and will help researchers and others find materials they need.

Volunteer archivist Carol Lombard will be returning from Alaska this month to help in our collections management program.

This is the first edition of our newsletter and we would love to know what you think.

Comments and questions can be sent to escobarbeth@yahoo.com

Suggestions for future articles are also welcome.

Volunteers Needed

The Clarkdale Historical Society and Museum is a non-profit organization staffed by volunteers. We need help in a variety of areas.

Please contact the Museum if you would like to volunteer.

Current Projects

Clubhouse rehabilitation

Participation in the Verde Valley museum consortium

Museum building improvements—restoration of wrought-iron railing.

Current Needs

We are in need of funding for building improvements. Your cash donations are always welcome and tax deductible!

Museum Hours:

Wednesday 10 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Thursday, Friday & Saturday 11 a.m.—2 p.m.

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