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Attention- Dedication of Centennial Plaza

Clarkdale, AZ

The public is invited to attend the dedication of the Centennial Plaza in Clarkdale from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 14, 2012 at the Town Complex at 19 N 9th Street featuring a reception in the Clark Memorial Clubhouse Men's Lounge with light refreshments and a ribbon cutting and picture-taking ceremony in the Plaza.

Centennial Plaza commemorates the Town of Clarkdale's 100 year anniversary. This demonstration permaculture project has restored the area in front of the historic Clark Memorial Clubhouse to an attractive community space and includes a newly-installed rainwater harvesting system to collect rain from the parking area in catchment basins and rain from the Clubhouse roof into 5,100 gallons of cisterns buried alongside the Auditorium. The captured water will be delivered to the native and low-water-use trees, shrubs, and perennials when available as a demonstration of the beauty of using these types of plants with rainwater harvesting. At the heart of the Plaza is a new courtyard featuring commemorative pavers and benches while providing a pleasant outdoor area.

Construction on the Plaza began in April, 2012, and work has been completed by local contractors and members of the Town of Clarkdale staff. In addition, generous donations of materials and labor were received from Salt River Materials Group, Clarkdale Metals, Drake Meinke, and Bent River Machine.

The Town is grateful to the following businesses for their contributions to this project:

Design—Chris Anderson
Excavation and Grading—Thad Card Excavating
Rainwater Harvesting and Finish work—Green Earth LC
Plants and Planting—Arizona Botanical Gardens
Finish Granite—Salt River Materials Group
Sidewalk Forms—Fann Environmental
Concrete—Hanson Aggregates Arizona Inc.
Slag Boulders – Clarkdale Metals

Temporary Signage – Sonny Jackson
Rails for the Centennial Sign – Drake Meinke
Fabrication of Centennial Sign Metal – Smelter City Iron Works
Centennial Sign Copper Finishing – Bent River Machine

The next phase of the project includes the installation of interpretive signage describing each of the plant species used in the garden area and the completion of landscaping along Main Street at Ninth Street.

For those wishing to become a more permanent part of Clarkdale's history, Information regarding the purchase of commemorative benches, trees, and pavers will be available at the dedication. Anyone with questions may contact the Community Development Department at (928) 639-2500.

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