

WANTED

DEPARTMENT 56[®] Collector Folk

by the Arizona Village Collectors, Desert Villagers and Southwest Villagers

to join us for the



SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 2, 2011

Wigwam Golf Resort and Spa

300 East Wigwam Blvd., Litchfield Park, Arizona 85340
www.wigwamresort.com (623) 935-3811 or (800) 327-0396



Round up yer pardners, dust off those boots and hitch your wagon on down to Arizona for the most delightful destination for a gathering in these here parts! Come meet the warm and friendly folk from the Arizona Department 56 Clubs (the Arizona Village Collectors, Desert Villagers and Southwest Villagers), along with the fabulous volunteer posse who will be your hosts for this fine affair!

History, charm and authentic Arizona await y'all at our Gatherin' destination, the Wigwam Golf Resort and Spa, where we're sure you'll experience the charm of the southwest! We'll be havin' some mighty fine grub, the Village General Store will be open, there'll be bang-up seminars, and if yer ain't having a durn good time, we may have to throw you in jail! All in all, this here gathering will be fine as cream gravy!

Check out our website for more details:

www.HappyTrailsAZ.com

Y'all Come!

The Department 56 collectors Clubs of Arizona are hosting a "Gathering" for all Department 56 fans throughout the country!

A "Gathering" is a conference for Department 56 collectors that showcases seminars for new and innovative ways to display your villages; provides access to secondary market vendors to find those retired pieces you've been looking for; special guest speakers from Department 56 to learn the latest news; auctions, prizes and chances to win wonderful items with proceeds going to a worthy cause; and a fun, social time with collectors just like you!

Come meet fellow enthusiasts, attend "how to" seminars with inventive ideas to make your display come alive; attend "make-n-takes" (mini-seminars that allow you to learn to create something for your village and take it with you) and find that special item you've been looking for in our General Store (secondary market.) There will be a very special event piece you can only get at this gathering! In addition, come stroll through the Display Contest area and view the talents of some very creative folks and get great ideas for your next display.



We're also delighted to have a very special guest all the way from Merry Olde England! **Gerald Dickens**, the great, great grandson of Charles Dickens, will perform his amazing one-man show, "A Christmas Carol." You won't want to miss this spectacular show!

In addition to all of this—a **Department 56** artist, **Cynthia Markle**, will give a seminar on how she goes about the creative process from start to finish, and will be available to sign your favorite accessory piece.



There will also be raffles, drawings, prizes, a few surprises and great entertainment and a chance to give to two great causes - Hospice of the Valley—Phoenix; and Casa de La Luz Hospice—Tucson, our charities! We have all of this fun packed into a gorgeous setting at the Wigwam Resort.

Who: The Arizona Village Collectors, Dessert Villagers & Southwest Villagers Dept. 56 Collector Clubs

What: Happy Trails to Arizona - A Destination Gathering for Department 56 Collectors

When: **September 29 - October 2, 2011**

Where: Wigwam Resort, 300 E. Wigwam Blvd., Litchfield Park, AZ | (623) 935-3811 | (800) 327-0396 | www.wigwamarizona.com

If you wish to stay at the Wigwam, we have special pricing! Simply mention "Happy Trails to Arizona" or enter the following code: HAI29A if you book on line for the great rate!

Happy Trails!

Handbill of Events

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Tours will be available, check the website, www.HappyTrailsAZ.com for more details.

General Store Early Bird Special—check out the General Store and see what them fine General Store Keepers have to offer. They'll be setting up shop early so y'all can come in and fill up yer saddlebags! The Early Birds get the best deals!

Friday, September 30, 2011

Registration	Seminars
	Display Contest
General Store	Hospitality Room
	NCC Event
Chuck Wagon BBQ Dinner (dress western y'all!) complete with entertainment!	

Saturday, October 1, 2011

Registration	Seminars
	Display Contest
General Store	Hospitality Room
	NCC Event
Auction	Gerald Dickens Entertainment
Prizes, Prizes, Prizes	Announcement of Room Hop
	Display Contest Winners

Dickens in the Desert—Gerald Dickens will be on hand to perform "A Christmas Carol" and will also be available afterward to sign that "very special" piece for you! Don't forget to get your tickets!

Banquet Dinner—Dickens in the Desert, come dressed as your favorite Dickens Village character, or as Victorian aristocracy as we dine! There will also be a special performance by Gerald Dickens! We'll announce the People's Choice Award for the Display Contest, experience some fabulous entertainment, have ourselves an auction, and those great prizes! Don't forget the room hop afterwards!

Sunday, October 2, 2011

Happy Trails Farewell Breakfast—Sadly we will have to bid you "Happy Trails" as you leave, but we can't let y'all leave hungry or empty-handed! There will be a wonderful breakfast buffet and Prizes, Prizes, Prizes!

For more information visit our website at www.HappyTrailsAZ.com or contact the Marshal, Sue Chretien at Marshal@HappyTrailsAZ.com, or (480) 773-8575

Kinfolk Registration Handbill

Please complete one form for each Kinfolk. Thanks Pardner!

Happy Trails Day Pack **\$25.00**

The Happy Trails Day pack gets you admission to the Gathering, which includes admission to any and all of the seminars and Make 'N Takes going on durin' the day, and admission to the General Store. The Happy Trails Day Pack gets you admission fer one day.

Please register me @ \$25.00 per day:

Friday Saturday Sunday Total: _____

Happy Trails Vittles Total: _____

Friday Chuck Wagon BBQ @ \$30.00 Total: _____

Saturday Dickens in the Desert Banquet @ \$45.00 Total: _____

Please indicate choice for "Dickens in the Desert" Saturday Night Banquet: (Please also let us know if you have special dietary requirements)

Beef Chicken
 Sunday Farewell Breakfast @ \$25.00 Total: _____

Or Select one of our value-packed options below:



Happy Trails Package **\$156.00**

The package includes per person registration and admission into the Thursday Early Bird General Store, admission for Friday and Saturday (general session, General Store, seminars, make 'n takes, etc.), and your vittles for Friday evening's Chuck Wagon BBQ Buffet Dinner, Saturday Evening "Dickens in the Desert" Banquet Dinner, and Sunday's Farewell Breakfast.



Happy Trails Roadrunner Special **\$144.00**

includes all of the above, and if your registration is postmarked no later than May 2, you git this discount!

Please indicate choice for "Dickens in the Desert" Saturday Night Banquet: (Please also let us know if you have special dietary requirements)

Beef Chicken

Please note that the packages above do not include tickets for the Gerald Dickens performance of "A Christmas Carol".



Tickets for Gerald Dickens' Saturday afternoon performance of "A Christmas Carol"

Please reserve _____ (quantity) of tickets @ \$35.00 ea.

Total Ticket Amount \$ _____

Total fer Registration: \$ _____

Total Vittles Selected above: \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Deadline for refunds is May 15, 2011, Pardner!

Collector Folk Information

Howdy Pardner! Please submit one form for each of y'uns!

Name

Address

City

State Zip Code

Phone

Email (Registration confirmation will be sent to you via Email)

Badge Name

Are you a Member of a Department 56 Club?

Club Name and State



Are you interested in being a Volunteer? Yes []
Are you interested in entering the Display Contest? Yes []

Please make your check payable to:

'Happy Trails to AZ'
and mail your check and completed registration form to:

Frank Mapes
Happy Trails to AZ
854 N. 86th Place
Scottsdale, AZ 85257-4502

Hey Pardners! The first 250 Kinfolk registered will get a fine and dandy tote bag!