

# Gathering Gazette

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### *Editor—Ival Secret*

Greetings to the volunteers and fans of the Cochise Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering.

I call your attention to some changes for the CCPMG 2019 Gathering. The most important being the absence of a Sunday afternoon Headline Performance. So those who normally attend should plan to attend either Friday or Saturday night. Second is the introduction of the Cochise Cowboy Treasure Hunt that is described in the article by Steve Conroy, former co-chair of the Gathering. You will notice that the target audience is the younger generation whereas it could be a great smart phone learning vehicle for those of us beyond 50 years of age. Third is the absence of some social events for volunteers and sponsors because donations have not been sufficient to meet the associated expenses.

The Western Heritage Committee is selling tickets for the chance to win a quilt. They have three quilts and you can see them in the Western Heritage article. The money raised will be used to offset expenses associated incurred by volunteers who take the Western Heritage programs into Cochise County schools.

You will notice from the Co-Chair's poem and the Artist Liaison's article that we have an entertainer from Hawaii. When you think of Hawaii, do sandy beaches come to mind? Or is it pineapple. I know that some of you must have an image of the Paniolo working cattle on Parker Ranch which happens to be one of the largest cattle ranches in the United States.

Whether you grew up on a ranch, a farm, or a city the odds are you have been around a campfire (or at least a bonfire) where stories are told and someone with a guitar helps to kick off the singing of mostly western songs such as "Home On the Range". The theme for this gathering is Around the Campfire but they were something other than just fun and entertainment for working cowboys. On cattle drives and large ranches (before the truck and horse trailer), the camp fire was the means of cooking food, making coffee and having some warmth.

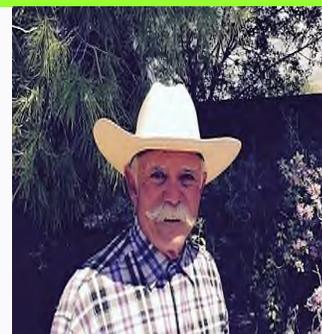




## ***Gathering Co-Chairs***

***George Wheat***

***John Voishan***



Well Pardner- just around the bend another Cowboy  
Gathering, your spirits for to mend.

### **And what a lineup!!!!**

Kristyn and Jeneve the youngins represent  
With talent most remarkable-surely Heaven sent  
Old timers they will be here too  
With songs, and stories true- sort of

The Barn Dance will be in full swing  
Two step with a beauty on your wing  
Kick up you heels and have some fun  
The Cochise Gathering will start it's run

The Hanson family and Marty too  
From the Northwest to entertain you  
Prizes awarded for solving the test  
And exploring the county and finding your Quest

Round the Campfire with Steve Lindsay  
And Terry Nash and Miss "V"  
With Cimarron Sidekicks and 3 Trails West  
Dueling it out-shucks they're both the best

And from waaay out West across the sea  
Gordon Freitas brings music and the Paniolo Story  
Ducking (not Donald) from Disney, the Imagineer  
From Canyon Country the Tall Texan Joe Herrington's here

With Amy Hale Auker (three names make poetry hard)  
Mike Moutoux (try MooToe) will fill out the yard  
The great day Saturday where artist abound  
Around every corner Grand performers will be found

Vic Anderson and Almeda Bradshaw to be sure  
And Oh are we so happy that Floyd Beard found the cure  
Marlene Bussma from up Utah way  
Kerry Grombachers with us from New Orleans, LA

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Steve Jones brings us Rocky Mountain high  
While the Ramblin Rangers share Black Hills sky  
Claudia Nygaard has known East and West  
Whether writing songs or singing she is up to the test

Rock Sullivan's from Sedona, Gail Starr is Carefree  
And atop his "Strange " bass is Washtub Jerry

So there you have it folks our Gathering this year  
Mark your calendars and come on out and give a big cheer.....

**On Friday night 2/8/19 honouring our way way out West  
Hawaiian connection, some lucky "seat" will win two round  
trip tickets to fly to Hawaii. Your chance to win is included in  
the price of admission. Good luck-and ALOHA!**

**Tickets at Spur Western Wear, Safeway or Sierra Vista  
Tourist Information (Oscar Yrun)**

—John Voishan Co-Chair



Parker Ranch

Home of the Hawaiian Cowboy

[www.americancattlemen.com](http://www.americancattlemen.com)

Might this be the Hawaiian  
Cowboy's Campfire

[www.popularmechanics.com](http://www.popularmechanics.com)





## ***Western Heritage and Schools Outreach Chair—Eileen Ahearn***

The Western Heritage Schools Outreach Program team has been very busy. In November we hosted the student poetry judging and selected 39 student winners. Kudos to the wonderful judges who dedicated their time, energy and smarts to judging the 500 plus poems were submitted to our Western Heritage Student Poetry Contest. In addition to our regular fabulous WHSOP volunteers (Byron, Sally, Marty, Jerry, Steve and Eileen), our judges included Tom Armstrong, Pam Collins, Marjorie Conroy, Patricia Dillingham, Midge Grieshop, Joan Strom, Deb Koltveit, Nancy Fusco, Randy Kling, Claire Peachey, Malissa and Glenn Ress and Sue Walker. The poems this year covered a wide range of subjects to include this year's theme of Around the Campfire and were from schools throughout the Cochise County. We have one Scholarship winner, Helena Watson, from Tombstone HS and our Educator of the Year, Cheri McCorkle, is from Buena HS. Check out our [website](#) for a full listing of all the winners and their schools.

Upcoming activities with the student poetry winners include the CowPie Party on Jan 12th, rehearsals on Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, Artist in schools on 7 & 8 January, and the actual Gathering, February 8-9, 2019. Three students will recite their poems at each of the Headliner performances and all the student winners will recite their poems on Saturday, Feb 9th from 10AM to noon. We encourage you to come listen to, enjoy and be amazed at the talents of our student winners.

If you would like to volunteer in support of the WHSO Program there is still time. We need volunteers during the Gathering to sell raffle tickets for our quilts. Last year we raised \$1300 raffling our two quilts. This year we have three quilts (see pictures below) to be raffled to raise funds to reimburse travel for all student winners who participate in WHSOP activities and reside more than 20 miles from Sierra Vista. As in past years, our goal is to raise at least \$1000, so please come volunteer to help us sell raffle tickets and/or come buy your ticket to help us reach our goal.





## Steve Conroy—Former CCPMG Co-Chair

### Cochise Cowboy Treasure Hunt

This year the Cochise Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering (CCPMG) is introducing an interactive scavenger hunt game, which will begin in January 2019 and run until February 9 2019. The game uses a mobile app in conjunction with clues published in print and digital media outlets of Wick Media and community Facebook sites that serve the county as well as on the Cochise Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering website (<https://www.cowboypoets.com>). Clues in the form of rhymes and riddles will be published on a weekly basis.



The objective of the CC Treasure Hunt is to introduce the participants to some of the great historical “nuggets” in Cochise County while expanding community knowledge of our cowboy cultural heritage and all the great talent we will be bringing to the community through performances at the Cochise Cowboy Poetry & Music Gathering.

One of the objectives of doing the game using a mobile app is to appeal to a younger audience than those who usually attend the Gathering – after all it’s cool to be a cowboy!

Another objective of the game is to generate interest and enthusiasm in attending the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Cochise Cowboy Poetry & Music Gathering on February 8 and 9, 2019.

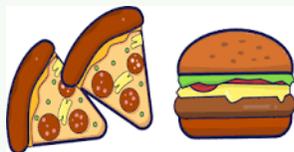
The game will be promoted through digital, print and radio broadcast media channels that serve Cochise County. Players will be instructed to download a mobile app, scan a code and begin solving clues published exclusively on Wick Media publishing platforms.

The Gathering has a number of partners who are also offering “Instant Win” prizes when you sign up for the app at their location. Our partners are Applebee’s, C-A-L Ranch Stores, Chili’s, Culver’s, Pizza Hut Bistro and Summit Fitness. If you sign up at their location, you receive the “Instant Win” prize, and you will immediately attain 50,000 points as your start in the game! You can possibly get 2,000,000 points for the entire game, and the most points attained are eligible for the top prize. The top winners will receive some wonderful prizes, with the main prize being a Moto G6 phone with 9 years of unlimited text and data, sponsored by Mobile Data Link. Other prizes include glider

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rides, \$100.00 gift certificates, and items such as an electric drill.



Instant Prizes



**Moto G6**

**Grand Prize**



Instant Prizes

### Basic Game Play of the Treasure Hunt

The game is basically a scavenger hunt with a mobile app. The object of the game is to use clues to determine a target location, perform a task and when completed, earn points toward sponsored prizes.

The game will be comprised of 15 clues leading to historical locations and points of interest throughout the entire county that are relevant or connected to the history of cowboys in Cochise County. Clues will be shown on various websites and Facebook pages, the primary being the Cochise Cowboy website.



→ [www.cowboypoets.com](http://www.cowboypoets.com)

Once a player arrives at the correct location (they will be alerted by the app that they are at the right place), "Rangler Rick" will give them an assignment ranging from answering a set of questions, to taking a selfie and uploading it. Once the player completes the assignment, they will receive points accordingly, and those points will be automatically tabulated to and displayed on the leaderboard, which is available on a publicly accessible web page.

Prizes will be announced and awarded at the Gathering.

A full set of rules and the clues are shown at the CCPMG website: <https://www.cowboypoets.com>

Come join the fun and learn a bit about the community where you live or might be visiting for a spell – Cochise County!



## **Artist Liaison Co-Chairs Gene & Sharon Raymond**

Well, the 27<sup>th</sup> Gathering is almost here, and it is going to be a **great one!** Our Featured and Participating Artists are now “all rounded up”. We have 10 Featured performers for our Headline Stage shows on February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at Buena High School. We have selected "Around the Campfire" as this year's theme to celebrate the “swapin’ of yarns and songs” that happened after a hard day on the trail.



This year we will have two Headline shows (on Friday and Saturday evening), a full day of sessions on Saturday, and a barn dance on Saturday just before the Headline show. To help us relax around the campfire after a hard day on the trail we will have some of your favorite song and story “wranglers” like Mike Moutoux, Terry Nash, Kristyn Harris, Joe Herrington, 3 Trails West, and The Hanson Family. We also have some new wrangles like Amy Hale Auker and one wrangler or should I say *Paniolo*, Gordon Freitas all the way from Hawaii.

In addition, we have an outstanding group of 15 Participating Artists, both returning and new, who will be performing during the Saturday daytime sessions on the 9<sup>th</sup>, also at Buena High School. Check them all out on the Gathering website:

[www.cowboypoets.com](http://www.cowboypoets.com).



Also back by popular demand is our Barn Dance! Young and old alike are invited to “stomp the boards” to the music of 3 Trails West, WMA Group of the Year for 2016. The fun begins Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 to 6 PM in the Buena High School Gym. The cost is only \$5 Per Person at the Door or admission is free with a ticket for our Saturday Headline performance.

So start spreading the word to your “pards” and neighbors; it's never too early to start “rounding up all the strays” to get the “biggest herd” we can for our 27<sup>th</sup> Gathering! Tickets for can be purchased online at the Gathering website <https://www.cowboypoets.com/tickets.html> or at Spur Western Wear, Safeway, and the Sierra Vista Visitor Center in Sierra Vista.