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# Centennial and Bicentennial Events in Arizona

# Comprehensive List of Information

Centennial and Bi-Centennial Events				
Centennial or Bicentennial	Who hosted the event	Website/Article	Local/County/State	Brief Description
Centennial	State of Arizona	<a href="https://azcapitoltimes.com/news/2011/05/17/state-breaks-ground-on-centennial-project/">https://azcapitoltimes.com/news/2011/05/17/state-breaks-ground-on-centennial-project/</a>	State	A groundbreaking celebration to transform Washington St into "Centennial Way" to celebrate the 100th anniversary into the union.
Bicentennial	Anza Trail Riders	<a href="http://npshistory.com/publications/juba/newsletter/37.pdf">http://npshistory.com/publications/juba/newsletter/37.pdf</a>		Anza Trail Ride Reunion in Arizona to commemorate the Tucson Charros and their Bicentennial Trail ride. The ride represented the contributions that the Anza and settlers made in the American West.
Bicentennial	Arizona Bicentennial Commission	<a href="https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=94920">https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=94920</a>	State	Bicentennial Mile Marker installed in Fredonia, Az that celebrates the exploration of the Dominguez y Escalante Expedition. The expedition explored California, Arizona and New Mexico, as well as the four corners area.
Centennial	Arizona Centennial Legacy Projects funded by AHAC	<a href="https://azlibrary.gov/sites/default/files/ahac-legacy-projects.pdf">https://azlibrary.gov/sites/default/files/ahac-legacy-projects.pdf</a>		Details a variety of funded historical projects (educational and lasting) that portray a significant aspect of Arizona history.
BiCentennial	Arizona Bicentennial Commission (for the 1987 for US Constitution bicentennial)	<a href="https://azmemory.azlibrary.gov/nodes/view/115218">https://azmemory.azlibrary.gov/nodes/view/115218</a>	State	This is the 1988 annual report from the commission and includes details on projects and events, including a Summer Reading Program in public libraries.
Centennial	AZ Department of Forest Management	<a href="https://dffm.az.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/Witness%20Trees%20Book%20-%202012.pdf">https://dffm.az.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/Witness%20Trees%20Book%20-%202012.pdf</a>		Arizona Centennial Witness Trees, dedicated throughout the state. The trees were verified to have witnessed Arizona's Statehood from Feb 14, 1912 - Feb 14, 2012.
Bicentennial	American Freedom Train	<a href="https://www.freedomtrain.org/american-freedom-train-timeline-printable.htm">https://www.freedomtrain.org/american-freedom-train-timeline-printable.htm</a> <a href="https://www.dcourier.com/news/yavapai-countys-two-centennial-trees-mark-arizonas-birthday/article_2e9d082e-ba11-56f4-bde2-1f6248967fdc.html">https://www.dcourier.com/news/yavapai-countys-two-centennial-trees-mark-arizonas-birthday/article_2e9d082e-ba11-56f4-bde2-1f6248967fdc.html</a>		Train stopped in Yuma, Tempe, and Tucson. While in Yuma, A "hold-up" was staged by masked horsemen at the edge of town. The theatrics were coordinated by local communities to welcome the train with some wild-west flair. While in Tempe, Displayed at Arizona State University. Singers Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash gave a benefit concert for the train on the 27th. The AFT crossed paths with the "Bicentennial Wagon Train to Pennsylvania " for the sole time.
Centennial	Yavapai County		County	Two trees were planted in Yavapai county to recognize the centennial
Centennial	Central, Northern, and Southern AZ	<a href="https://azbigmedia.com/lifestyle/adventures/arizona-centennial-events/">https://azbigmedia.com/lifestyle/adventures/arizona-centennial-events/</a>	State	List of various events around the state: Central ("Arizona World Fair," Tale of Two Cities joint Goodyear and Avondale Parade, Sundial Capsule, Centennial Gala, Flight Festival), Northern (Train Ride and Sweetheart Dinner, Pine Cone Lowering, 100 Quilt Project, Film Festival) Southern (Orchestra, Gem and Mineral Show)
Centennial	Arizona Centennial Commemoration	<a href="https://www.celebratearizona.com/centenarian-brunch/">https://www.celebratearizona.com/centenarian-brunch/</a>	State	Brunch celebration at the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel with Pat McMahon and the Governor
Centennial	Celebrate Arizona	<a href="#">Events   Celebrate Arizona</a>	State	Events from around the state from May 2011 - May 2012
Centennial	State	<a href="#">Arizona celebration marks state's 100th birthday - Deseret News</a>	State	Creation of State Stamp for the Centennial
Centennial	National Park Service	<a href="#">100 Years, 100 Miles - Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument (U.S. National Park Service) (nps.gov)</a>	State	Free admission to park and sign up to help carry the state flag for 100 miles
Centennial	ADOT	<a href="https://azdot.gov/tags/centennial">https://azdot.gov/tags/centennial</a>	State	ADOT is helping mark the occasion by installing 40 Grand Canyon Centennial signs along state highways across Arizona. (For the Grand Canyon Centennial)
Bicentennial	State Fairgrounds	<a href="#">American Revolution Bicentennial   Arizona Memory Project (azlibrary.gov)</a>	State	Painted the roof of the building at the State Fair Grounds
Bicentennial	State	<a href="#">Newsbeat, 1978-08   Arizona Memory Project (azlibrary.gov)</a>	State	Working with local historian to publish book along with Bicentennial and hand out at events
Bicentennial	ASU	<a href="#">Arizona Black Dispatch, 1976-04-21   Arizona Memory Project (azlibrary.gov)</a>	Local	Advertisement for event discussing the importance of contributions by Black women to the development of the Nation for the Bicentennial
Bicentennial	Arizona Talking Book	<a href="#">Talking book news, 1976-04   Arizona Memory Project (azlibrary.gov)</a>	State	Creation of Bicentennial reading lists
Bicentennial	Arizona Commission on the Arts	<a href="#">1976 Arizona Commission on the Arts annual report to the Governor   Arizona Memory Project (azlibrary.gov)</a>	State	Various art performances around the state for the Bicentennial
Centennial	Arizona CENTennial Children's Legacy Project	<a href="#">Arizona CENTennial Penny Drive Announces Winners   Willcox Range News   myheraldreview.com</a>	State	Awards for participating elementary schools to collect the most pennies to help refurbish the Arizona Capitol Dome

# Centennial Event Highlights

## Arizona CENTennial Penny Drive Announces Winners

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More than 68,000 Arizona K-8 students collected \$23,237.45 in pennies to assist in refurbishing the Arizona Capitol Copper Dome.

Last month, at Estes Elementary School, 11279 W. Grier Road, in Marana, Estes Elementary School, as the school that collected the most pennies of any participating school statewide, received a \$500 check, a commemorative plaque in the shape of Arizona and a party, courtesy of Bashas' with special appearances by:

- The Copper Chopper, the official mascot of the Arizona Centennial
- John Huppenthal, Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Officials of Freeport-McMoRan, program sponsor

Estes Elementary School in Marana collected \$1,309.70 - more than any other school in Arizona!

One-hundred and eighteen schools and nearly 70,000 K-8 students across the state participated in this Arizona CENTennial Children's Legacy Project to learn Arizona history and participate in a service-learning project to collect pennies that will go toward the effort to shine the Arizona State Capitol Copper Dome as it serves as centerpiece for the upcoming Centennial celebration.

Blue ribbon winners in each of Arizona's 15 counties (in addition to the grand prize winner, Estes Elementary School) are:

Apache - Concho Elementary School, Concho

Cochise - Pearce Elementary School, Pearce

Coconino - Fredonia Elementary School, Fredonia



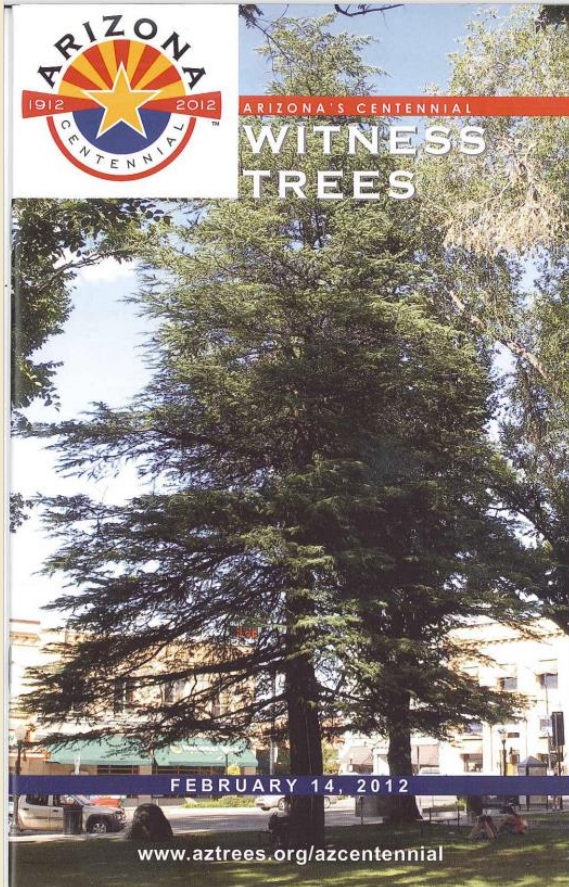
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Award announcement for participating elementary schools who collected the most pennies to help refurbish the Arizona Capitol Dome

[Arizona CENTennial Penny Drive Announces Winners | Willcox Range News | myheraldreview.com](#)

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Arizona Centennial Witness Trees, dedicated throughout the state. The trees were verified to have witnessed Arizona's Statehood from Feb. 14, 1912 –Feb. 14, 2012

[Witness Trees Book - 2012.pdf \(az.gov\)](http://www.aztrees.org/azcentennial)

# Centennial Event Highlights

## State breaks ground on centennial project

Jeremy Duda // May 17, 2011 // 1 Minute Read



*(From left to right) Director of Phoenix Street Transportation Wylie Bearup, former Arizona Supreme Court Justice Charles Jones, Phoenix City Councilman Michael Johnson, Gov. Jan Brewer, Secretary of State Ken Bennett, Phoenix City Councilman Bryan Jeffries, Director of the Arizona Centennial Commission Karen Churchard. (Photo by Ryan Cook/RJ Cook Photography)*

The state officially broke ground on a project to transform Washington Street into “Centennial Way” just in time for Arizona to celebrate the 100th anniversary of its entry into the union.

Gov. Jan Brewer, Secretary of State Ken Bennett, Phoenix City Councilmen Michael Johnson and Bryan Jeffries, and others were on hand for the groundbreaking ceremony Tuesday at the Carnegie Library. The \$7.1 million facelift will include repaving, landscaping, shading and other improvements along the 1.5-mile stretch of Washington Street, from Central and 19th avenues.

Centennial Way will include displays for each of Arizona’s 15 counties, a “tribal walk” featuring each of the state’s 22 Native American tribes and a canopied shade area with a display featuring information about Arizona’s history and environment.

“Centennial Way is more than just a street enhancement project. This is a legacy that Arizonans will be proud of. When completed,

Groundbreaking celebration to transform Washington St into “Centennial Way” to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary into the union.

[State breaks ground on centennial project | Arizona Capitol Times \(azcapitoltimes.com\)](http://azcapitoltimes.com)

# Centennial Event Highlights

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### Arizona Centennial Best Fest Event



The Arizona Centennial Best Fest Event will commemorate the 100th anniversary of Arizona's statehood. The Hopi Tribe designated the Hopi Office of Revenue Commission who is currently working on tourism management initiatives and economic-related activities, to be the point of contact for the Arizona Centennial Celebrations. The Office of Revenue Commission will lead a team of local residents in representing the Hopi Tribe at the Arizona Centennial Best Fest event in Downtown Phoenix, Arizona on February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Organized by the Arizona Centennial Commission and the Arizona American Indian Tourism Association, the Best Fest will showcase an Indian Village. Within the village, several of Arizona's Tribes will be represented with traditional structures, dances, arts & crafts, and demonstrators.

The Hopi Tribes representation will include the construction of a replica of a Hopi House and will include a local dance group and local artisans. Antone Honanie of Kykotsmovi village will lead a dance group who will be performing the Pal'hik Mana Dance (Water Maiden) as well as the Eagle Dance. Members of the Miss Hopi Royalty will be on hand to meet and greet visitors and provide general information on Hopi. Lorencita Saufkie of Shungopavi village will demonstrate Piki making and will explain its importance to the Hopi culture. Dorothy Ami from the village of Tewa will educate visitors on the meticulous process of creating Hopi/Tewa pottery, from collecting the clay to the finished product. Annetta Koruh from the village of Bacavi will create Yung'ya'pu's and will explain the process and materials needed to create these works of art.

The Hopi House Planning Team consists of representatives from the Moenkopi Legacy Inn, the Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation, the Hopi Tribe Office of Community Planning and Economic Development, the Hopi Tribe Office of Revenue Commission and local business entrepreneurs. Support for this event comes from the Hopi Tribe Office of the Chairman, Peabody, and Brycon Construction.

We anticipate a successful event and our team would like to invite everyone to visit the Indian Village and the Hopi House.

For more information on the event, you may visit:

[www.az100years.org](http://www.az100years.org)

Kwak'kwah/Asquali



As part of the Best Fest for the Centennial events the American Indian Tourism Association hosted an "indian village". Within the village several of Arizona's tribes were represented with traditional structures, dances, and demonstrations.

[february-2012.pdf \(beyondthemas.com\)](http://february-2012.pdf(beyondthemas.com))

# Centennial Event Highlights

## 2012 Celebrate Arizona's Centennial

February 24, 2012 — yumasquarerounddanceassociation

*(Photo Slideshow Links to the many photos from the Festival are at the bottom of this post)*

### Preparations

Well over a year ago, a committee chaired by Bunny Riley began the work to make the 2012 Yuma Square and Round Dance Festival an official event of the Arizona Centennial Celebration. After hours of research and completing multi-paged forms, the committee had succeeded. Our Association had earned the right to display the State Centennial Logo. The work had just begun.



It took many people spending many hours to pull it all together.



As the planning progressed, more and more ideas were added to make the event truly special. Bunny spent the year collecting photos and memorabilia of Yuma spanning the century. Presidents Tom and Londa Mannan worked with the Yuma Territorial Prison State Historic Park to have a special dance there during the Festival.



The decision was made to invite the California Heritage Dancers to provide demonstrations throughout the Festival. This proved to be one of the most popular additions to the Festival.

Plans were also made to ask dancers to wear period clothing for the Saturday evening dance.



Ribbons were printed bearing the Centennial Logo. Dangles were ordered to commemorate both the year and the prison dance.



As is usually the case, time seemed to fly, and it was February 10, opening day of the Festival.

The Arizona Square and Round Dance association hosted a festival with dance demonstrations.

[2012 Celebrate Arizona's Centennial | Yuma Square and Round Dance Association \(wordpress.com\)](http://www.yumasquarerounddanceassociation.com)

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"The Phoenix Pioneer & Military Memorial Park was part of the "Arizona Best Fest" and this fine old cemetery was open for tours. At the request of its director our Camp had a table at the event where we talked about the SUVCW and the Civil War in Arizona."

[Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Picacho Peak Camp Newsletter, 2012-04 | Arizona Memory Project \(azlibrary.gov\)](#)

## Arizona Centennial—Arizona Best Fest

The weekend of February 11-12, 2012, (along with the 14<sup>th</sup>) was the official celebration of the Arizona State Centennial and Washington Street from 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the Capitol building at 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue was closed to showcase a multitude of Arizona entertainers, artisans, and others. The Phoenix Pioneer & Military Memorial Park was part of the "Arizona Best Fest" and this fine old cemetery was open for tours. At the request of its director our Camp had a table at the event where we talked about the SUVCW and the Civil War in Arizona.



Left to right: Camp Commander David Swanson, Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Bloom and Brother/Compatriot Jan Huber. Brother Huber is also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution (as is Swanson) and he had the adjoining table for the SAR.

# Bicentennial Event Highlights

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## [The 1975 - 1976 American Freedom Train](#)

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In Tempe, the AFT crossed paths with the "Bicentennial Wagon Train to Pennsylvania" for the one and only time.

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**A.J. Bayless**

The train displayed at Arizona State University.

Image: Bob Skillman collection

# Bicentennial Event Highlights

The top of the Coliseum at the State Fair Grounds was painted for the Bicentennial.

[American Revolution Bicentennial | Arizona Memory Project \(azlibrary.gov\)](https://www.azlibrary.gov)



# Bicentennial Event Highlights

Article discussing the importance of contributions by Black women to the development of the nation for the Bicentennial.

[Arizona Black Dispatch, 1976-04-21 | Arizona Memory Project \(azlibrary.gov\)](#)

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## Bicentennial Heritage Highlights



**(con't. from last wk.)**

Independence Hall, its historic building, original renovated and now, in its corner the Philadelphia - celebration. The block west of the site at Seventh and Arch Streets is the Afro-American Museum. A contemporary, four-level building, the museum's primary theme deals with the African diaspora to all of the New World. Six major display areas are supplemented by an auditorium and there are provisions for a permanent archives and library. The largest date for opening the facility which will accommodate six visitors per hour, is June 1, 1976.

At nearby Anacostia, Blacks will participate in the "Anacostia" - music festivals held in honor of the Bicentennial and an elaborate program of summer concerts at Fort Detrick in Fairmount Park, site of the Negro Soldiers Monument on Landdowns Drive. On August 18th the Jesse Owens Inter-City Track and Field Championships will take place while on August 18th there will be the important Exhibit of Ethnic Contributions to American Life at the Free Library in the city of Philadelphia.

Also not to be missed by the Black visitor is Mother Bethel AME Church at 419 South Sixth Street. Founded in 1788 by Richard Allen and Absalom Jones, Bishop Allen is buried in a basement vault at the church. The city's Museum of Art and

slave trade.

Boston's oldest Black monument, now under restoration - the African Meeting House in South Court, Boston.

Other houses on South Court and the Abel Smith School are also of great importance. The George Middleton, John J. Smith, Lewis Hayden and George Grant houses, all in the Beacon Hill area, are steps on the Black Heritage Trail. So is the Charles Street Meeting House, a citadel of the abolitionist movement where Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, William Lloyd Garrison and Wendell Phillips met during the days preceding the Civil War.

On the Boston Common is a monument to the abolitionist with Massachusetts Regiment at the corner of Beacon and Park Streets. This was the first Black division from the North to serve during the Civil War.

The Boston Museum of Afro-American History offers guided tours on the Black Heritage Trail which may be arranged by appointment. 1977-1978.

The Boston 200 group has prepared many interesting brochures, guide books and tourist information centers to help visitors in the city this year. Their number is (617) 266-1976.

Neither Philadelphia nor Boston, however, will quite the nation's capital, which did not even exist at the time of the Revolution. At General Washington's request, French city planner Major Pierre L'Enfant, assisted by Black Maryland inventor and surveyor Benjamin Banneker, undertook the planning of the city. When the temperamental Frenchman withdrew before

down, some closed, info. portraits, clippings belonging to the Black leader and a huge bust of Douglass at the height of his career - as an abolitionist.

Every element of the Afro-ethnic labor is being highlighted this year. Because the whole of American history is under intense reexamination, it is only fair and natural that Black contributions to the national saga receive their share of emphasis.

Washington today is a city of approximately 700,000 of which some 250,000 are Black. Now self-governing with a Black mayor and its own council, the city has elected Mayor Walter E. Washington to his second term in office. On the federal level there is an increasing number of Blacks in all three branches of government. From Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman and a host of deputy and assistant secretaries in the Department of the Interior to the Honorable Thurgood Marshall on the supreme court, to Senator Edward Brooke and the 17 Black members of the house of representatives, Blacks are involved in the policy and implementing decisions of the government.

The important repositories of Black culture in Washington are Howard University, the Museum of African Art, Lincoln Park with its gardens of Lincoln and Mary McLeod Bethune, the home of Frederick Douglass in Anacostia, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library, the homes of Duke Ellington and Mary Church Terrell.

Close to the Capital in southeast Washington at 2828 A Street N.E. is the new Museum of African Art, which is expected to become part of the Smithsonian Institution. Located in

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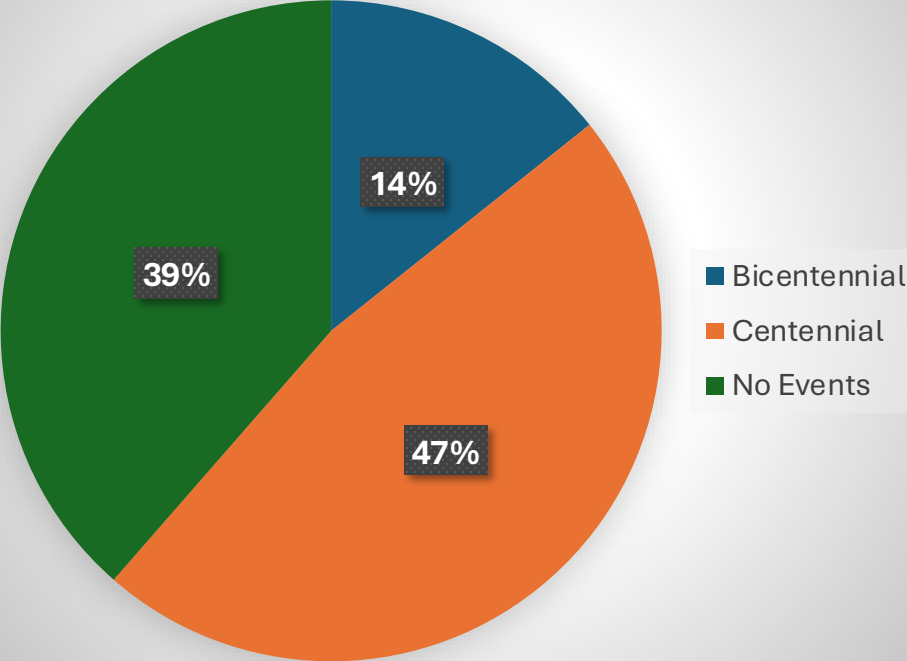
Rodeo, Chariot Racing, Parade with winning float, Display of Founder and Declaration of Independence at a local church, and fireworks.

[White Mountain Independent, 1976-07-08 | Arizona Memory Project \(azlibrary.gov\)](https://www.azlibrary.gov)



# Summary

### Events by City



This information does not account for AHAC Centennial Legacy Events

### County and State Events

