High Mountain Chordsmen advance to district contest

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The High Mountain Chordsmen, Prescott's chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, sent two quartets to the Arizona Division competition in Mesa on March 16. Antique Parts and Mountain Sound have both advanced to the Far Western District competition to be Oct. 13-16 at the Fox Performing Arts Center in Riverside, California.

Though both quartets qualified in the senior category, in the Arizona Division, Antique Parts was also named "Super Senior" quartet champion for the Far Western District. To be a Super Senior quartet, all members must be at least 65 years old and the quartet must have a combined age of 280 years. The combined age for Antique Parts is 313 years.

Antique Parts is comprised of: Lead - Ed Massa, Bass - Tommy Keenan, Baritone - Sam Stimple and Tenor - Rich Ludwigson. Mountain Sound members are; Lead - Dick Patton, Bass - Ed Wolfe, Baritone - Ed Kenney and Tenor - Ed Roush. All are members of the High Mountain Chordsmen and are active in the quad city area promoting a cappella music in the barbershop style. Antique Parts has been very active, visiting local schools and teaching the harmony style of barbershop music to students.

The chorus has organized a youth workshop for the last 3 years in conjunction with its annual show. Young men from area schools from middle school through college are invited to attend. An award winning quartet is enlisted to conduct the work shop each year. This year, The Arizona Division

Champions, Suit Up, will be the clinicians for the youth workshop. All members of the youth chorus will perform on stage during the show.

This year's show "Awesome Arizona" will be Nov. 12, at the Ruth Street Theater on the campus of Prescott High School. Tickets will be available soon for \$15.

The chorus meets at 7 p.m. on Thursdays at the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Willow Creek Road and Smoke Tree Lane in Prescott. Visitors are welcome.