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## Exciting Visitors at Caballo Pool Photos by Jeff Mott & Terry Temple (the Pool Guys)



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2008 Board & Volunteers

In early May, installation of the new Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act compliant drain at our Caballo Pool was progressing swimmingly (pun intended). That was until Bill Winters of Pioneer Pool discovered a Honey Bee Hive in the Ramada!

Now the question was “are these guys European honey bees (EHB) or Africanized honey bees (AHB). Summoned by Jeff, the BeeBusters came to the rescue. They determined that some, if not all of the bees, were Africanized so the entire hive had to be killed. This is a decision that is never taken lightly as EHB populations have recently seen sharp declines across the USA, Canada and Europe. Scientists fear the declines could have a serious effect on our food production because bees are essential to pollination.

The BeeBusters thought it took 3 days to get rid of them all. The stragglers that weren't there when the hive was treated would return to the hive to find their football-sized comb gone and the queen dead. Those few would then try to build another hive about the size of a baseball, but would die within a couple of days because there was no queen.

According to the USDA the behavior—not the appearance—of the AHB is different from the EHB.

The AHB swarms much more frequently than other honey bees. A colony (group of bees with comb and brood) may either be managed (the white hive boxes maintained by professional beekeepers) or wild.

A group of bees that are in the process of leaving their parent colony and starting a nest in a new location is called a “swarm.” Scout bees often locate potential nest sites prior to swarming, but the swarm may spend a

day or two clustered in impressive, hanging clumps on branches or in other temporary locations until the bees settle on a new nesting site.

Typically an EHB hive will swarm once every 12 months. However, the AHB may swarm as often as every six weeks and can produce a couple of separate swarms each time. This is important

because as the AHB swarms more often, the likelihood of encountering an AHB swarm increases significantly.

Regardless of myths to the contrary, Africanized honey bees do not fly out in angry swarms to randomly attack unlucky victims. However, the AHB can become highly defensive in order to protect their hive. It is always better to exercise caution with respect to all bee activity.



The AHB is far less selective about what it calls home and will occupy a much smaller space than the EHB. Known AHB nesting locations include water meter boxes, metal utility poles, cement blocks, junk piles and house eaves AND our Caballo Ramada eaves!

The Africanized honey bee is extremely protective of their hive and brood. The AHB's definition of their “home turf” is also much larger than the European honey bee. The best advice is that if you see a bee hive, start moving away immediately.

If you are chased by bees, run! And, do not stop running until you reach shelter, such as a vehicle or building. Once you have reached shelter or have outrun the bees, remove all stingers. Do not pull stingers as this will only squeeze more venom into the wound. Instead, scrape the stinger out sideways.



A very special thank you to Joe Sheppard & his Band !!!



# Cinco de Mayo



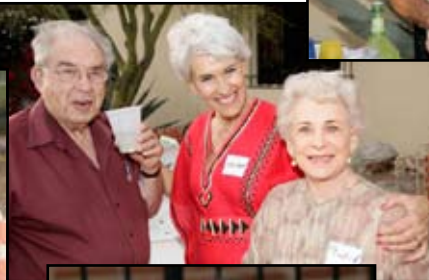


## Social Activities & Membership

Marianne Van Zyll

How much better could our Cinco de Mayo have been then with no less than 60 of you participating. I'm very happy to see that more and more of you are taking part in our community's get-togethers. Again our thanks to Joe Sheppard and his band AND our margaritas on the house, we had a great atmosphere. Nobody should've gone home hungry because we had plenty wonderful dishes to share. Thank you for all your enthusiasm in keeping this community together. My special thanks to Caryl Dougherty for ALL her help and to our bartenders Jeff Mott and John Cushman.

Marianne, Social Chair



We wish all of our wonderful Catalina Pueblo neighbors a very healthy & happy summer.

Next newsletter will be published October 1st.

Connie & Steve



### Mark your calendar

Halloween Party  
October 24

Christmas Party  
December 12

# pueblorecipes

recipes collected and edited by david scott allen • june 2009

David Scott Allen publishes a monthly on-line food magazine called recip(e)rocity.

We are thrilled that he has consented to be a monthly contributor to our CPA newsletter!

This is a new column for the Catalina Pueblo Chronicle. It won't necessarily center on the regional cuisine of Tucson, but on the cuisines of all regions of the country and the world. I hope you enjoy it!

Summer is upon us – for certain here in Catalina Pueblo and most likely for those who have escaped to cooler climes. Regardless, summer is a good time for preparing things to be served cold, like chilled soups. They are refreshing, generally easy and they require little or no last minute prep. Here is a favorite of ours – one that is flavorful, easy to prepare and very healthy.

## Cucumber Soup with Sautéed Shrimp



1 pound raw medium shrimp, peeled & deveined  
2 tablespoons butter  
¼ cup dry white vermouth  
2 large cucumbers, peeled, seeded and coarsely chopped  
1½ cups buttermilk  
1 tablespoon mild white vinegar (dill or other herbed vinegars are fine)  
1 tablespoon sugar  
1 teaspoon salt  
white pepper to taste  
3 tablespoons chopped fresh dill weed

Rinse shrimp and pat dry. Melt butter in a small skillet and add shrimp, raise heat and toss until pink. Remove from heat and reserve. Add vermouth to the skillet and reduce over high heat until reduced to a few spoonfuls. Pour over shrimp and season with salt and pepper. Allow to cool.

Place chopped cucumbers in a food processor or blender. Process briefly, add buttermilk and process until smooth. Add vinegar, sugar, salt, white pepper and dill to taste and process again for a few seconds. Chill thoroughly.

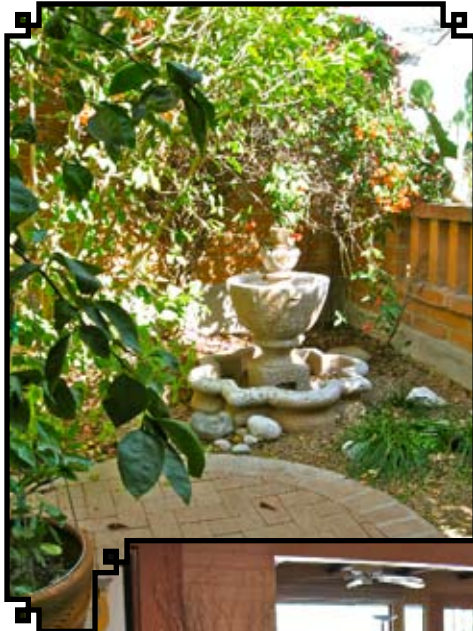
Ladle soup into bowls, top with shrimp and extra dill for garnish. Serves 4-6.

*If you are in a rush, this can easily be prepared last minute without sautéing the shrimp. Use ½ pound pre-cooked salad shrimp and toss with a splash each of vermouth and olive oil, with salt and pepper to taste. Process the cucumbers, buttermilk and dill as described above and ladle into bowls. Mound the salad shrimp in the center and serve.*



# Special Spaces

Jo Ann Marcus



Natural, colorful garden with mostly native, easy care plantings leading to the front door.

Romantic courtyard, viewed from the kitchen, with fountain & brick patio.

Bright skylit bathroom adorned with Mexican tiles & hand painted vanity.



Warm, mellow adobe shades in this book-lined living area with many Native art, pottery & sculptural pieces.



Dining area showcasing Native art collections of masks, basketry, pottery & art.





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## Garden Gallimaufry

### Jo Ann Marcus & Mark Sammons

#### SUMMER GARDENING CALENDARS

##### JUNE

- Monitor watering carefully
- Shade and mulch vegetables

##### JULY

- Reduce watering in monsoons season
- Plant local heirloom crops
- Tidy up the gardens

##### AUGUST

- Reduce irrigation in monsoons season
- Prepare beds for cool-season crops

##### SEPTEMBER

- Plant most trees and shrubs
- Fertilize citrus, fruit trees, roses, and lawns on Labor Day
- Prune plants to shape if needed
- Harvest pomegranates
- Plant tomatoes, peppers, beans, squash, gourds, and pumpkins
- Divide and transplant iris
- Prepare a site for winter wildflowers

Whilst sipping cocktails on the terrace one afternoon, a visitor from Phoenix said of the palms soaring over a neighbor's garden "Palms look so wrong in the desert." How astonished she was to learn that several palms are in fact native to the oases of our southwest deserts. Worldwide, more than 2,600 species encompass both fan and long-frond palms. Three genera of fan palms are native.

The natives are the Washington palms. *Washingtonia filifera*, the stout-trunked California fan palm that reaches 45 feet. It occurs naturally in several dozen oases in northern Baja and southern California, especially at springs along the San Andreas Fault, and in a few groves in western Arizona. It gave its name to Palm Springs. *Washingtonia robusta*, the Mexican fan palm, is also called skyduster palm for its tall slim trunk that can soar to 90 feet. It occurs naturally in canyons in northern Baja and a few coastal sonoran groves.

Another genus, *Brahea*, give us the blue hesper or Mexican blue palm, *Brahea armata*, with bluish leaves, from northern Baja, and well adapted to our desert conditions.

The western Mediterranean fan palm *Chamaerops humilis* grows to five or ten feet. The multiple trunks of a single specimen make a compact miniature grove in a garden corner, and

the stiff, finely cut leaves evoke a botanical Riviera, Spain or Morocco.

The hot, cold and dry mountains of temperate and subtropical eastern Asia from Tibet eastward across China are the origin of the genus *Trachycarpus*, with eight species, all fan palms. Of these, the species *T. fortunei* endures our extremes of heat and cold. Its single trunk, reaching 20 or 30 feet, is covered with a mat of sisal-like fiber that is appealing to birds. The compact fans on long stems (petioles) give it an open look and the nickname windmill palm.

Very different from fan palms are the date palms, with long arched leaves. The thirteen species in its genus, *Phoenix*, originated in various areas across North Africa, the Middle East and southern Asia. The fruit-bearing *Phoenix dactylifera* is the classic tree of Saharan and Middle Eastern oases, ideal for an exotic Scheherazade mood. Gardeners with confined space might prefer the miniature (8-foot) date palm, *Phoenix roebelenii*. Naturally multi-trunked, this dwarf prefers dappled or afternoon shade and lends a tropical look.



The stout-trunked broad-crowned Canary Island date palm, *Phoenix canariensis* requires plenty of space for its dramatic performance.

The queen palm, *Syagrus romanzoffiana*, is a bad choice for the desert. Native to frost-free and humid Brazil, Paraguay and Argentina, it is easily damaged by desert frost and dry air. Graceful in a felicitous climate, here it can look shabby for much of the year.

Palms need fast-draining gritty soil, and their shallow roots need regular moisture; plan to irrigate. When planted in cool soil, palms sulk; plant in late spring or early summer.

You can visit and compare types of palms in the southwest corner of the Tucson Botanical Garden, and at the Boyce-Thomson Arboretum near Globe, and enjoy a naturalistic oasis planting of fan palms at Agua Caliente Park in eastern Tucson.

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## Tried & True Trades

### Adobe

Rudy Martinez of Adobe Specialists, Inc.  
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Recommended by Joe & Sandy Thompson

### Appliance Service & Repair

Bill Bender-The Appliance Doctor of Tucson  
742-6759  
Recommended by Marianne VanZyll

### Audio, Video, Internet

Channel Choice TV 888-0044  
DirecTV - DISH network - QWest Products  
Recommended by Jake Robbins

### Electrician

Phil Clouch 390-0471  
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982-0275  
Recommended by Jeff & Judy Mott

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While You Are Away Services - Carol Foster  
982-1208 [www.iwatchhouses.com](http://www.iwatchhouses.com)  
Recommended by Steve & Connie Church

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John Pesqueira, Hunter's Tile Interiors 975-6995  
Recommended by Jeff & Judy Mott

American Tile West 444-8788  
Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

### Windows

Miraco (Locally manufactured) 622-8862

### Water Classes

Kay Griswold's daughter has again consented to lead water aerobics one or two times per week this summer. If you are interested, please call Kay at 797-5536. When she knows how many of you want to participate, she can organize the days and time.

## Our new neighbors!

### Carol & Gene Gieseler



After searching the valley for two years from Oracle to Tubac for their perfect nest, Gene and Carol discovered Catalina Pueblo in their own backyard. They purchased the Franzheim residence at 6211 N Calle Minera and moved from the Vista de los Candles neighborhood on Ina Road, a distance of less than 8/10 of a mile.

Carol is a retired chef who recently sold her “Carol’s Coffee Shoppe” in Oro Valley. She had previously served in the food business for 20 years, with seven years as a Chef at the Sheraton El Conquistador. Gene is a semi-retired estate and trust lawyer and is “Of Counsel” to his old law firm located on Ina road next to the Northern Trust Bank.

Carol hails from Cincinnati, Ohio and moved to the Tortolita Mountains with six children in 1986. Oshkosh, Wisconsin is the home of Gene. He moved to Phoenix, Arizona in 1962, and eventually to Tucson where his son was born.

Gene and Carol met six years ago and after an exciting courtship were married in 2006. They enjoy their daily walks with their dog Silver, a white German Shepherd, around and through the trails of the Pueblo as well the wonderful neighborhood stores. They feel they are part of a work of living art, with the unique architecture and landscaping that surrounds them.

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October 20  
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November 17  
@ Marianne Van Zyll

December 15  
@ Carol Sinclair’s