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**ALL ABOARD FOR A GLENDALE HISTORICAL JOURNEY:  
2010 CENTENNIAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION BUS TOURS**

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – Go back in time with the Glendale Historic Preservation Commission’s Centennial Historic Preservation Bus Tour. The event provides a guided, armchair tour of significant historic sites within Glendale as well as walking tours of a few selected homes or other sites that are historically significant.

As part of Glendale’s Centennial celebration, three bus tours will be offered to explore Glendale’s notorious homes and buildings listed on the National Historic Register.

**DATE & TIME OF TOURS**

- Date: Saturday, May 22, 2010
- Boarding Time: 8- 8:15 a.m.
- Departure Time: 8:30 a.m.
- Return Time: Noon
- Point of Departure & Return: Glendale Civic Center,  
5750 W. Glenn Drive

**TOUR OPTIONS**

***Bus #1: Glendale Gems Tour***

The Glendale Gems Tour will provide walking tours of the First United Methodist Church Sanctuary, Glendale High School Auditorium, the First National Bank Building and Thunderbird Control Tower on the campus of Thunderbird School of Global Management. These “gems” represent community institutions upon which present-day Glendale was founded.

***Bus #2: Historic Homes and Districts Tour***

The Historic Homes and Districts Tour will consist of walking tours and armchair tours aboard the bus through three historic homes/ buildings of Catlin Court, Northfield, Glendale Tract and Thunderbird Estates/McDonald Addition Historic Districts. Much of Glendale’s history can be charted through the genesis of its homes and neighborhoods, when and why they were developed, and the storied past of some of their early inhabitants.

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***Bus #3: Grand Historic Landmarks Tour***

The Grand Historic Landmarks Tour will consist of a guided tour through Sahuaro Ranch and Manistee Ranch. Key points of interest will include walking tours of the main house and guest house at Sahuaro Ranch, and the house and office building at Manistee Ranch. Glendale's history harkens back to its early agricultural roots, and ranches such as Sahuaro and Manistee were the community's earliest cornerstones.

A detailed itinerary along with maps and other informational items will be provided on the tour.

Participation is limited to the 33 seats available on each of the three buses (a total of 99 seats), and reservations will be made on a first-come-first-served basis. The tours are funded in part by a grant from the Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors. To make a reservation or for more questions, contact Karen Flores, AICP, at 623-930-2593 or [kflores@glendaleaz.com](mailto:kflores@glendaleaz.com).

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