Yuma Art Center Soon To Have Historic Home

The first step toward establishment of a permanent home for the fine arts in Yuma will be taken this month when a famous and historic Yuma property is turned over to the Yuma Art Center.

The property is located at 240 Madison Avenue — site of the residence of the late E. F. Sanguinetti Sr. The property, when it becomes the home of Yuma Art Center, will be called "Century House and Gardens." The fine old adobe home on this property has its roots deep in the history of Yuma a hundred years ago, and the gardens and aviaries on the property have long been a beautiful showplace of this community.

Yuma Art Center, whose activities have been assisted by the Yuma Recreation and Parks Department, will move into the property later this month. January marks the 10th anniversary of Yuma Art Center. In earlier years, the Art Center was located in the old U.S. Immigration Service building on the southeast corner of 16th Street and 4th Avenue, made available through the kindness of Mrs. George Holmes.

Opening Jan. 22nd

Century House and Gardens will open its doors on Sunday, Jan. 22nd from 3 until 6 p.m. to which art patrons and their wives, and Art Center members and families invited. Refreshments, music, and an exhibit of works of local artists will be offered. An open house to which the entire public can be invited will be announced later.

Following the Jan. 22nd opening, Century House will be the scene of an enlarged program of daily activities.

In conjunction with the Yuma City-County Library, it will continue to offer exhibits, of both local and out-of-town works, indoors and out-of-doors on the lawn.

It will offer adult and children's classes in painting and sketching.

Art work will be exhibited for sale.

Fine Arts Center,

The Yuma Art Center hopes that ultimately other fine arts groups of Yuma will find it possible to join in the development of Century House and Gardens into a complete fine arts cultural center. It is believed that such a center would benefit and entertain not only Yumans but their guests and visitors as well.

Mrs. Floyd J. Tester is president of Yuma Art Center. Other officers include Don Brown, vice president; Mrs. Charles Bradley Smith, secretary; and Marcell Moser, treasurer.

The house committee for Century House is composed of Norman Hindle as chairman, Mrs. Toland Williams as fund drive chairman, and Mrs. Charles Bradley Smith.

Supported by Art Patrons

The move into Century House is being made possible by an art patrons' fund drive. A 10-member committee has been making personal solicitation of $10 contributions from art patrons throughout the community. Persons desiring to assist in this effort may make contributions to any one of the following committee members:

Mrs. Steve Orto, Mrs. Exton Jones, Mrs. Charles Bradley Smith, Mrs. Howard R. Gwynn, Mrs. Floyd J. Tester, Mrs. Gilbert Borchers, Mrs. Joseph Baker, Mrs. Toland Williams, Mrs. J. Earl Miller, Jim Mainville, Jens Johannsen and Don Brown.

The move of Yuma Art Center into a permanent home reflects a marked increase in art activities and interest in Yuma. In the past, Yuma Art Center has given two scholarships annually to high school art students of merit. Its members participate in local exhibits, and in statewide exhibits, particularly in the first and second Arizona Annual held in the Phoenix Public Library art exhibits, Tucson Art Center, and Palm Springs Art Gallery, where many have earned awards.

To Offer Instruction

After Yuma Art Center is settled in its new home, it is planned to offer instruction in art with local artists as teachers.

Mrs. Russell Bartlett will teach graphics. Mrs. Exton Jones will teach water color and drawing. Jens Johannsen, art instructor at Crane school, will have a Saturday morning class for children. Registration for classes will be held at 9-12 a.m. on Jan. 14th.

Such activities, along with the maintenance of the property itself, will be substained in part by the donations of art patrons.

Historic Site

The old Sanguinetti home is one of Yuma's oldest and best-preserved adobe structures, parts of which are almost a hundred years old. For many decades it was the home of E. F. Sanguinetti, a pioneer and builder of Yuma. It was he who over 60 years ago planted the great tall palms and built the first aviaries in the gardens.

In this home were entertained almost every governor of Arizona, United States Cabinet members, senators and congressmen, a President of Mexico, bishops and archbishops, artists, writers, musicians, businessmen and travellers.

ART CENTER — Yuma art lovers are busy getting the new home of the Yuma Art Center in shape. Instructors at work are, from left, Jens Johannsen, Mrs. Inez Bartlett and Mrs. Esther Jones. To be called the "Century House and Gardens," the center will be at the old E. F. Sanguinetti home at 240 Madison. (Sun Staff Photo)

LIVED LONGEST

Longest - lived signer of the Declaration of Independence was Charles Carroll of Carrollton, who lived until 1832, dying at the age of 95.

Mrs. Oswald, 94, Native Yuman, Dies in Calif.

Mrs. Elizabeth Oswald, eldest child of Captain and Mrs. Isaac Polhamus, Yuma pioneers, died at San Pedro, Calif. Dec. 20th at the age of 94, local relatives announced.

She was born in Yuma Oct. 12, 1866. She was married to Frank H. Oswald and lived in San Pedro for many years. Her husband died several years ago.

Mrs. Oswald died four days after her sister, the late Mrs. Agnes V. Hodges of Yuma.

Surviving are two children, Mrs. Luther E. Mead of San Pedro and Richard I. Oswald of Los Angeles, Calif.; a sister, Miss Jennie Polhamus of Yuma; a brother, Charles H. Polhamus of Hemet, Calif., three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The Rosary service and Requiem High Mass were held in San Pedro. Interment was in Inglewood Cemetery beside her husband.

Jovita Mata, 99, Long-Time Yuma Resident, Dies

Jovita Mata, 99, resident of Yuma for the past 45 years, died Friday night at her home, 865 12th Avenue, it was announced yesterday at the Johnson Mortuary.

There will be a wake this evening at the Johnson Chapel from 7 to 10, with Rosary at 8. Funeral Mass will be sung at the 15th Avenue Catholic Church Monday at 10 a.m., followed by interment in the Yuma Catholic Cemetery.

She was born in Mexico in 1862. Surviving are a son-in-law, Alfino Guzman of Yuma; three sisters, Anita Esquibel, Trinidad and Cruz Mata, all of Mexico, and a brother, Jovito Mata, also of Mexico.

Rites Held for Ruiz Infant

Graveside services were held yesterday morning in Desert Lawn Memorial Park for Marissa Ruiz, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Filipe Ruiz of Somerton, who was born and died Friday at Parkview Hospital, it was announced at the Johnson Mortuary.

The Rev. Montalvo officiates at the rites.

Surviving are the parents and three brothers, Felipe, Victor and Ramon, all of Somerton.

Somerton Man's Car Is Stolen at Andrade

A Somerton man had his car stolen from the border at Andrade yesterday afternoon according to report from the Winterhaven Sheriff's Office.

R. T. Kennedy reported his car stolen between 2 and 5 p.m. from where he had it parked on the U.S. side of the border.

Description of the automobile was a 1955 Chevrolet Bel-Aire white over brown.

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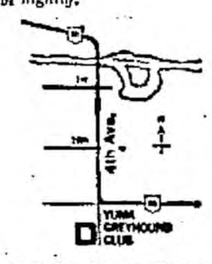
These races will be held each night from January 7th through January 18th. First race . . . 7:00 PM nightly.



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Plans Made For Police Training

Sheriff Lee E. Echols and City Police Captain Harold Breech finalized plans in Phoenix last week for a training program for local law enforcement officers.

Beginning Jan. 23rd and extending until Jan. 28th, Arizona Highway Patrol instructors will hold two three-day sessions on accident investigation.

Three FBI instructors will begin a nine-point training program Jan. 30th lasting until Feb. 9th. The program will instruct 30 deputies, City Patrolmen and members of the Border Patrol.

Subjects to be instructed are: laws of arrest and transportation of prisoners; interviews; note taking and report writing; interrogation; statements; collection, preservation and identification of evidence; testimony in court; evidence; and public relations.

Singers To Entertain Senior Citizens Tues.

On Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. the Senior Citizens will be entertained by a group of singers who come labeled as "The Barbershop Chorus".

This should be something special for all who enjoy "Barbershop" singing. After the entertainment by this group, refreshments will be served and table games will be played as usual.

Firemen Extinguish 3rd Ave. Brush Fire

A brush fire on the 2100 block on 3rd Avenue Friday afternoon at 5:49 o'clock was extinguished by the fire department without causing any damage. One truck was dispatched to the scene.

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