



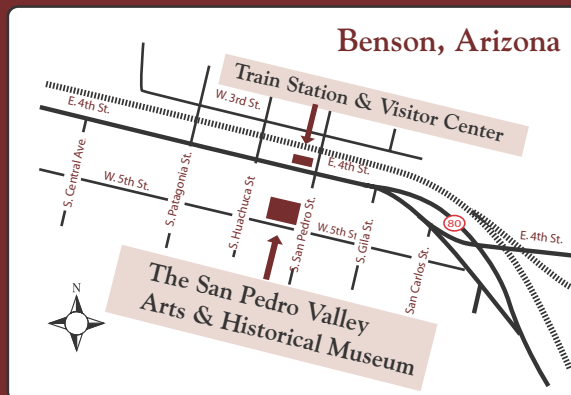
Our permanent displays provide an opportunity to step into an old-time general store and make a trip to an optometrist's office.



Other displays highlight home life, health and work. The Benson area is known for its connection to the railroads and to mining.



1914 horse-drawn school bus



The San Pedro Valley Arts & Historical Museum

Located at the corner of
S. San Pedro & 5th
P.O. Box 1090
Benson, Arizona 85602

October to April : open - Tuesday thru Friday
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and
Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
May to Sept. : open - Tuesday thru Saturday
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Closed all of August.

The San Pedro Valley



Arts & Historical Museum

A Treasure Chest of
Benson's Past
and
Home to Today's
Art & Culture

Museum Gift Shop



Our gift shop has a wonderful selection of handcrafted items, great seasonal gifts, greeting cards, Benson items, cookbooks, and books on Arizona history.

Children's Art Classes

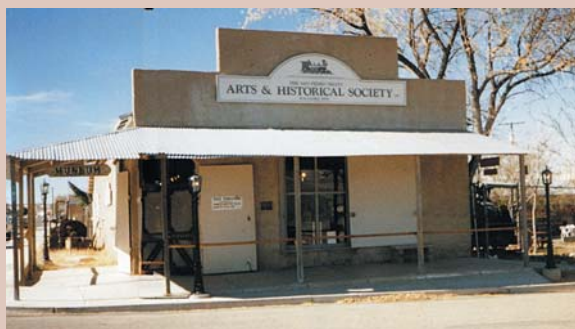
Every year the museum hosts a month-long series of art classes for children from the surrounding area. A great variety of projects are provided to suit all the children's interests.

Research Library

Our research center consists of hundreds of files on subjects pertaining to our area. The expanding library includes old newspapers, journals, directories, and an oral history collection from local residents about our colorful past.

Museum

In 1983 the San Pedro Valley Arts & Crafts League and the local Historical Society merged to form the San Pedro Valley Arts and Historical Society, a nonprofit organization.



Today's museum is housed in a 1920s store building. The grocery display shown on our cover was part of the original store. Take a trip back in time and experience our ever-changing displays of local history. We have photographs, clothing, household goods, and items used in the railroad, cattle and mining industries.

Our museum is staffed by knowledgeable volunteers under the guidance of a board of directors.

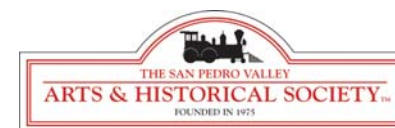
** We are thankful for the kindness of benefactors Catherine E. Stephens and Anne Herrmann whose bequests provide funds for museum operations. Ms. Stephens also provided money for yearly student scholarships which are awarded to local graduates.*

Art and Quilting Gallery



A separate building on the museum premises houses a wonderful art display and interactive quilting experience.

Museum quilters will be on hand to teach quilting history. You will have the opportunity to try out this craft!



To learn more about current activities and exhibits call : **(520) 586-3070**
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<http://www.rootsweb.com/~azspvahs/index.html>
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www.bensonvisitorcenter.com