



# Arizona Questers

## The Cactus Bloom

### SPRING 2024

*Questers keep history alive by supporting Preservation, Restoration & Education*

## ARIZONA QUESTERS ANNUAL STATE COUNCIL MEETING AND LUNCHEON



**DESERT DIAMOND**  
Hotel & Casino

Thursday, April 18, 2024  
7350 South Nogales Highway  
Tucson, Arizona

Hosted by Catalina Timewalkers #1389

This 4-star hotel/casino is conveniently located in the southern suburbs of Tucson, just off the I-10 and about 120 miles from central Phoenix. Lots of in-house amenities, a smoke-free casino, spacious rooms with coffee service and refrigerator, a coffee shop, buffet style restaurant, café and small food court plus cocktail lounges. 20 rooms have been reserved for the night of April 17 at a cost of \$135. Call 520-294-7777 and ask for the “Questers Rate”. Rate is good until March 17th.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024

#### PLANNED ACTIVITIES

*(See Page 2 for tour options and descriptions of Tucson attractions)*

- 1:00 Questers Tour  
Mini Time Machine Museum of Miniatures  
(\$10 fee - reservations required)
- 5:30 No Host Happy Hour and Dinner  
Historic El Charro Café  
311 North Court—Downtown  
(reservations required-separate tab)

*Events requiring reservations and fee payments are to be made through your chapter Treasurer. Reservations due*

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024

#### STATE COUNCIL MEETING & LUNCHEON

\$46—Includes Continental Breakfast and Buffet Lunch

- 9:00 Registration and Continental breakfast
- 10:00 Annual Council Meeting, Installation of New Officers, Chapter Anniversaries, Building Our Legacy—the Next 80 Years
- 11:15 Break—Opportunity Basket ticket sales and Silent Auction review
- 12:00 Luncheon
- 12:30 Silent Auction winners announced
- 1:00 PROGRAM — Arizona’s Presidio of San Ignacio de Tubac—It’s History and the New Spain Settlers
- 2:00 Opportunity Basket Drawing



Chapter Treasurers: Download the [Meeting Reservations](#) form from the Questers State Website Members section and follow the instructions on the form. Reservations are due to State Treasurer by Tuesday, April 9, 2024

**We Make History \*\* Our Past Helps Shape Our Future**



WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENT REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Pre-register with your chapter Treasurer for the Wednesday Mini Time Machine Museum of Miniatures tour (\$10) and El Charro Café (no host happy hour and dinner) and the Thursday State Meeting Breakfast/Luncheon (\$46). Chapter Treasurers: Download the reservation form from the Questers State Website <https://www.azquesters.org/members-section>. For questions contact Betty Hartnett, State Treasurer [bettchem@cox.net](mailto:bettchem@cox.net) or call 602-317-4438. Reservations due by April 9, 2024

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024  
OPTIONAL & PLANNED TOURS/EVENTS

THE MINI TIME MACHINE MUSEUM OF MINIATURES – 4455 Camp Lowell Drive, 520-881-0606. **Questers tour 1:00 pm Wednesday, led by Emily Wolverton, Museum Curator. \$10 fee and reservations required**

See over 500 fascinating miniatures dating from the 17th century. From miniature rooms to huge doll houses and buildings your mind can walk into. It is truly what the museum’s creators envisioned – an enchanting, magical place providing a rich, sensory experience.

OLD TUCSON MOVIE SET – 201 S Kinny Road, 520-883-0100 — 4 tours daily. Built in 1939 and has been the filming location for hundreds of classic western films and TV shows featuring such stars as John Wayne, Paul Newman, Clint Eastwood, and Frank Sinatra.

ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM – 2021 N Kinney Road, 520 883-2702—Docent tours 2x daily. Founded in 1952, this 98 acre Desert Museum is recognized worldwide as a model institution for innovative presentation in their zoo, botanical garden, art gallery, natural history museum and aquarium. It is a complete natural history museum of the Sonoran Desert.

SAN XAVIER del BAC MISSION — 1950 W San Xavier Road, 520-294-2624 x 108—free admission. The mission was founded by Father Eusebio Kino in 1692 and completed in 1797. The oldest European structure in Arizona. The church is filled with original statuary and mural paintings.

PIMA AIR & SPACE MUSEUM — 6000 E Valencia Road, 520-574-0462

One of the world’s largest non-government funded aerospace museums featuring a display of nearly 400 aircraft on 127 acres. Home to the Arizona Aviation Hall of Fame.

CENTER FOR CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY—1030 N Olive Road, 520 621-7968—Univ. of Arizona campus.

The Center was founded by Ansel Adams in 1975. There are currently over 110,000 works by 2,200 plus photographers.

DE GRAZIA GALLERY IN THE SUN MUSEUM—6300 N Swan Road, 520 299-9199—Open 10 – 4. Constructed in 1965 with hand-painted murals by De Grazia. There are 10 acres of walkways exploring the beautiful variety of desert plants.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024

9-10:30 — CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST/REGISTRATION  
Start your day with a continental breakfast in the foyer of the Questers meeting room—available until 10:30. Coffee/ beverage station available throughout the day.

10-11:15 — ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING  
Followed by installation of new officers, chapter anniversary recognition and celebration of Questers 80th year.

12 NOON.— BUFFET LUNCH  
Enjoy a selection of salads, Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo, Italian Sausage & Peppers, Penne, Six Cheese Lasagna, Linguine Puttanesca, a vegetable medley and garlic bread and Tiramisu and Cannoli for dessert!

1:00 — PROGRAM  
Andy Miritello, Tubac Historical Society President and Patrick Batson, Tubac Historical Society Researcher

2:00 P.M. — OPPORTUNITY BASKET DRAWING

FALL 2023 STATE MEETING REFLECTIONS

Were you one of 70 or so individuals that travelled to Gold Canyon country for the Questers fall meeting event? These photos may help you recall some great memories! If you want to see the many dozens of images talented Questers member, Ruth Klinge, snapped during the 2-day event, click or copy/paste <https://www.azquesters.org/news-and-events>

and view the *Gold Canyon Resort Memories* on our website—you won’t need a password. Our heartfelt thanks to Ruth, a member of Lost Dutchman #1244, who not only kept busy capturing the beautiful sites and beautiful people, but also created a powerful slideshow presentation for all to enjoy!!

