

Accession # 2012.73

Rim Country Museums
Marguerite Noble Library
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Title

The *Tonto Trails* Magazine Collection

Dates

1957-2000 (intermittent)

Extent

28 magazines in two binders, 5 linear inches (0.4167 linear feet)

Creator

Northern Gila County Historical Society

Administrative History

Tonto Trails magazine was started in 1955 by Norman Mead, who later also published the *Arizona's White Mountains* magazine. *Tonto Trails* was issued once a year, and initially cost 25 cents. The magazine provided articles about Rim Country and its happenings, such as a “fish derby” on Tonto Creek and how to make beef jerky.

Norman Mead was the son of Maynard Mead, who in 1939 purchased 40 acres under the Mogollon Rim that later became a development known as Mead's Ranch. Norman's love of the outdoors is clearly seen through his many publications and photographs. His maps anchored the magazine, and one became a popular placemat used in Rim Country throughout the years at places such as Aunt Alice's (today's Gerardo's) and the Beeline Café.

While *Tonto Trails* magazine eventually ceased publication, Norman's son Russell continues to publish *Arizona's White Mountains* magazine and other materials.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of issues of the *Tonto Trails* magazine printed between 1957 and 2000. Issues focused on the Payson-Pine-Strawberry, Tonto Basin, Globe, and Apache Trail areas.

Conditions Governing Access

Collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use

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Languages and Scripts of the Materials

All materials are in English.

Finding Aids

A rudimentary index has been created to help find articles in the magazines. Please ask the Archivist for assistance.

Immediate Source of Acquisition/Provenance

These materials were found in the collections of the Rim Country Museum in 2012; it is believed issues were collected by staff members as they were published.

Related Archival Material

Issues of the *Tonto Trails* magazine are also held in the collections Northern Gila County Genealogical Society.

Preferred Citation

Bibliographic citations must cite the title of the collection, the box number (or other location) and the Northern Gila County Historical Society, Inc. Please use the following example:

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Description Control

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Access Points (Access Terms)

Apache Trail (Ariz.)

Festivals

Globe (Ariz.)

Hunting

Fishing

Mead, Norman

Tonto Natural Bridge (Ariz.)

Payson (Ariz.)

Pine-Strawberry (Ariz.)

Punkin Center (Ariz.)

San Carlos Reservation (Ariz.)

Sunflower Store

Tonto Basin (Ariz.)

Zane Grey Cabin