## **Catalina Pueblo Chronicle**

April 2015



#### State of the Pueblo

Jean Paine, President

Please join me in sending out a cheer for our great Pueblo. In the last month five homes have been sold quickly, some in just days, and, if my Intel is correct, at respectable prices. This only enforces what we already know, CP is a very desirable neighborhood. Welcome our new neighbors when they arrive and help them get to know the Pueblo.

As I walk about it is wonderful to see how great the area looks. Spring clean up of yards and walkways is well underway. Eleven owners have resurfaced their driveways and they really change the way a property looks – grand indeed.

It is party time in the old Pueblo. Take note of the invitation in the newsletter regarding the Tapas Party. Stroll with your neighbors on April 18th to enjoy good company, good food, and good libations at three homes. We thought you might like to try something a bit different this spring and at a time when most folks are in residence. I look forward to seeing you on the 18th.

Our new Social Chair, Deborah Bowman, would appreciate a few volunteers to help with the Halloween Party October 24th at Adelita Pool. Deb has some great ideas but needs some manpower to make this a memorable event. If we want to continue having these events we need your help. Please contact Deb <a href="mailto:azgirl67@cox.net">azgirl67@cox.net</a> or 520-795-7145.

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# Catalina Pueblo Association 's authorized trash hauler:

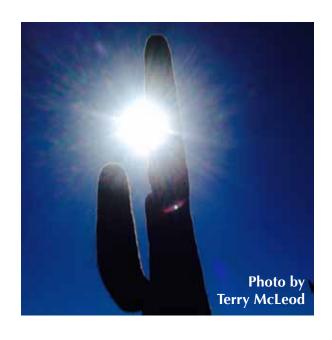
Trash only: Tuesday Recycle &Trash: Friday Reliable Environmental Services Robert: 520-300-9211 restucson@ymail.com



#### Pools Chairman John Trang

On behalf of the HOA Board and Pool Committee, I am writing to say thanks to everyone for continuing to take great care of our pools and also for letting us know when anything needs attention. We have seen many of you at the Adelita Pool during our beautifully warm winter months this year.

Since it is reaching into the 90s - we will plan to begin using the solar heating system at the Caballo Pool in early April and begin heating the Minera Pool by May 1st. When you see the "This pool is not heated at this time" signs removed from these pools you will know that the heating systems have been activated. The Caballo Pool solar system will take several weeks of hot days and lots of sun to begin to warm up, but the Minera Pool heat pump usually warms the water nicely within 3 to 5 days. Thanks, again, for your help taking care of these three wonderful HOA community assets ... ENJOY! ...



# Lapas tour neighborhood open houses!

Saturday, April 18th — 5:00 - 8:00 Wander from house to house Food, Drink & Friends



Jean Paine's House 2585 E. Avenida de Maria

Serving

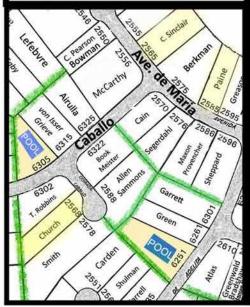
Aspargus & Smoked Trout Frittata Mushroom & Gouda Quesadillas Tostadas Cookies Assorted Wines Sangria



Carol Sinclair's House 2565 E. Avenida de Maria

Serving

7 Layer Dip & Chips Mini-Quiches Bombas Prosciutto Wrapped Melon Signature Cocktail



Connie Church's House 2568 E. Cerrada Caballo

Serving

Gazpacho
Spicy Barbecued Shrimp
Mini Reuben Sandwiches
Turkey Croissants
Cranberry Walnut Cinnamon Rolls
Assorted Wines



# **Garden Gallimaufry Mark Sammons**

Mark J. Sammons cookfarm@comcast.net 615-6019

Vegetables take an immense amount of room for limited production. In our little walled gardens we can get a lot of bang for our buck with herbs and hot chili peppers.

Hot spice is the commercial lure that took the Portuguese around Africa, and drove Columbus westward. Both sought to bypass the Venetians and Ottomans to get to the source of black pepper above all other spices. The Portuguese found the water route; Columbus encountered an alternative spice, the American chili pepper, *Capsicum*.

True pepper (black, white and green are different phases of the same thing) comes from a vine, *Piper nigrum*, which requires the intense heat and humidity of its place of origin in tropical southern India. American chilies proved more adaptable to varied climates and conditions. Further, the American chili flesh, ribs, as well as seeds all give heat, and the seeds are easily saved for planting or trading.

American chilies were rapidly introduced around the planet, became the poor man's alternative to costly black pepper. They were so quickly and deeply ingrained in regional ethnic cuisines that today it is hard to grasp that Hungarian *paprika*, Spanish *pimenton*, Italian *pepperoncini*, Indian ghost peppers, and Thai peppers are, in fact, all American in origin.

The fiery chili and the sweet bell pepper are closely related. A single mutation of a specific gene shuts down production of the hot chemical capsaicin, yielding a sweet pepper. From five naturally-occurring species, native New World farmers selected for preferred characteristics. By 5,000 BC, they had developed both hot and sweet peppers.

Three species, Capsicum annuum, Capsicum frutiscens and Capsicum pubescens, were domesticated in Mexico. Human selected varieties of C.annuum include cayenne, jalapeños, various rainbow peppers, hot mild and sweet paprika peppers, and sweet bell peppers. C. frutiscens is used in Tobasco sauce (there is no specific "tobasco" pepper), and varieties include the Thai chili pepper, as well as several varieties popular in Brazil and sub-Saharan Africa but generally unknown to us. C. pubescens tolerates

cooler temperatures than most *Capsicum* species, and gives rise to varieties little known outside Mexico, Central America and eastern South America, and most of its varieties are unknown to Arizonans.

Two others, Capsicum chinense, and Capsicum baccatum were domesticated in northern South America. The C. chinense – not Chinese in spite of its name – includes the varieties we call habanero (same as scotch bonnet); and Florida's datil pepper. C. baccatum is mostly associated with Peruvian cuisine, though varieties familiar to us are amarillo peppers and commercial Peppadews.®

Don't bother memorizing this! Peppers crossbreed easily, giving rise to endless varieties. The Native Americans already had dozens of named varieties before contact with Europeans, and as the plant was traded around the world, new varieties were developed everywhere. For example, the notoriously hot ghost peppers (900 times hotter than tobasco), are a cross between the American *C. frutiscens* and *C. chinense*, made in extreme northeastern India and Bangladesh.

A wild pepper, Capsicum annuum var. glabriusculum, is known in folk parlance as the chiltepin, or 'tepin for short, sometime called bird pepper for its tiny fruits, smaller than a pea. Southern Arizona is the northern limit of its natural range, so it is suited to our gardens, either inside or outside the wall. Grown in bright dappled shade, the chiltepin forms a small-leaved airy shrub about three or four feet high and two feet wide. It produces numerous tiny fruits, each carrying searing heat. Pluck individual peppers



Photos & Text by Mark Sammons

For native plant recommendations, see: http://www.catalinapueblo.com/suggested-plant-list.html

#### April Garden Chores

- When new leaf buds appear, prune frost-damaged wood.
   Evergreen trees shed old yellowed leaves in spring; it's normal!
  - Now is the season to plant cactus, succulents, citrus, palms, bougainvillea, lantana, tomatoes, peppers, melons, zinnias, portulaca, periwinkle, thyme, oregano, marjoram, basil, rosemary.
     Wrap up planting of other things for the
    - year.
       By the end of the month, potted plants (other than succulents) will need daily watering.
      Bigger pots hold moisture longer.
  - Fertilize shrubs
     Gradually increase irrigation quantity and/or frequency as
  - temperatures rise.

    Let wildflowers dry
    and go to seed;
    rake away dried
    remains
  - In tropical plants like citrus, iron chlorosis causes yellow leaves with bright green veins.
     Treat affected plants with chelated iron.
  - Wash aphids and spider mites from tender new groth with a heavy blast of water. Failing that, use insecticidal soap, or move on to cautious spot-use of houseplant spray.
  - If you see dry rot (black areas) on prickly pear pads, remove and discard the plant.

#### Garden Gallimaufry-continued

Mark Sammons

for use as they ripen from Thanksgiving through New Years and, in mild winters, into February and March. They are easily dried on a saucer on the windowsill, to provide month's worth of culinary piquancy. We crush two of these tiny things to give abundant fire to a batch of pasta sauce for two.

I have grown several kinds of peppers – tepin, Thai, Fresno, Sandia, Santa Fe Grande – in pots, and find they prefer a large pot, as the plants become a bit large and need both root room and the weight to keep them upright in wind. The seeds may be difficult to germinate, especially the wild tepin form, so buy small plants, available at this season at big-box and hardware stores. Obscure types such as chiltepins can be found at farmer's markets, if you patiently ask for them week after week. Peppers don't like cold when young, which delays their being brought to market.

For planting, fill the hole or pot with bagged cacti and palm soil. Chiltepins prefer dappled shade, but the other broader-leaved varieties seem to endure more sun, even some violent afternoon sun. Once established, they seem to accept as much water as given them, but be mindful that the more water they get, the hotter the fruits will be.

If you find yourself with too many of the larger sort to use or pawn off on friends, grill or broil them till blackened, cool in a paper bag, slip off the blackened skins, and puree the roasted flesh. Freeze this puree in ice cube trays, then store in a ziplock bag to use as needed.



#### **Landscape & Architecture**

Pat Wagner, Chair Article by: Mark Sammons

#### Weeds

This winter's heavy rains bracketed a season of intermittent rains, to give us a bumper crop of weeds. Most of these fast-growing annuals have already gone to seed, ready to germinate when a similar winter comes again. There is still something to be done about them.

As weed dry, they become a fire hazard. When yours are browned off, pull them away with a rake and dispose of them. They will shed their seeds as you handle them.

If you want to prevent or reduce a recurrence, you can do that in May or June by deep soaking the problem area and covering it with sheets of clear plastic, weighted at the edges so it doesn't blow away. If you have watered deeply enough, the trapped moisture will eventually cause all the seeds beneath to germinate. The heat trapped under the plastic will kill the seedlings before they mature and produce seeds. Or you may fold back the plastic and pull them from the moist soil. This may take a while, but it is thorough. So thorough, it will kill the good wildflowers and beneficial weeds as well as the undesirable ones. But then you can sow what pleases you.

Additional to these annuals, a few weeds are problematic perennials. African sumac can makes nice trees, but they are an invasive foreign species that self sow and sprouts successfully in the desert. Learn to identify them, and yank their seedlings when they are a few inches tall.

Buffel grass is a dangerous invasive with perennial roots. Like all grasses, it is very difficult to dig out, as even snippets of the plant left behind can root and grow anew. Buffel grass starves native plants for nutrients. Its roots survive fire. Its dry leaves spreads fire with dangerous speed and fierce heat, permanently killing all the native plants around it and threatening buildings. There are miles of Sonoran Desert a little south of the border that are sterile of all native plants due to buffel grass

Desert broom is a bright green native perennial shrub. Its very high and coarse pollen count makes for allergy misery. Yank them when small, or dig them out if they've become too tough to pull.

# **Weeds - continued Mark Sammons**



If you wish to address weeds with an herbicidal poison, there are several things to keep in mind.

- Herbicides are toxic to desirable plants around the weeds; application during wind or even breezes will kill desirable neighboring plants.
- Herbicides are toxic and/or carcinogenic to people, pets, beneficial insects, reptiles, birds and other wildlife;
- When using, alert neighbors of date and time you will use them, so they (and you) can close windows, protect pets, and plants; and tell them afterwords you have done it;
- Read the labels very carefully; misuse is illegal;
- Never use near food plants including culinary herbs
- If spraying, use a separate sprayer from what you use for fertilizer or insect control.

There are two basic types of herbicide: "preemergent" that kills the seeds, and types meant for application to leaves. The latter are carried by the plant's vascular system down to kill the roots. Do not apply before rain, as it will be a wasted effort

Some kinds of weeds will be resistant to a particular herbicide, and you may suffer an invasion of these.

Learn about the hazards and legal implications of secondary kill-off of wildlife at: http://www.sb.state.az.us/Assets/PDFDocuments/SecondaryPoisoningFlyerFinal.pdf

You can find beginner information for pre-emergent herbicides online at: http://www.moonvalleynurseries.com/blog/its-time-for-pre-emergent-herbicides

Herbicides used on leaves should not be used right before rain or the effort will be wasted. For general information on use of these, see: http://npic.orst.edu/pest/weeds.html This is a California site with information suitable for a climate similar to our own.

Generally, neither type of weed killer is meant for use in small yards or domestic neighborhoods; most were developed for agricultural use.

Poisons are long-lived in the soil; once put into the ecosystem, they can't be gotten out, and will be passed from host to host up the food chain.

If using any type of weed killer wear rubber gloves, a mask, goggles, and use a bottle with a narrow spray pattern for spot selection of individual weeds.

If you want to try a less unnerving method, try spot spraying weeds with a mix of ½ cup salt, a gallon vinegar and ¼ cup liquid dish soap, to see if this folk recipe works.





Photos: Pat Wagner

# pueblorecipes

recipes collected and edited by david scott allen • april 2015



This dish from Brazil makes a great dish for entertaining. Our friends call it the Brazilian Hoochie Coochie.

### **Bahian Shrimp Stew**

This recipe accompanies Mark's garden article this month, as it uses two different kind of peppers he discusses.

Traditionally, it calls for green bell peppers (but you can use red orange, or yellow, if you don't like the green ones), and habañeros for some real heat! (If you want more heat, include the seeds and ribs.) We use Trader Joe's light coconut milk, as the flavor and texture are great with many fewer calories.

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, sliced thinly
- 1 green bell pepper, sliced thinly
- 1 habañero pepper, minced
- 2 plum tomatoes, seeded and diced
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste

1½ cups light coconut milk
Juice of 2 lemons, not strained
1½ pounds shrimp, peeled & deveined
¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro
palm oil for finishing, optional
cooked white rice, for serving

Sauté onion and green bell pepper in olive oil until onion is translucent and beginning to color. Add habañero and sauté a little while longer. Add diced tomatoes and tomato paste – mix well and cook 2 minutes. Add coconut milk and lemon juice and heat until boiling. Add the shrimp and cook until shrimp are pink. Serve immediately over rice. Top with chopped cilantro and drizzle with palm oil, if desired.

Serves 4.



Karen Satterfield, Judy Mott



#### Adobe

#### Adobe Specialists-Rudy Martinez 520-883-8883

Recommended by Joe & Sandra Thompson

#### Adobe King - John Schimon 615-2110

Recommended by Rob & Jeanie Girman

#### Armando Pacheco

520-302-0711 (cell)

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 Concrete Work**

Cherry Enterprises - David Cherry 343-0068

Recommended by Jeff & Judy Mott

#### **Computer Repair**

Desert Sky Technology - 797-7479

Recommended by Jeff & Judy Mott and Frank & Pamela Bangs

#### **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

#### **Exterminators**

**Northwest Exterminating** 888-4308

Recommended by Sherry Henderson

#### Handiman

Dallas Davis 403-1356

Recommended by Gisele Nelson

John Landers 609-2530

Recommended by John & Pat Cain and John & Ann Berkman

Robert Cross 390-2623

Recommended by Marianne Van Zyll

Shawn Henderson 745-2169

Recommended by Nan Milburn

Cary McKeever 241-0810

Recommended by Lew & Caryl Daugherty

#### **House Cleaning Services**

Erika Bradley 520-240-5870

Recommended by Deborah Bowman & Jay Baruch

Levinia 406-5630 & Pamela 282-9096

Recommended by Connie Church

Maria Josefina Leon 339-0646

Recommended by Gisele Nelson & Sandra Nelson-Winkler

#### Landscaping/Gardeners

**Tammy Clark** 336-0634

Recommended by John and Ann Berkman

#### **Beautiful Spaces**

Jude DiMeglio Trang 360-4282

Recommended by Aldine von Isser & Hal Grieve

#### 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

#### Locksmith

Gordon Remington - Key One Locksmith

Recommended by Bill & Lee Strang

#### Manicure/Pedicure, Gels & Silks

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

#### **Massage Therapy**

Kristin Windoff, LMT, MSW, CYT

520-240-5870

Recommended by Deborah Bowman & Jay Baruch

**Ginger Castle - 520-977-9938** 

Recommended by Gisele Nelson

#### **Painting & Decorative Artist**

Mary Howard - 520-991-5336

Recommended by Jean Paine & Marianne Van Zyll

#### Plumber

**Beyond Plumbing -Mike Moyer** 409-2549

Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

Jerry Walker, Walkers Plumbing 888-7337

Recommended by Russ Carden

#### **Remodels & General Construction**

H. J. Curtin-Howard Curtin 520-870-1380

Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

Vasquez Construction—Mike Vasquez 419-1189

Recommended by Rob & Jeanie Girman

Jim & Bob Dennison Home Repairs 323-6843

Recommended by Gisele Nelson

**Ted Vasquez** 241-9799

Recommended by Bill & Cassandra Ridlinghafer

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

#### **Roofing**

Alan Bradley Roofing - 885-3571

Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

#### **Tile & Stone Mason**

Tony Scott- 336-0634

Recommended by John and Ann Berkman

#### Window Cleaning

Doug & Deb Lockett 584-8419

Recommended by Caryl Daugherty

# **Treasurer Report**Doug Airulla, Treasurer

Catalina Pueblo Association Statements of Cash Flows and Budget Febuary 2015

	2015 YTD Actual		2015 Annual Budget		Budget YTD Remaining	
Income:						
Association Dues	\$	78,625.00	\$	81,000.00	\$	2,375.00
Interest Income		1.45		10.00		8.5
2015 Title Transfer Fees				800.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$	78,626.45	\$	81,810.00	\$	2,383.5
Expenses:						
Administrative:						
Postage/Printing	\$ \$	16.19	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,483.8
Property Tax/Licenses	\$	10.00	\$ \$	200.00		
Professional Services			\$	2,000.00		
Insurance				2,000.00		2,000.0
Subtotal	\$	26.19	\$	5,700.00	\$	3,483.8
Neighborhood Infrastructure:						
Monthly Maintenance	\$	1,100.00	\$	6,600.00	\$	5,500.0
Maintenance	\$	126.49	\$	2,000.00	•	,
Contingencies				3,000.00		3,000.0
Roads & Drainage				1,000.00		1,000.0
Security & Lightbulbs				400.00		400.0
Subtotal	\$	1,226.49	\$	13,000.00	\$	9,900.0
Neighborhood Social Activites:	\$	48.68	\$	1,800.00	\$	1,751.3
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Less social expense reimbursement	_	40.00	_	4 000 00	_	-
Subtotal	\$	48.68	\$	1,800.00	\$	1,751.3
Recreational - Pools:						
Routine Services/Chemicals	\$	776.30	\$	8,000.00	\$	7,223.7
Pool Repairs				13,900.00		13,900.0
Southwest Gas		1,609.66		8,000.00		6,390.3
Tucson Electric		421.82		9,000.00		8,578.1
City of Tucson Water		238.59		2,000.00		1,761.4
Housekeeping		282.00		1,690.00		1,408.0
Other (permits/termites/furniture)				2,500.00		2,500.0
Subtotal	\$	3,328.37	\$	45,090.00	\$	41,761.6
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	4,629.73	\$	65,590.00		60,960.2
Reserve Transfer			\$	16,200.00		16,200.0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFER	Ġ	4,629.73	\$	81,790.00		
REMAINING BUDGET		4,023.73	<u> </u>	01,750.00	\$	73,096.7
Net Cook Flour		72 000 72				
Net Cash Flow Interest Income on Reserve		73,996.72				
		(1.45)				
Net Cash Flow from Operations		73,995.27				
Checking and Reserve Funds		a		_		
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Balance less accruals 1/1/2015		4,375.90		29,694.19		34,070.0
2013/2014 Transfer		(612.00)		612.00		
Total Net Cash Flow		73,995.27		1.45		
Balance 02/28/2015	\$	77,759.17	\$	30,307.64		

#### 2015 Board of Directors

Jean Paine — President

Carol Sinclair — Vice President

**Connie Church** — Secretary

**Doug Airulla** — *Treasurer* 

Bill Strang — Member at Large

Pat Wagner — Landscape & Architecture

John Trang — Pools

Please contact the board via email:

CatalinaPuebloBoard@gmail.com

#### Board Meeting Agenda April 13, 2015 5:30 @ Jean's

Call to Order

Approval of March minutes
Approval of Special March 23 meeting minutes

Committee & Officer's Reports

Old Business

Carport Conversions
Lease Implementation Committee

**New Business** 

#### Adjournment

The agenda will be published each month in the Chronicle. Only items on the agenda will receive board action unless there is an emergency. By publishing the agenda in advance, we seek member comment on pending issues. Comment can be sent to our board email address, in writing to the secretary or you may choose to appear at the meeting, space available. To request items to be placed on the agenda, use the same addresses.

The Board may at any time go into executive session to consider legal or other permitted matters.

Our website, <u>www.catalinapueblo.com</u>, has all our Catalina Pueblo information including our CC&Rs, complete Rules, past minutes, past newsletters, plant lists, remodel forms, HOA information and more.

#### **Committees:**

Social Comittee:

Deborah Bowman, Chair Need Volunteers!

Lease Implementation Committee

Lee Strang
David Holter
Aldine von Isser
John Trang
Carol Sinclair
Dan Peters
Connie Church

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