Catalina Pueblo Chronicle

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State of the Pueblo

Allan Bogutz, President

Valedictory

After five years in the Pueblo and two years as President of the Board of Directors, this will be my last newsletter report to the neighborhood. Our house has now sold, in only three weeks, and we will be leaving February 28th.

This is a special community, something that we all know. The level of volunteerism is exceptional and the sense of pride in our homes is vividly evident as we walk around our streets. We have made many friends in our time here and have felt welcomed from the day we arrived.

Our board has taken a very laissez-faire approach in working on behalf of the association, taking action only as necessary to assure that rules have been made well known and adhered to, to be certain that any changes to structures are subject to clear standards and are approved by the board. We have established clear rules regarding rentals and have even made provisions for special circumstances. Being able to market our home as one in a community that is 90% owner-occupied was probably an important selling point. [One neighbor has already received a one-time, non-renewable exemption and has signed all the appropriate forms and agreements, understanding all of the conditions that the community has imposed.]

I am pleased and honored to have been selected by my neighbors to help in the operation of the Association. Yet the real work done over these two years has not been done by me; the real labor has been that of the other board members that have kept the pools operating, assured that landscaping and roads have been maintained, provided us with many social activities, kept the lights on, kept the books and communicated with buyers' escrow officers, given us excellent newsletters and



assured compliance with architectural standards for any building modifications. In addition, all of the volunteers who have worked with the board to keep the lights on, set up and clean up from social activities, contribute to and deliver the newsletters, keep the pools warm, beautiful and safe, provide us with a directory, review and codify the rules of the Association, collect and monitor leases and serve on committees and all of the other volunteer work deserve huge credit for making our lives that much more pleasant and Catalina Pueblo that much more desirable as a home.

After 44 years in Tucson, we are certainly not leaving completely. We expect to be here for extended time in the winters to come and look forward to seeing all of you in the future. We leave the Pueblo with great fondness. Thanks.

MISTLETOE AND MAILBOX WALK

In February, board members will take a stroll around the neighborhood in order to note where corrective action is needed for two persistent problems. One goal is to identify trees that are infested with mistletoe. The second goal is to identify mailboxes badly in need of repainting.

As a result of the walk, owners of out-ofcompliance properties will be notified that they need to arrange for the mistletoe to be removed or the mailboxes to be painted. When this spring clean-up project is completed our beautiful neighborhood will be even more so.

Pat Wagner Landscape and Architecture Chair

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Pueblo Plodders Yvonne Rolston

The Pueblo Plodders had a lovely series of hikes in January ranging from The Sweetwater Trail with views of Tucson and Wassen Peak, to the desert floor combination trek of Panther Peak Wash and the Roadrunner Loop at Saguaro Park West, to Babad D'oag Trail with stunning elevated views over Tucson, part way up Mt. Lemon. The last two hikes in January saw us trek the Wild Burro Trail in the Tortolita Mountains, and lastly Saguaro West National Park on a 2 hour loop trail incorporating Ringtail, Mule Deer, Ironwood and Picture Rocks wash trails. Although some hikes were windy and cool, the sun shone for us throughout the month.

We look forward to another set of beautiful hikes and delicious lunch breaks in February. We will begin the month on Thursday Feb 7 with an urban stroll (a bit of a departure from our usual hiking) along the Santa Cruz/Rio Nuevo led by Connie Church and will continue every Thursday at 8:30 starting from outside Adelita Pool. All members of the Pueblo who enjoy walking and socializing with neighbours and can manage uneven, rocky trails with some elevation are welcome to come to any or all hikes.

Please call Connie Church to have your name added to the hike email list, otherwise simply be at the pool by 8:30 on Thursday mornings.

















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Garden Gallimaufry Mark Sammons

Mark J. Sammons cookfarm@comcast.net 615-6019 With January's week of night-time freezes we've all been staring at dead and withered plants for several weeks. By now, you may be considering alternatives to plants whose winter beauty is periodically destroyed, especially bougainvillea and citrus.

Bougainvillea will come back, at least from the woodiest inner canes. Leave the unsightly dead leaves as protection of the inner canes against future frosts. They will sprout new leaves, but not until the weather is hot. It will flourish until another severe and prolonged freeze, if not next winter, probably within a few. If you enjoy it from your window during hot weather, it is worth keeping it, but if its location is such that you can enjoy it only when you are outdoors on mild winter days, consider a new location, and replace it with something else.

One strategy to keeping bougainvillea is planting it where you can train and prune it to run horizontally along the top of a low wall or fence. At this height it is easy to cover, and easy to insert stakes to hold the frost cover a few inches above the leaves and blossoms.

Alternatively, start afresh with a bougainvillea in a large pot. A tallish pot will allow it to trail down the sides, while keeping the plant within reach for easy feeding, pruning and covering. Putting the pot on wheels will allow you to roll it under cover when a hard freeze threatens.

Or consider alternatives that are frost-hardy and attractive year-round. Among non-native evergreens are pyracantha, star jasmine, and cross vine. Among deciduous southwestern natives are deciduous trumpet vine/creeper with tidy bare branches in winter and showy orange blossoms in summer. Other deciduous choices include queen's wreath, Arizona grape ivy, Texas virgin's bower, white virgin's bower, and gila manroot. To cool a wall formerly clad in bougainvillea, consider narrow native trees that will fit where your bougainvillea was. You can get the botanical names for these from the Catalina Pueblo website (see sidebar).



New growth emerges on damaged citrus tree, protected by freeze-damaged leaves

Citrus Trees were also decimated in the recent freeze. If you are determined to keep it, leave the dead leaves through the rest of the winter to shade the bark, as the sun can split the bark and kill the tree. Water on your usual winter schedule. When new growth emerges, don't try to rush it with surplus water or extra food; stick to your usual spring schedule. Attempts to rush it with extra water will promote long floppy watersprouts which are unproductive. Let the tree take its time. When it is mostly leafed out, gently bat away dead leaves with a broom. Deadwood may be left or cut away if you find it unattractive.

You've probably noticed that not all citrus suffered equally. They are tropical, and various citrus have differing degrees of cold intolerance.

Strategies: If you must have citrus, re-plant with one of the cold hardiest. Here are the basics from most to least cold tolerant: kumquat; mandarin (a.k.a. tangerine, clementine); orange, grapefruit, pummelo, lemon, lime. Within these, different varieties will have subtle variations in cold tolerance... and heat tolerance, so do your research before replanting.

If you crave a citrus from the tender end of the spectrum, there are a couple of approaches. Plant in a large pot, prune just at bloom time to keep size manageable, and place it on rollers so in a light freeze you can bring it under your porch roof and add frost cloths, or roll it right into your

Garden Gallimaufry – continued Mark Sammons

laundry room or living room during a prolonged severe freeze. If planting a tender citrus in the ground, prune to keep it small enough that you can build a tent of stakes and sheets around it during freezing weather (and on those nights, heat the interior with a light-bulb, or strands of Christmas tree lights of the type that get hot, being careful they don't touch the bark or foliage). Also, choose a variety that ripens in the autumn and early winter so you get some fruit before it is destroyed by the next severe freeze. But be aware that severe cold damage will inhibit spring bloom and diminish the following year's fruiting.

FEBRUARY GARDEN CHORES

Continue to cover plants when freeze threatens.

Retain dead foliage from last freeze as further protection from future freeze.

Valentines Day feed citrus and fruit trees (one of three times per year).

Begin regular feeding of roses, iris, lawns.

Continue to feed pots of blooming winter annuals as needed.

Prune dormant deciduous trees and shrubs, but only if they need it.

Prune, roses, grapes as needed.

Begin harvesting lateripening citrus.

Still time to up cool-weather annuals for doorstep color till heat arrives.

Seeds: still time to plant fast-growing cool-weather veggies and herbs.

Plant seeds indoors for hot-weather vegetables and herbs (tomatoes, peppers, basil), to set outdoors after frost danger is past. Alternatively, switch to deciduous fruit trees. These evolved in regions with severe winters and withstand sub-freezing winters. In fact, they require a certain number of hours of cold per winter to bear fruit, variable by genus and species and variety. Our earliest settlers came from Spain, with its hot dry summers and cold winters. Here they successfully tended orchards of pomegranates, figs, peaches, apricots, quince, grapes, and even apples. Learn from the three centuries of Spanish experiment. Do your research; fruit trees take a lot of specialized care.

Ultimately, though, your garden will do best if you use plants from deserts that experience both extreme heat and cold, including the northern Sonoran, Chihuahuan, and Mohave. The Sonoran desert has the largest number of native plants of any desert on the planet. A reference list of a few is on our neighborhood website (see sidebar link).

My gardens are divided into Mediterranean and desert gardens. My desert garden is further subdivided into American, African and Australian sections (yes, you can roll your eyes at this esoteric approach). As I look at the effects of last month's freeze, the native desert section looks just fine. Some things are evergreen, others are in winter dormancy with a nice show of bare branches and seedpods, a few are in their normal winter die-to-the-ground phase; but mostly they look as if nothing has happened. It remains a pleasant place to read on a fine winter day. The wildflower seeds I planted in September are now seedlings, unaffected by the cold, and soon will brighten the spring.

Tucson Festival of Books

The Tucson Festival of Books is scheduled for Saturday March 9 and Sunday March 10 on the University of Arizona campus. The Festival and all its sessions are free and open to the public. Of special interest to our community is a session that will feature our neighbor, Annette Kolodny. The session is titled "Vikings, Indians, and African American Southern Literary Cultures: All the Untold Stories" and is scheduled for Saturday, March 9, 2:30-3:30 in the Ventana room of the Student Union building. The Ventana room is on the fourth floor of the Student Union. Annette will be discussing her latest book, In Search of First Contact: The Vikings of Vinland, the Peoples of the Dawnland, and the Anglo-American Anxiety of Discovery, which has just been named one of the twelve most important books published in 2012 by Indian Country Today. Annette will be joined on the panel by Thadious M. Davis, Professor of American Social Thought and English at the University of Pennsylvania and the author of Southscapes: Geographies of Race, Region, and Literature. Annette Kolodny's book unravels the mystery of the attempted Viking colonization of North America around the year 1000 and identifies the American Indians with whom the Norse came in contact. Thadious Davis's book explores black writers' complex relationships to the American South, with all its troubled history and rigid racial and social hierarchies. Professor Davis's book has been hailed by critics "as a paradigm shift in both Southern and African American studies." This fascinating panel will be followed by a 30-minute book signing period.

Garden of native plants in winter



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Blackberry Swirl Cobbler

While not in season, there was a great special on blackberries the other day and I couldn't resist!

1 cup sugar 1 cup water 1 1/2 cups flour 1/2 teaspoon salt 2 teaspoons baking powder

16 tablespoons butter 1/3 cup whole milk 3 cups fresh blackberries 1 teaspoon cinnamon 2 tablespoons coarse sugar, or granulated sugar

Preheat oven to 350°F. Make simple syrup by bringing 1 cup sugar and 1 cup water to a boil, reduce heat and simmer till all sugar is dissolved. Let cool. • Melt 8 tablespoons butter in 10-inch round or oval baking dish; set aside. • In a food processor, pulse together the flour, salt and baking powder. Add remaining 8 tablespoons chilled butter (in 8 pieces) and pulse until mixture resembles coarse meal. Add milk and pulse just until a dough forms. Turn out on floured board and pull together into a mass of dough; knead 3 or 4 times. Roll out to 11-inch by 9-inch by ¼-inch thick rectangle. • Sprinkle the dough with cinnamon and use a brush to distribute it evenly. Spread berries over dough and roll up like a jellyroll. Cut into 1 1/4 -inch thick slices. • Carefully place swirls in the prepared pan on top of the melted butter. (Berries will fall out – just replace them!) Pour simple syrup carefully over and around swirls. Bake for 45 minutes. Remove from the oven, sprinkle 2 tablespoons sugar over crust and bake 15 minutes more. Serve warm or cold with a dollop of ice cream. • Serves 6-8, depending on number of swirls.

Serve the cobbler with some ice cream or perhaps some cinnamon whipped cream. To make the whipped cream, beat ½ cup heavy whipping cream till soft peaks form. Add 2 heaping tablespoons confectioner's sugar and a healthy ½ teaspoon cinnamon. Continue whipping until stiff peaks form.



You are cordially invited to join your neighbors in the Catalina Pueblo at the Jane Hamilton Fine Art Gallery – for hors d'œuvres, conversation and a goodbye to winter!

Sunday, March 17, 2013 · 4:00pm until 6:30pm

Jang Hamilton Fing Art 2890 Cast Skyling Drivg Plaza Colonial Center

Jane Hamilton, our new neighbor on Cerrada Adelita, will provide the perfect setting for our event. This year, the Association will provide wine and beer!

\$20 per person

RSVP by March 8 with names, number of people and check payable to "Catalina Pueblo Association" to: David Scott Allen, 2588 E Cerrada Caballo, Tucson, Arizona 85718

2013 Social Events

Cinco de Mayo Sunday, May 5 Adelita Pool

Halloween Saturday, October 26 Adelita Pool

Holiday Party Sunday, December 8 Home TBA

Living in a Community – Living with Rules

Allan Bogutz

As Yvonne and I leave the Pueblo, we leave a cohesive and extraordinary neighborhood.

In 2008, the residents of this community, by a majority of the owners (not just those present, a majority of all owners), adopted the First (and only) amendment to the covenants. This occurred after full discussion and consideration. The amendment limited the number of units that could be used as rentals, required written leases for a minimum lease term. It allowed grandfathering of units already being used as rentals and provided for reduction, as homes sold, in the total number of units to no more than 10% of the homes.

It has, sadly, come to the Board's attention that, once again,, there is yet another attempt by a minority of residents to overturn or somehow modify this clear, majority-enacted rule. This has happened every year I have been here. Two years ago, we nearly ended up in litigation over the rental limits but that owner ultimately abandoned the effort. To help those with special circumstances, the Board last year published a generous policy of rules for applying for a one-time, non-renewable exemption and even provided forms for such an application.

One neighbor, having been granted a requested short-term exemption and signed an agreement to request no further exemption for at least five years and agreeing to return to occupy the residence personally after the exception period, once again is attempting to change the rules of the neighborhood. This effort to change the rules displays a lack of understanding of the nature of community living. When someone decides to live in a community that has rules, that person is deciding, voluntarily, to accept and honor those rules existing or as they may be amended. Someone who does not agree with the majority, someone who has been heard on this issue numerous times, must either decide to accept the will of the Association's members or to move to a neighborhood that meets his or her needs.

There are many reasons why the Pueblo's residents decided to limit rentals/leases and the minimum duration of the rentals.

- Homes in owner-occupied communities are more valuable than rental communities; people can sell their homes for more where rentals are limited or prohibited; more rentals lowers the value of all of our homes;
- An owner-occupied community is more stable with less turnover of occupants; there are fewer moving vans.
- Owners are acquainted with the rules of the neighborhood and have a long-term incentive to honor them; tenants have no investment.
- Owners are more engaged with their neighbors than tenants;
- Owners provide better maintenance of their homes and pride of ownership than renters.

This does not reflect the position of the Board of Directors; it is my opinion only as the departing President. The Board only enforces rules and provides volunteer service to help the Pueblo run smoothly. The Board does this work because of caring for the Pueblo and its special nature with an effort to preserve what has brought us all to decide to live here.

I urge you to reject any efforts to change this rule to protect your investment and to assure continuity in Catalina Pueblo.

Tried & True Trades

Adobe

Armando Pacheco 302-0711 (cell) 663-1386 Recommended by Aldine von Isser & Hal Grieve

Auto Maintenance

Kurt Tomson - Mechanic

940-7285 (works on all types of vehicles) Recommended by Joe & Sandra Thompson

Jim Davis - Alignment Double D Alignment - 632-4842 Recommended by Joe & Sandra Thompson

Carpet Cleaning

Boyds Chemdry 760-2244 Recommended by Caryl Daugherty

Custom Cabinets

Rene Menard Woodworks Custom Cabinets 400-5530 or Nogales #287-8643 Recommended by Marianne Van Zyll

Computer Repair

Desert Sky Technology - 797-7479 Recommended by Jeff & Judy Mott

Dogs

Patty Monson (Dog Walker) 572-1467 **Camalot Canine Resort** (Boarding) 742-6279 Recommended by Walter Gaby

Drywall & Painting

Ruben Duran 275-5532 Recommended by Jeff & Judy Mott

Electrician

Phil Clounch - 520-390-0471 Recommended by Jeff & Judy Mott Frank Tentschert 577-4987 & 907-5990 Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

Furniture Craftsmen, Antique

Restoration and more

John 888-9234 furniturecraftsmen@yahoo.com Recommended by Marianne Van Zyll

Garage Door - Repair

Anthony Labato - C&R Garage Doors 312-9325 Recommended by Jeff Mott

Handiman

Craig Spittle 204-4149

Recommended by Joe & Sandra Thompson **Cary McKeever** 241-0810 Recommended by Lew & Caryl Daugherty **David Martinez 237-2934** Recommend by Marianne Van Zyll & Rob & Jeanie Girman

Heating & Cooling

Hamstra Heating & Cooling - Wes Adams 629-9833 ext. 317 Recommended by Nancy Milburn

House Cleaning Services

Alexandra Nicol 400-6058 Recommended by Carol Sinclair & Jean Paine Angie Stokes 270-4875 Recommended by Nanci Hartwick Maria Josefina Leon 339-0646 Recommended by Gisele Nelson & Sandra Nelson-Winkler Trini Baker (Spanish Speaker) Call Joe (820-8364) as her English is limited Recommended by Joe & Sandy Thompson Levinia 406-5630 & Pamela 269-6217 Recommended by Paul Maxon & Yvonne & Allan Boguz-

Landscaping/Gardeners

Blue Agave Landscape & Lighting Design Dean Alexander 325-4242 Recommended by David Scott Allen & Mark Sammons Margaret L. Joplin 623-8068 or 271-6585(c) Design & Installation Recommended by Paul Maxon Francisco Enriquez 405-8527 Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus & Gisele Nelson Pots: The Mexican Garden, Marta Avila 2901 N. Oracle 624-4772 Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

Manicure/Pedicure, Gels & Silks

Victoria at Mauricio Fregoso Salon **795-3384** Recommended by Connie Church

Mason

Michael Herlihy 406-8358 Recommended by Russ Carden & Marianne Van Zyll

Painter

Enrique Espinoza 312-4562 Recommended by Nancy Milburn

Plumber

David Solis 990-5437 dependableplumbingservices@gmail.com Recommended by Cherry Rosenberg

Jerry Walker, Walkers Plumbing 888-7337 Recommended by Russ Carden Steve Konst 883-1635 Recommended by Aldine von Isser & Hal Grieve

Remodels & General Construction

Ted Vasquez241-9799Recommended by Bill & Cassandra RidlinghaferCraig Spittle204-4149

Recommended by Joe & Sandra Thompson **Ron Landis** 743-4892 rlandis55@yahoo.com Recommended by Nancy Milburn & Ellen Siever

Roofing

Spencer Roofing - 616-0181 Recommended by Adrian & Rosemary Pinto

Window Cleaning Doug & Deb Lockett 584-8419 Recommended by Caryl Daugherty

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Board Meeting Agenda February 25, 2013

Call to Order Approval of January minutes Discuss & Approval of officer/committee reports Landscape/Architecture **Biagini Approval Ratification** Francisco 2013 Contract L/A form Pools Social Vice President Lightbulbs HOA Form Streets/Sewer Covers Board Treasurer Secretary/Communications Committee

New Business

Adjournment

Board Meeting Schedule 6:00

February 25 @ Jean's March 25 @ Connie's April 22 @ David's The Board may at any time go into executive session to consider legal or other permitted matters.

Allocation Process of Available Rental Slots

Update on Leases

Committees:

- Lease Enforcement Committee: Carol Sinclair
- Landscape/Architecture: Pat Wagner, Chair JoAnn Marcus Mark Sammons

Javelina Express: Mardi Greason Cherry Rosenberg Marianne Van Zyll Cassandra Wry Ridlinghafer

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