



The Arizona Questers

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SPRING 2026

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2 DAYS
IN PRESCOTT

ANNUAL STATE MEETING

PREScott ARIZONA

TUESDAY—APRIL 14 and WEDNESDAY—APRIL 15

*Springhill Suites Special Rate \$149 Double Queen

Reservations 928-776-0998 Group Code AzQuesters for reservations Good 'Til 3/10/2026

Hosted by the following Arizona Questers chapters:

PALATKI #1406 SEDONA #1337 THUMB BUTTE #1284 VERDE VALLEY #1467 YAVAPAI #1506

CONVENIENT DOWNTOWN HOTEL

TOUR--SHARLOT'S HIDDEN ARCHIVES

RECEPTION—WINE & HEARTY APPETIZERS

DUDE UP IN UR "OUT WEST" ATTIRE

ANNUAL LUNCHEON AT SKULL VALLEY'S HISTORIC VAN DICKSON RANCH

Enjoy Paul's famous "Come N Git It" Tri-Tip bbq and program by Judy McBride:
Rimrock Ranch: From Dudes to Mobsters

COMING IN FEBRUARY TO YOUR INBOX : NARRATED VIDEO SHOWCASING "THE PRESCOTT EXPERIENCE"

For registration and event details see Page 2

Chapter Treasurers: Download the [Meeting Reservations](#) form from the Questers State Website —Members section—reservations due State Treasurer by Tuesday, March 31st. — follow the instructions on the form.



PREScott STATE MEETING INFORMATION

HOTEL RESERVATIONS—SPRINGHILL SUITES MARRIOTT



200 East Sheldon, Prescott
\$149/night + tax/fees—rate good
April 13 thru 16, 2026 group code
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THE DETAILS

TUESDAY

State Board Meeting—9:30 a.m.

Meet in the auditorium located in the Education building.
Enter through the main entrance (Sharlot's Depot)

Lunch—12:00—Palace Saloon—120 South Montezuma

No-host menu lunch. Open to all Questers but pre-registration is required

Sharlot Hall Museum Tour—3:00 pm—415 W. Gurley

(\$10 pre-registration required)

Enter at main entrance (Sharlot's Depot). Docent-led tour includes the rarely seen-by-public archives housing thousands of historical artifacts.

Reception—5:00–6:30 p.m.

Sharlot Hall auditorium—Education Bldg
(\$10 pre-registration required)

Enjoy a sit-down reception post tour and enjoy wine and other beverages as well as a plentiful array of hearty appetizers and desserts. Note: the museum entrance is locked at 4 p.m. For those not on the tour you may enter through the Beach St. gate on the east side of campus.



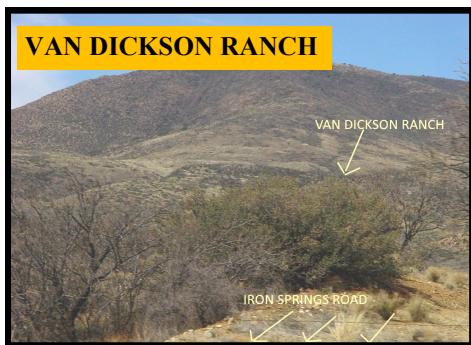
WEDNESDAY—ANNUAL STATE MEETING & LUNCHEON

VAN DICKSON RANCH—SKULL VALLEY \$40

This private, historic ranch just 25 minutes from Spring Hill Suites was homesteaded in 1906 by James Van Dickson and his wife, Pearl. James was the son of John Van Dickson who came with the Walker Party to the Prescott/Skull Valley area in the early 1860s. The Walker Party, a group of prospectors and frontiersmen, discovered gold in 1863 in the Bradshaw Mountains west of Prescott. Fast forward to 1999 when Paul and Carolyn Harris purchased the ranch and eventually turned it into a wedding venue.



VAN DICKSON RANCH



West Iron Springs Rd—19 miles (28 minutes) from Springhill Suites hotel.

THE PROGRAM

Judy McBride, President of the Beaver Creek Historical Society, presents

“Rimrock Ranch: From Dudes to Mobsters”—the story of a 1920s era working ranch-turned dude ranch-turned mafia house that Judy eventually purchased. Her presentation includes the site's fascinating history and photographs of the property.

ANNUAL STATE MEETING TIMELINE

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

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| 9:30-11:30 | State Board Meeting |
| 12:00 | Lunch |
| 3:00-5:00 | SHM Tour |
| 5:00-6:30 | Reception |

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

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| 9:00 | Registration opens |
| 10:00 | Annual council meeting and morning events |
| 11:30 | Opportunity basket ticket sales—silent auction review |
| 12:00 | Lunch |
| 1:00 | Program |
| 2:00 | Drawings |
| 2:30 | Adjourn |
| 3:00 | Historical Kirkland Bar tour |

The following *optional and free* activity takes place immediately following the conclusion of the State meeting. It does require pre-registration. When making your State meeting reservations, let your chapter treasurer know if you wish to participate in the “Kirkland experience”:

Kirkland Bar and Steakhouse Tour

On Iron Springs Rd. 7 miles southeast from the Van Dickson Ranch turnoff. This nationally registered historic site dates to the 1870s—once a Wells Fargo stage stop,



a store, hotel, and post office, a rail ticket office and a community center. The current structure was built in 1923 after a fire partially burned the original building. New owner Charles Tramont will

guide you through a brief history and tour, including the newly transformed B&B area which reportedly once housed a brothel. Before leaving, check out the country store for goodies such as locally made jams, jellies, relishes such as candied jalapenos, carrot cake butter, and pineapple relish. If you are on the route home, grab for dinner one of their to-go specialty sandwiches and a lemonade!