LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
BRENDA THOMSON

What separates us
Sometimes when I wake up in the morning I don’t want to get out of bed. It is hard to think straight when you are bombarded with news stories of political strife, natural disasters, and human tragedy before your toes even touch the floor. What keeps me moving forward is not fear, but the hope and inspiration that the humanities bring. They teach us about the world we live in, small towns, big towns and everything in between, and how to live and work together.

We may live miles apart, but we are connected nonetheless, through the air we breathe, water we drink, and planet we share.

What brings us together
We bring people together from across Arizona to discuss, learn, and reflect on what is important to us all. Teachers and students explore the history and contributions of Native peoples, and learn about the Civil War, slavery and the Underground Railroad. Families and children read together, meet authors and illustrators, and share ghost stories on Halloween. People visit libraries and museums, and attend programs to learn about the importance of water for animals and plants, and the impact of farming, mining and industry on our natural resources. We all have stories to tell about our experiences of droughts and floods, and what happens when you have water, and when you don’t.

What really matters
We talk. We listen. We learn. At Arizona Humanities we know that teaching people to be civil and respectful, and to be open to other perspectives, is fundamental to democracy. What do we make of the news we hear each day? How does the media shape our opinions about current events in our state and nation? The humanities help us understand these events and take an active role in shaping the communities we live in. At the end of the day what matters most is people, our hopes and dreams, the challenges we face, our common destiny.

Please take a moment to check out our annual report and the roads we have traveled during the past year. Whether you are meeting us for the first time, or are one of our longtime friends and supporters, we hope you will join us this year as we explore new faces and places in the human experience.

Hope to see you soon,

Brenda Thomson
Executive Director

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AZ Speaks
AZ Speaks is the humanities resource. Every year, communities across Arizona are able to learn about the humanities. Speakers share presentations on film, music, culture, history, the environment and more. People learn something new about their state, their neighborhoods and the nation.

FRANK Talks
FRANK Talks are small group discussions that provide the opportunity for people to meet each other, talk, and consider different points of view.

Water/Ways Smithsonian Exhibit
The Smithsonian Water/Ways exhibit tours Arizona from 2018-2020. People can learn about the importance of water to our lives and economy through stories, history, events, and more at the new website azhumanities.org/waterwaysAZ. This exhibit is made possible by Arizona Humanities and the ASU Walton Sustainability Solutions Initiatives and School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies.

Water/Ways Tour Dates

- **June 2 – July 15, 2018**
  Bisbee Mining & Historical Museum, Bisbee, AZ
  Brought to you by the Bisbee Council on the Arts & Humanities

- **July 28 – Sept. 9, 2018**
  Fort Apache and Theodore Roosevelt School National Historic Landmark
  Fort Apache, AZ
  Brought to you by the Fort Apache Heritage Foundation, Inc.

- **Sept. 22 – Nov. 4, 2018**
  Bullion Plaza Cultural Center and Museum
  Miami, AZ

- **Nov. 17 – Dec. 30, 2018**
  McFarland State Historic Park
  Florence, AZ
  Brought to you by the Town of Florence

- **Jan. 12 – Feb. 25, 2019**
  Henry F. Hauser Museum
  Sierra Vista, AZ
  Brought to you by the City of Sierra Vista

- **March 9 – April 21, 2019**
  Amerind Museum
  Dragoon, AZ
  Brought to you by the Amerind Foundation, Inc.

- **May 4 – June 16, 2019**
  Central Arizona College, Aravaipa Campus, Winkelman, AZ
  Brought to you by the Copper Corridor Economic Development Coalition

- **June 29 – Aug. 11, 2019**
  Carl Hayden Visitor Center at Glen Canyon Dam, Page, AZ
  Brought to you by the Glen Canyon Natural History Association

- **Aug. 24 – Oct. 6, 2019**
  Camp Verde Community Library, Camp Verde, AZ
  Brought to you by the Friends of the Verde River Greenway

- **Oct. 19 – Dec. 1, 2019**
  Tubac Presidio State Historic Park, Tubac, AZ
  Brought to you by the Black Canyon City Community Association, Black Canyon Heritage Park

  Cañon Elementary School District 50
  Black Canyon City, AZ
  Brought to you by the Lake Havasu City Historical Society

- **Feb. 8 – March 22, 2020**
  The Lake Havasu Museum of History, Lake Havasu City, AZ
  Brought to you by the Lake Havasu City Historical Society
Youth + Families
Through grant-funded programs and other special events such as Ghostly Stories, National Poetry Month, and Hop, Skip, and Jump into Reading, we supported 65 events reaching over 4,000 parents and children.

Ghostly Stories, held each October continues to grow in attendance, and provides a fun way for families and children to experience stories, receive free books, create art, and play in downtown Phoenix.

Partnerships In The Community
Working with partners allows Arizona Humanities to broaden our reach and expand our impact across the state. We work closely with the Arizona Women’s Hall of Fame, the Hance Park Conservancy, and many museums, libraries, and nonprofits to bring humanities programs to audiences.

Democracy And The Informed Citizen
Explore the connections between democracy, the humanities, journalism, and literature. Hear from Pulitzer winning journalists, authors, artists, and scholars to explore the first amendment and freedoms that are the earmark of our nation’s democracy. Thank you to The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for their generous support of this initiative and the Pulitzer Prizes for their partnership.

Ellis-Shackelford House 100th Anniversary
The Ellis-Shackelford House has been the home of Arizona Humanities for 30 years. This historic house was designed by local architect R.A. Gray and built in 1917 by prominent physician William C. Ellis. In 2017, descendants of The Shackelford Family came together to celebrate the 100th Birthday Party of this beloved place.
AWARDED GRANTS FY2017

Arizona Humanities oversees a competitive grants program that awards funding to nonprofit organizations, schools and other institutions for humanities programs in Arizona. Learn more about each project funded at azhumanities.org.

Project Grants Awarded

The Vail Preservation Society, Vail
Storying Arizona Special Initiative, “Celebrating Every Voice”
$10,000

ABOR, Arizona State University, English, Tempe
Red Ink Indigenous Initiative Cultural Series for Teens
$5,000

ABOR, University of Arizona, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Tucson
In Transit/En tránsito: Arts, Migration, Resistance
$10,000

Amerind Foundation, Inc., Dragoon
Transnational Deep History: Human Connections and Archaeology in the Ancient Borderlands of Arizona
$10,000

Archaeology Southwest, Tucson
Archaeology Cafe 2.0: Exploring Phoenix and Tucson Underground
$9,000

Borderlands Theater, Tucson
Barrio Stories Project: Barrio Anita
$10,000

Cinefemme – Santa Monica, CA
The Women On The Mother Road in Arizona: Screening and Discussion Programs
$5,000

Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, Scottsdale
Footprints on the Desert: Frank Lloyd Wright in Arizona
$4,000

Friends of Canoa Heritage Foundation, Green Valley
Canoa Speaks Tohono O’odham
$1,534

Jewish History Museum/Holocaust History Center, Tucson
MyLife Archive: Tucson
$4,400

Kore Press, Tucson
Letters to the Future
$10,000

Maricopa County Community College District Foundation – Mesa Community College – Mesa
TEDx: Representing Disability: An Interdisciplinary Journey
$10,000

Morning Star Leaders Inc., Ganado
Youth Traditional Bow & Arrow Project
$4,950

Museum of Northern Arizona Center, Flagstaff
Heritage Insights Series: Zuni, Hopi & Navajo Festivals
$5,000

Museum of Northern Arizona, Flagstaff
14th Annual Celebraciones de la Gente Heritage Insights Series
$6,500

National Orphan Train Complex Museum and Research Center, Concordia, KS
THE ORPHAN TRAINS – Arizona’s Hidden History
$6,000

Old Pueblo Archaeology Center, Tucson
Who Are The Sobaipuri O’odham?
$5,000

Southwest Folklife Alliance, Tucson
Taste Bud Memories
$5,000

Tohono O’odham Community College, Tohono O’odham Studies Program and Continuing & Community Education, Sells
History and Stories of the Tohono O’odham Districts
$5,000

Tucson Botanical Gardens, Tucson
Food Traditions and Favorite Recipes from Tucson’s Mexican-Americans
$5,000

Veterans Heritage Project, Scottsdale
Since You Asked: A Veteran Oral History Program
$10,000

Mini Grants Awarded

Arizona Historical Society, Flagstaff
Flag Wool and Fiber Festival 2017
$1,996

Arizona Jewish Historical Society, Phoenix
Phoenix Jewish Documentary Film Series, Spring 2017
$600

Arizona Press Women Inc. dba Arizona Professional Writers
Payson Payson Book Festival
$2,000

Arizona Wilderness Coalition, Tucson
Seek the San Pedro
$2,000

Desert Dance Theatre, Mesa
The Mississippi Journey: Three Life Experiences / Honor and Duty: The Mississippi Delta Chinese
$2,000

Lowe House Project – Tubac
Rio Compartido/Shared River
$2,000

Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, Southern Arizona Senior Pride, Tucson
Serving with Honor, not Equality: LGBT Veterans, World War II to Now
$2,000

Tucson Chinese Cultural Center, Tucson
Where Are You From? - Asian Pacific American Storytelling in Tucson
$2,000

Tucson Desert Art Museum, Tucson
Vaquero and Charro: An Enduring Legacy
$2,000

Photo credit (left):
Royce Manuel w/program participant, Testing the Bow courtesy Morning Star Leaders

Photo credit (right):
Dr. Alan Eladio Gómez signs books after his Author + Talk We are the Crisis: Between Freedom Dreams and the Re-Birth of a Nation,
FINANCIALS
Year Ending October 31, 2017

Revenues
- National Endowment for the Humanities: $824,815
- Donations: $49,391
- In-Kind Contributions: $24,000
- Programs Revenue: $30,800
- Other (Investment, miscellaneous income): $38,971

TOTAL: $967,977

Expenses
- Programs & Grants: $530,158
- General & Administrative: $250,965
- Advocacy: $61,402
- Fundraising: $40,096

TOTAL: $882,621

GIVE TODAY
Arizona Humanities brings people together to discuss, learn, and engage in the human experience—who we are, where we come from, and where we’re going. Your tax-deductible donation supports a legacy of cultural programs all across Arizona. It’s easy! You can make a gift online at: azhumanities.org/give.

Thank you!
“The humanities show where we have come from, how to cherish our past, and how we need to hang on to it for future generations.”

— AZ Speaks
Attendee in Benson, AZ