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## Arizona Women's Hall of Fame Announces Its Newest Inductees



PHOENIX, AZ -- On November 13, 2008 at 3 PM at the Carnegie Center (1101 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007), four remarkable women will be inducted into the Arizona Women's Hall of Fame. Following the induction ceremony, there will be a reception with light refreshments. Please join us to honor these amazing women. Learn of their lives and celebrate their achievements on November 13 at the Carnegie Center.

The 2008 Inductees:

### **Betty Accomazzo, 1926-1989. Rancher, historian, and author from Laveen.**

A rancher who had a very strong commitment to documenting the history of Arizona ranching people, she compiled and edited seven volumes of the *Arizona National Ranch Histories of Living Pioneer Stockman*. She also wrote *Arizona Cowbells: This is Your Life*, a book containing biographies of ranch women from around the state. She was inducted into the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center in 1983 for her work in preserving the histories of Arizona pioneer ranching families.

### **Katharine Bartlett, 1907-2001. Museum professional, anthropologist, and scientist from Flagstaff.**

Involved with the Museum of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff for sixty years, she helped shape it into an internationally recognized museum and research center. Serving as the Curator of Anthropology from 1930-1953, she established preservation guidelines and techniques that became the model for others in the state. She also conducted systematic work to document important archaeological sites along the Colorado River. She was a charter member of the Arizona Academy of Science and the Arizona Association for University Women.

### **C. Louise Boehringer, 1878-1956. Teacher, school superintendent, legislator, and author from Yuma.**

Often called "the mother of the Arizona educational system," she was the first female elected to the position of School Superintendent in Yuma County in 1913 and she became editor of *Arizona Teacher Magazine*. In 1920, she was elected to the State Legislature, where she initiated many educational reforms including the establishment of the State School Board. Because women were often excluded from men's professional groups, she organized women's groups, including the Arizona Federation of Business and Professional Women.

### **Sister Kathleen Clark, 1919-2003. Nurse, child advocate, and social worker from Tucson.**

In 1973 she established the first child crisis nursery in the country. Appalled at the victims of child abuse that she saw in her work as a nurse in the emergency room at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tucson, she opened a safe haven for neglected and abused infants and toddlers. She also founded and became the Executive Director of Casa de los Niños from 1973 to 1987. Under her direction, it expanded to include older children aged four through eleven. In the first thirty years of its existence, over 32,000 children stayed at Casa de los Niños.

The Arizona Women's Hall of Fame program pays tribute posthumously, and honors in perpetuity, the remarkable women whose contributions to the arts, athletics, business, education, government, the humanities, philanthropy and science, have played a significant role in the history of Arizona and provide a significant contribution to the historical record of the State of Arizona. Currently, 75 women have been inducted. Women are inducted into the Hall of Fame every two years. To learn more about all the women in the Arizona Women's Hall of Fame, visit the website at [www.lib.az.us/awhof](http://www.lib.az.us/awhof).



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