List of Books and DVD’s about our Area

Videos and DVD’s

“Somewhere on the Edge of Nowhere” - produced by Mark Pahuta, coordinated by Liz Babcock, written by Cliff Lawson, and featuring interviews of local people, shots of IWV past and present - tells the story of our valley in the middle, or edge, of nowhere. 65 min. DVD $24.95

“Visions in Stone, Rock Art of the Cosos”- by Mark Pahuta, 1998; 60 min. - $15.00 Overview of the rock art of the Coso Range; dating techniques, ceremonial theories, etc. Interviews with rock art experts. It contains amazing photos from the Cosos, including the new sites. This video won "Best of Show" at the Society of Technical Communication 1999 International Video Competition. PAL available (for use in Europe). DVD - $15.00

“Secret City”-two volume set featuring the history of China Lake and its development over 50 years. $30.00 (No discounts)

"Sand Canyon Station“- Interviews with local folks who provide a glimpse into the construction of the Los Angeles aqueduct and the lives of people who worked as aqueduct patrolmen. Life in Sand Canyon in the 1930's. DVD available $24.95 (no discounts)

“Between Two Worlds”- Produced by Mark Pahuta. A brief lyrical introduction to the Coso Petroglyphs. 11 min. $14.95

NEW – “Petroglyphs of the Coso Range” Screensaver — Rock art images from the Coso Mountains of southern Inyo county, California. Some images are from sites with no public access. Works on 16:9 or 4:3 formats on PC. $5.95

New— “Wildflowers of the Indian Wells Valley Deserts and Surrounding Areas, Kern County, California” Screensaver — Over 140 photos of local wildflowers with common names. Mac or PC with at least Windows XP with Service Pak 3. $4.95

Our Publications

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"Archaeology and Rock Art of the Eastern Sierra and great Basin Frontier" by Alan Garfinkel. Gives a picture of human occupation in our area back through many centuries. $29.95

"Following the Shaman's Path" by Dr. David Whitley. 1998 A walking guide to Little Petroglyph Canyon, Coso Range. Dr. Whitley's interpretations of what some of the glyphs might mean. 67 pages, $12.95.

"Coso Rock Art, A New Perspective" Edited by Elva Younkin, 1998; Changes and advances made in the interpretation and dating of Coso rock art. Introduction by Dr. Paul Bahn. 182 pages. $24.95

"Rock Drawings of the Coso Range" by Campbell Grant, Jim Baird, Ken Pringle. Descriptions, drawings, and photographs of the Coso Range rock art. THE definitive work on the Coso Range; 145 pages. $21.95

“The Archaeology of Ayers Rock (CA-INY-134) California” by David S. and Tamara K. Whitley and Joseph M. Simon. This book describes a collection of archaeological materials gathered at the Ayers Rock site over 40 years ago. The materials collected were mislaid for many years until they were located, catalogued, analyzed and interpreted. Our former board members Judyth Reed and Russ Kaldenberg made important contributions to the project. $29.95

“The Indian Wells Valley and Northern Mojave Desert Handbook” by the China Lake-Ridgecrest Branch of the American Association of University Women, 7th ed. 2002. Everything you need to know about the Indian Wells Valley and surrounding areas. Includes history, natural history, places to visit, etc. $14.95

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“Before the Navy”-  Result of a study commissioned by the Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake, as part of a survey and inventory of historic-era cultural resources for the North and South Range areas prior to acquisition by the Navy. The Navy gave us permission to publish this in book form. $12.95

"Art and Poetry of Gladys Merrick" - Edited by Liz Babcock; wonderful drawings and poems by our own Gladys. $14.95

"Adventures of a Desert Bush Pilot" by Sylvia Winslow. Explore and enjoy the vast Mojave Desert of decades ago with Sylvia, Slim and their small plane, Buttercup. 130 Pages. $19.95

"The Epsom Salts Monorail - The American Magnesium Company Monorail in San Bernardino County, California" - Illustrated history of the longest monorail ever built in the United States, by Alexander Rogers. $12.95

“A Land Use History of Coso Hot Springs, Inyo County, California” This report by Iroquois Research Institute was reprinted by the Maturango Museum with the Navy’s permission. Included is abundant geological and historical information about this fascinating area, now on the Navy reservation. Maps, diagrams, photos, and more. 229 pages. $19.99

“Sidewinder — Invention and Early Years” by Elizabeth Babcock $7.95

“Magnificent Mavericks, History of the Navy at China Lake, California vol. 3” by Elizabeth Babcock, 2008, Transition of the Naval Ordnance Test Station From Rocket Station to Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Center, 1948-1958. $40.00

"Fifty California Desert Wildflowers" – Desert Sketchbook by Gladys Merrick, reprinted! $14.95

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"Gold Gamble" by Roberta Starry, A history of the near-by mining towns and of Randsburg. $24.95


"Exploring the Northern Mojave Desert" by Janet Westbrook  Trips within three hours of Ridgecrest in all directions- up-to-date info on Death Valley, Owens Valley, Antelope Valley, and the Southern Sierra. Includes chronological history of activities in our area. 28 pgs. paperback. $2.95

Historical Society of the Upper Mojave Desert Publications

“A History of the Churches of Indian Wells Valley and Vicinity” by Fred Weals. $11.95.

“Indian Wells Valley - How it Grew" by Fred Weals. How our valley streets got their names and other land info. $17.95.

"Zig Zag Post Office and Its Neighbors,” by Jane Thomann. That little green building still left at Little Lake and the other tiny post offices in the area. $15.00

"How It Was, Some Memories by Early Settlers of the Indian Wells Valley and Vicinity". Tales of early Indian Wells Valley $9.50

"Indian Wells Valley Stage and Freight Stops," with photos and maps $15.00

We have many more books on our area, including botany, animals, ecology, hiking, off-roading, mining, and history. We also carry an extensive selection of children’s books in the museum Gift Shop. Come in and browse!

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