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# Voices in the Oaks Chorale to perform May 21

**The Oracle Piano Society presents a concert by the Voices in the Oaks Chorale on Sunday, May 21, 3 p.m. at the Oracle Center for the Arts (OrCA). The musical program features Classic Broadway hits, including representative works by decade - 1920s through the 1980s, George and Ira Gershwin through Andrew Lloyd Weber.**

In addition to the Chorale, Elise Feingold Jackendoff, pianist and accompanist for the Chorale, will present solo piano works including a few Kurt Weill songs, and a tribute to Edith Piaf.

The Voices in the Oaks Chorale is a community chorus made up of singers from the Tri-Community area. Two Chorale concerts are presented during each Oracle Piano Society season. The chorus was formed in 2016 to fulfill the Oracle

Piano Society's mission to bring musical opportunities and education to our region.

Chorale founder and director, Mary Huebner, an experienced singer herself, performs regularly with the Tucson Symphony Orchestra Chorus and the Southern Arizona Symphony Orchestra Chorus. Piano soloist and accompanist, Elise Feingold Jackendoff, has been an active chamber musician, and collaborative

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**BROADWAY**

The Voices in the Oaks Chorale will perform Classic Broadway hits on Sunday, May 21.

**Chorale**

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artist in Massachusetts, where she was on the faculty of the Longy School of Music and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Elise moved to Oro Valley three years ago, where she maintains a private studio.

For more information on joining Voices in the Oaks Chorale, contact: [huebner@oraclepianosociety.org](mailto:huebner@oraclepianosociety.org).

**Concert Details**

**Classic Broadway - Voices in the Oaks Chorale**

**May 21, 3 p.m.**

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# The Encaustic Art of Judith Walsh

John Hernandez  
Pinal Nugget



My work as an artist is the process I go through to trick and frustrate that part of me that follows rules, uses logic and sees the world the way it really is.

**Encaustic is a beeswax based paint containing oil paint or pigment. It has been traced back to the ancient Egyptians around 100 - 300 A.D. Early Greeks and Romans used the art form. Contemporary artists attracted to the versatility of encaustic are now using it.**



Judith “Judy” Walsh is one such artist. She has been an encaustic painter for more than 29 years and at one time she was the only artist in Arizona doing encaustic.

Judy started her art career painting with acrylics and working with fiber. She participated in a two week encaustic workshop in Los Angeles and “fell in love with the medium” and has been working in encaustic ever since.

Judy uses bees wax, micro crystalline wax and oil paint in her encaustic. She applies layers of colored hot wax on a wood surface. She then scrapes, carves and sculpts the encaustic into a piece of art. She uses a “hot palette” to keep the

different colored waxes at 200 degrees.

Besides brushes she uses tools including an iron and blow dryer to heat and manipulate the encaustic. She does not start with a plan. She begins to paint spontaneously and responds to the paint, color and texture.

“Like a young child,” she said, “I discover what I am painting while I paint; images form and reform, dissolve and resolve in a non-logical way. Over time, shapes and symbols reappear without my conscious decision to use them.”

She added, “My work as an artist is the process I go through to trick and frustrate that part of me that follows

rules, uses logic and sees the world the way it really is.”

She has had a solo exhibition of her art at the Victoria Boyce Gallery in Scottsdale, Arizona as well as the Showspace Gallery in Flagstaff and the Casa Grande Art Museum. She has been a featured artist at numerous galleries in Arizona including the Burton Barr Central Library in Phoenix, Arizona Gallery at the University of Arizona, Shemer Art Museum in Phoenix, Adobe Gallery in Oracle and the Hayden Library at Arizona State University in Tempe. Her work has also appeared at many group shows in Scottsdale, Sun City,



**DELICATE BALANCE** (↑)

Encaustic art by Judith Walsh.



**PERHAPS** (↑)

Encaustic art by Judith Walsh.

**COLLAGE** (←)

Mixed media collage incorporating monotypes and collographs, ex libris book plates purchased in Prague in 1989 and embroidered fabric by encaustic artist Judith Walsh.



**COOL** (←)

Surf Cat by encaustic artist Judith Walsh.



**THE ARTIST** (↑)

Encaustic artist Judith Walsh at last month's Oracle Artists Studio Tour,

Phoenix and Tucson. She's even had art displayed in New Orleans galleries. More locally, her art was recently on display at the Patio Café in Oracle.

Judy also makes jewelry. Several years ago it was so hot that she couldn't work with the beeswax as it tended to melt. She has always liked working with her hands so she started working with beads and making necklaces. Making jewelry allowed her to keep busy when she couldn't do encaustic work.

Judy has been part of the local artists' group that organizes the annual Oracle Artists' Studio Tour in the Spring, and the Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

She currently lives in Oracle, where she works and teaches in her rural studio, hikes with husband Jim and an awesome dog named Bella. She enjoys being part of a community of artists who critique and support each other.

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A shot from the revolver of Deputy Sheriff Joe Hardwick killed Jose Sierra, a Spaniard, at Superior last Friday night just in time to save the life of Deputy Sheriff Patrick Gorham...

# Pinal's Wild West Past Is Gorham Family History

**John Hernandez**  
Pinal Nugget

**Pinal County's not so distant past can be called "wild and wooly." Gunfights, murders, stagecoach robberies, lynching and all the other typical happenings in Old West movies are in fact part of our county's history. And for one Pinal County family, it's a matter of family lore.**

This continues the story of Patrick Aloysius Gorham.

In September of 1918, it was reported in the newspaper that "District Attorney Richardson and deputies Henderson and Gorham made a liquor raid in Ray

Thursday night that netted 80 gallons of wine and 21 quarts of whisky." Soon after, Patrick was offered the job of chief deputy of Superior. The Gorhams moved there in November 1918. Magma Copper Company provided them with a house. They would raise 11 children, eight boys and three girls in Superior.

On the day they arrived in Superior, hundreds of people were in the streets shouting and firing off their guns. Patrick's wife, Mollie, thought the town had come out to greet the new deputy's arrival. It turned out it was November 11 and World War I had just ended. That date would become Armistice Day which is now more commonly known as Veteran's Day.

Superior was a rough mining town. There were many saloons and a brothel located in the center of town. One of the bars was known as "The Bucket of Blood" as just about every week there were fights in the saloon with someone shedding their blood on the floor as the result of fisticuffs, a knife fight or a shooting. Like other mining towns in the early days, the mining companies controlled what went on in their company owned town. Magma Copper had their own police force who were deputized by the Pinal County Sheriff. On Christmas Eve 1917, near the Magma Club where a dance had been in progress, two members of the police force got into an argument that turned into a gunfight resulting in the death of the night watchman and the other officer being



## ↑ PEACE KEEPERS

Pat Gorham's badge and weapons. They are treasures kept by his son, Jack.

arrested.

In March of 1920, Gorham's young law enforcement career nearly came to an end. The *Bisbee Daily Review* reported: "A shot from the revolver of Deputy Sheriff Joe Hardwick killed Jose Sierra, a Spaniard, at Superior last Friday night just in time to save the life of Deputy Sheriff Patrick Gorham who was covered by the Spaniard's gun."

Gorham and Hardwick had been on their way to serve a warrant on Sierra. The warrant had been written on a complaint by Sierra's cousin, who charged that Sierra had threatened to kill himself and his wife. As the officers were walking up the street, they were met by the woman running and screaming with Sierra chasing her with a gun in his hand. Sierra then pointed the gun at Gorham. The newspaper said: "When the Spaniard saw Gorham he said, 'I know you, Gorham' and covering him with the revolver was about to shoot when Hardwick's prompt and accurate action with his gun put an end to his life."

"Montana Joe" Hardwick, as he was known in Bisbee, was the Chief Deputy Sheriff at Ray. He would later become the Chief of Police for the border city of Calexico, California. During his law enforcement career, which included positions at Bisbee, Cochise County, Pinal County and Yuma, he was involved in a number of shooting scrapes, being wounded at least three times.

Gorham's methods of law enforcement were unconventional by today's standards. If Gorham accused you of a crime, you were guilty. If he wanted a troublemaker out of town, they left one way or the other. Superior was a town with a population of 3,000 when Gorham became the Deputy Sheriff. Much of the time, Gorham was on his own keeping the peace in Superior. He earned the respect of the townspeople. He rarely raised his voice in anger and was not known to flaunt his authority. There are stories told about him, that when he caught men fighting in the saloons, he would march them to the Magma Club, where there was a boxing ring. He would let them work out their problems in the ring. The loser went to jail for the night.

On paydays, he was allowed two deputies. Despite prohibition, it was an open town with speak easies, gambling and



## ANOTHER VIEW

A historic view of the Town of Superior, taken c. 1920.

prostitution as a way of life. There were many single miners who traveled the "tramp mining circuit" from Bisbee to Butte, Montana. They traveled from mine to mine stopping in Superior to earn a grub stake before moving on to another mine. Magma mine was a difficult mine to work in. It was hot and dangerous. Having an open town for the miners to blow off steam, helped keep these experienced miners in town. When Gorham arrested a miner for drunkenness or a misdemeanor, he always made sure that miner was released in time to make it to work for his next shift.

At midnight April 13, 1924, the town of Superior was awakened by a tremendous roar of an explosion up near Apache Leap. Pat Gorham was one of the first responders to what became a bizarre murder mystery. Pat and a number of curious Superior residents arrived at the home of Frank Hutchison and his wife Nellie. Frank Hutchison, bleeding from the head, told

Gorham that someone had murdered his wife. Gorham notified Sheriff Enis Thurman and the coroner who arrived from Florence within an hour.

Someone had killed Nellie by placing dynamite beneath the bed where Nellie and Frank slept. Frank said he had heard a noise and gone outside to investigate when the explosion happened. Thurman, after talking with Hutchison, ordered his deputies to search in the nearby hills and caves. Hutchison had reported seeing two Mexicans running from the scene shortly after the explosion.

According to the story from the Gorham family, Patrick and a posse found two Mexicans in a cave near Apache Leap. The posse wanted to immediately lynch the Mexicans but Patrick prevented them from doing it. It was a good thing, as Frank Hutchison confessed to murdering his wife 10 days later.

On Sept. 15, 1929, a Mexican named

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## Pat Gorham

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Cuadras stumbled into Gorham's office around 11:30 at night and reported that he and four others had been searching for the Lost Dutchman gold mine when they were fired upon. He had run and hiked 12 miles to the highway where he was able to get a ride into Superior. A search party of officers and armed civilians was organized and began the search in the Superstition Mountains. They found everyone in the party of treasure hunters except for an unidentified Mexican. The treasure hunters were Cuadras, Mrs. Hope Gale, Joe Harrington, an unidentified Mexican and a Yaqui Indian guide named Jesus Sanchez. It was reported that the Yaqui guide had persuaded Mrs. Gale and Harrington to search for the lost mine after Sanchez told them he had known of the location for many years. Upon finding the group. It was learned that Mrs. Gale's ex-husband Richard Gale had been known to have been following them and it was believed that he was the one who had shot at them.

The *Arizona Republic* reported: "Gale was found by Deputy Sheriffs Pat Gorham and Bill Robinette wandering about several miles from the scene of the reported shooting and was taken to Tex Barclay's ranch, in the Weaver's Needle district, before being brought here."

During prohibition, organized crime had moved in to the larger cities of Arizona. In 1929, an organized gang in Phoenix thought they could move into Superior and take over the lucrative gambling and bootlegging business. The Phoenix mob sent in some of

their men to begin setting up their operation. Gorham soon found out about the new men in town and their plans. Patrick and two deputies rounded up the city slickers and drove them to the summit of Gonzales Pass, which is located between Superior and Apache Junction on Highway 60. There, the deputies confiscated their shoes and tied the hands of the mobsters behind their backs. Gorham pointed the gang in the direction of Phoenix and told them to get to walking and never come back to Superior. They never did return.

On a hot summer day in 1933, an ex-cowman got drunk and began shooting up his neighborhood. The old man, Dan Neal at 6:00 in the morning took his Winchester rifle and began shooting at anything he saw. A young miner and his wife were sleeping out on their porch and were awakened by the noise of the gun shots and the bullets striking the porch. They began yelling at Neal as they ducked and dodged the gunfire. Neal apparently got bored and headed for Main Street. The street quickly emptied and calls went out for Gorham. Neal stood in the middle of the street with his gun at the ready, looking for an opportunity to shoot. One of Gorham's deputies was hunkered down in the drugstore corner of the Magma Hotel trying to decide whether to rush Neal or shoot him.

The daring confrontation between Gorham and Neal was described by Elton M. Cross, a former resident of Superior in an article he wrote for the *Arizona Republic* in 1976:

"The small Irishman strolled down Main Street's south side



covered sidewalks as if window shopping while Neal brandished his rifle and threatened. "I'll plug you square betwixt the eyes, you come a step closer," Neal said. Gorham walked on until he got within range of normal voice.

"Right nice mornin', Dan. Having fun?"

"Ain't had so much since the old lady broke her hind leg."

"D'you shoot her Dan?"

"Shore! Wasn't no good no more with that broken leg."

The two aging Arizonans laughed as if the joke was the funniest ever told. Then Gorham stopped laughing.

"Nice rifle, Dan. Lemme see it, huh?"

"Why, co'se Pat." Like a child pleased by praise of a treasured toy, Neal handed Gorham the rifle. With the gun cradled under one arm, the other firmly around Neal's waist, Gorham led Neal off to jail. Later inspection of the rifle showed it empty. Neal had fired every cartridge in its magazine without injuring a person."

In June of 1941, Pat received a copy of a letter that had been sent to Sheriff James

Herron from a Federal Special Agent. In the letter the Sheriff's office was being asked to investigate a group of Nazis in Superior. The task was turned over to Pat. The letter identified six men as being "known" Nazis and gave their occupation. The information had been sent to the Special Agent by George W. Clay, the Superior Justice of the Peace. Two of the Nazis were listed as miners, one was a watchman for Magma Copper, one was a cook at the Apache Leap Café, one was a dishwasher at the Modern Café and one was a gambler at the Silver Dollar Saloon. It is not known what the results of the investigation were.

Gorham also served as the Truant Officer for the school district in Superior. He retired from the Sheriff's Office in 1948 and went to work as a watchman for the construction company that was working on the Superior-Miami Highway. In 1950, Pat ran for the office of Constable of Precinct 10 which was in Superior. He lost in the primary as a Democrat to incumbent Alex Arnett who was also from Superior. Patrick



**NEW YORK** 

In New York at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel during the christening of the U.S.S. Arizona. Pat Gorham is on the far left.

Gorham died of a heart attack on May 12, 1953. He left a loving family and quite a legacy as a Superior lawman.

*Editor's Note: Special thanks to Jack Gorham for the photos and stories of his father, Pat.*

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# Oracle Adventures 3 Hikes Near Oracle

Sirena Dufault  
Pinal Nugget

**The town of Oracle is a Gateway Community for both the Arizona National Scenic Trail and Oracle State Park. Located at at 4500 feet, temperatures in the grasslands, oaks and junipers are cooler than most of the Copper Corridor. There are trails suitable for all levels of hikers from those looking for a casual stroll to a heart-pounding ascent up the north side of the Catalina Mountains. Here are three of the best:**

**Easy - Oracle State Park Nature Trail and Kannally Windmill**

Oracle State Park is now open seven days a week! New Park Manager Vince Micallef is excited about having the park more accessible to the public and hopes to expand services to offer primitive camping on site in the

future. In 2014, it was designated an International Dark Sky Park. To find out the schedule for guided hikes, bike rides, dark sky events and other interpretive programs, visit <https://azstateparks.com/oracle>.

To reach the trailhead from Oracle, turn south at the eastern intersection of AZ 77 and East American Avenue,



**SOUTH**

The Arizona Trail - Southbound Trailhead at American Flag. Photo by Sirena Dufault



**ORACLE STATE PARK**

The beginning of the Nature Trail Loop at the Oracle State Park, now open daily. Photo by Sirena Dufault



**FAIRIES**

Hikers in Oracle might find pink fairy dusters like this one. Photo by Sirena Dufault

drive 1.5 miles on American Avenue, and then turn right onto Mount Lemmon Road. Continue 1.1 miles to Wildlife Drive and take that 1.0 miles to the Kannally Ranch House. Park entrance fees: \$7/vehicle (1-4 adults); individual/bicycle: \$3.

There are over 15 miles of trails in the park accessible to hikers, bikers and



There are over 15 miles of trails in the (Oracle State) Park accessible to hikers, bikers and equestrians



equestrians that can be used to make loops of varying difficulty. The Nature Loop Trail is an easy 1.2 mile hike. Park at the Kannally Ranch House and take the Nature Trail which is signed at the far end of the parking lot. The trail has benches for sitting and enjoying the views of the Catalina Mountains and the San Pedro River Valley. Interpretive signs describe the plants, animals, ecology and geology of the park and surrounding areas.

If you'd like to go for more mileage while on the Nature Loop, take the Wildlife Corridor Trail to the Kannally Windmill on the Arizona Trail (3.8



**← MILE MARKER**

Mile marker on the Arizona Trail near High Jinks Ranch, Oracle. Photo by Sirena Dufault

**↑ BOULDERS**

Hiking through the boulders near Cody Loop on the Arizona Trail, Oracle. Photo by Bill Bens.

miles round trip). Other longer loops can include the Windy Ridge Trail Loop or the Granite Overlook Loop. See the park brochure or inquire at the ranch for more information.

**Arizona Trail (AZT) American Flag Trailhead**

The medium and difficult hike use portions of the 800-mile Arizona National Scenic Trail from American Flag Trailhead. From Oracle, turn south at the eastern intersection of AZ 77 and East American Avenue, drive 1.5 miles on American Avenue, and then turn right onto Mount Lemmon Road. Continue 4.0 miles to American Flag Ranch Road, and turn right (west) to reach the trailheads on both sides of the road, including parking areas near the historic ranch. Established in 1880, the American Flag Ranch is believed to be the oldest existing Territorial post office in the state that is still standing.

**Medium - Arizona Trail - Oracle Shuttle Hike**

*7 miles, 700 feet elevation gain*

This hike requires a car shuttle. Place one car at the Arizona Trail crossing at Highway 77 and Tiger Mine Road. From the east entrance to the town of Oracle, drive 0.8 miles east on AZ 77 to mile marker 105 and turn left (north) onto Old Tiger Road. There is a small area for parking cars. Follow the directions above to drive the other car to the American Flag Trailhead to begin the hike. Marney at the Chalet Village Motel is a Trail Angel for AZT hikers and can be contacted in advance about shuttle services at (520) 904- 2122.

Begin hiking on the AZT by going through the sign that says The Arizona Trail, not the one that says Catalina Mountains. The trail goes past interesting boulder formations and

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# Oracle Hikes

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crosses the Mount Lemmon Highway and Webb Road. Enjoy views of the San Pedro River Valley to the east and the Catalinas to the north. Reach the boundary of Oracle State Park at mile 2 and sign the register. Many of the people who hike the Arizona Trail adopt colorful "trail names" and in the spring or fall you might run into someone who is thru-hiking, or doing the whole trail at once.

The Arizona Trail through Oracle State Park is beautiful singletrack that passes several trail junctions before reaching the Kannally Windmill at mile 4.3. The windmill does not have any water but there is a bench for a rest or lunch stop.

After the windmill, new trail has recently been built

that takes you up to a saddle before descending to a trail junction and powerlines at mile 6.0. Cross underneath Highway 77 in a culvert and arrive at your vehicle parked on the north side of the road at mile 7.0.

**Difficult - Arizona Trail - Cody Trail/Oracle Ridge**  
6.4 miles/1000 feet elevation gain to Oracle Ridge Junction

Begin at the American Flag Trailhead and hike on the AZT through the sign that says Arizona Trail - Santa Catalina Mountains Segment. The trail climbs up a hill and then descends into a wooded area with oaks and manzanita. After a short time in the wash, it crosses a road and switchbacks up the hill, passing boulder formations.

At 2.1 miles, an Arizona Trail

sign that says 602 miles from Utah and 198 miles from Mexico marks the turnoff the High Jinks Ranch, a worthy side trip. Take the side trail 500 feet to see this historic ranch, once the gold claim of Buffalo Bill Cody. All are welcome to fill their water at the hose in the courtyard and take a look at the National Register of Historic Places plaque. If you're lucky, one of the caretakers may be around to give a tour and tell more about the accommodations available onsite. To learn more about the High Jinks Ranch visit [www.highjinksranch.net](http://www.highjinksranch.net).

After a visit to the ranch,

the AZT contours along the boulder-filled hillside and then resumes climbing toward Oracle Ridge. Reach the junction with Oracle Ridge Trail #1 at 3.2 miles and enjoy expansive views of the San Pedro Valley. This is a good point to turn around for most hikers.

However, if you're in the mood for climbing, the Oracle Ridge Trail will take you a total of 13.2 miles all the way up the mountain to the Control Road at 7765 feet.

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