

Catalina Pueblo Chronicle



Catalina Pueblo Association
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Message from the Prez Joe Thompson

Winter! It's a bitter pill but we have to swallow it. Seems like every year I say to Sandy "this isn't what we paid for". Just kidding. We live in paradise. If you don't believe it step out side and look at the sunsets we've been having. Wow!



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Well the holidays are behind us and we look forward to a new year of improvements in so many areas of our lives.

The Holiday party was another home run for Marianne and we owe a huge thank you to Corinne Still who was so kind to lend us her beautiful home. She went to great lengths to decorate and make everything so warm and welcoming for the neighborhood.

As we walked last year around the neighborhood we are also warmed by so many decorated houses. It really put us in the spirit. Thanks to so many of you who contributed.

A new federal law, the Virginia Graeme Baker Act went into effect on the 19th of December. It effects all public and semi-public pools. We

have been working on compliance for several months now. There has been widespread confusion and misunderstanding about how to comply and Steve and his group have done a lot of work getting us ready. The act requires us to modify drains and pumps to prevent someone especially a child from being drawn in. Modification to the Adelita pool and spa are in compliance but not quite complete to our requirements. Caballo and Minera are closed anyway and will be done as time permits. It is a costly and time consuming requirement

and we have no choice. Insurance and liability are concerns as well as accidents. All private pools in the U.S. will need to be brought into compliance this coming year.

Last month I mentioned the dying Saguaro at Caballo. We are going to leave the skeleton standing. It will bleach out in the sun and be a lovely reminder of our unique desert environment. Just in case you are wondering.

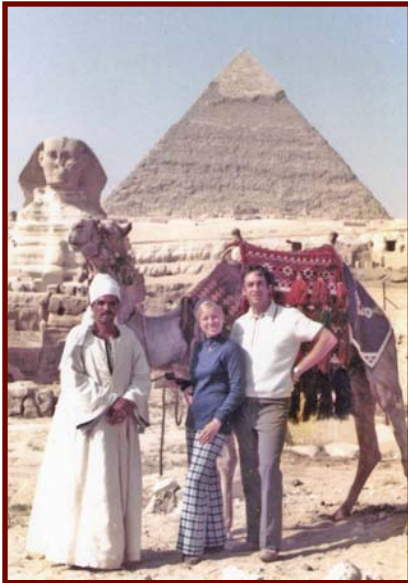
Our community lost two long time residents in December. Connie has a Memoriam to Gloria Meigs and Jewel White on Page 6.

We hope to see you all at the annual meeting. We have the sanctuary at the church once again, as in years gone by. Plenty of room for all. Happy New Year!

Spotlight On Our Neighbors

Pete & Nanci Hartwick

The minute you walk into the Hartwicks' gorgeous home you know its creation took a combination of talent, good taste and beautiful items collected from all corners of the world. Collecting global treasures began in the 1970's when Nanci worked for World Campus Afloat (now Semester at Sea), the world's only fully accredited shipboard university. While sailing around the world, 500 students and instructors (all professors on sabbaticals from their universities worldwide) enjoyed amazing hands-on educational experiences. For example, students of Marine Biology got their samples directly from the very bodies of water they studied, while Ancient Greek History students enjoyed lectures onboard ship knowing that soon they would be exploring Athens. The world truly was their classroom. While working for World Campus Afloat, Nanci held three jobs at once: she was Public Relations Director in charge of press conferences and the care of dignitaries in each port; she was the journalism professor; and she was advisor to the daily on-board newspaper.



After sailing around the world for four years, Nanci moved to Japan for three years where she taught English in U.S. Dept. of Defense schools, and she volunteered her time to teach English to Japanese children. She did a lot of traveling during that time, and one day she read an article in Newsweek saying that the last great adventure on this planet was a trip on the Trans-Siberian Railroad. She couldn't resist! It was a rustic, dirty – and sometimes frightening – adventure that is now a treasured memory.

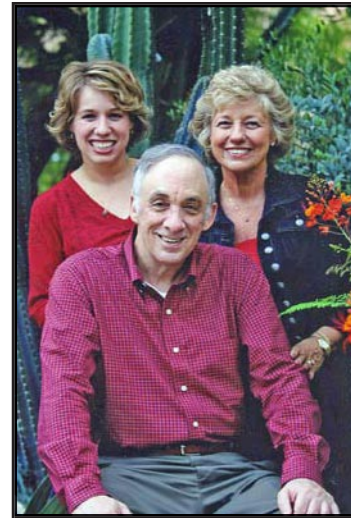
Meanwhile . . . back in the States, in 1967, Pete was graduating from the Air Force pilot training program and heading for a tour in Viet Nam, after

which he was assigned in Texas as an instructor pilot. After four years he was one of twelve pilots selected to attend the year-long USAF Test Pilot School, a boyhood dream! For the next 10 years Pete was a test pilot at Edwards Air Force Base in California, testing a variety of aircraft. Interestingly, the Pima Air Museum houses some of the actual planes that Pete flew. A visit there for him is like getting together with "old" friends!

While at Edwards, Pete met Nanci. They were married in 1976 and a few years later their daughter Elizabeth was born. While in California, Nanci taught English and Journalism at the high school

and junior college level. She also started her interior design business, Inside/Out Interiors.

In 1982, the family moved to New Jersey when Pete was hired by AT&T Bell Labs to be the Director of Defense Systems Engineering, specializing in missile defense systems, (the kind needed to protect us from missiles from N. Korea and Iran). While in New Jersey, Nanci built her Inside/Out Interiors business into the success it is today.



Twenty years later, they moved to the Catalina Pueblos in Tucson. Nanci is busier than ever as an interior designer. She always strives to work with what a client already has, because, as she says, "A person's home should reflect the owner's interests,

experiences, hobbies, etc., as well as their 'roots.' Some clients collect antiques, while others may surround themselves with modern art or train sets. It doesn't matter what it is, as long as their home is a reflection of themselves and who they are and what they love."

By using what a client already owns, Nanci can transform a room in just a matter of hours, giving it a whole new face-lift through rearrangement of what's already there. Of course, Nanci does complete interior design work as well. She has clients not only in Tucson, but also in New Jersey, New York, and the Midwest. She makes frequent business trips back and forth across the country, while Pete, who has been slowed down considerably by a disabling illness, holds down the fort.

Although her design business keeps Nanci busy, she has not abandoned her love of foreign travel. Her most recent overseas trip was last summer to China and Cambodia with her life-long friend Margie. They visited numerous sights, including the world's only panda breeding center in China and the phenomenal ancient architectural ruins of Angkor Wat in Cambodia. In northwestern China they were honored guests at a school where Margie had raised money for scholarships. And in southwest China, they stayed in a remote rural village (where few Westerners have ever been) as guests of a family of a former student of Margie's. All in all, another amazing adventure!

Social & Membership

Marianne Van Zyll

2009 Holiday Party

Our annual Holiday Party on Dec. 13 was a great success. Corinne Still, our gracious hostess had done a beautiful job decorating her home. We had about 50 residents visiting with one another and enjoying scrumptious food. We had lots and lots of dessert left over which we will get to finish at our annual meeting in January. Marianne did put the cookies in the freezer for further consumption. We so lucked out with the weather because the following day it was about 15 degrees cooler.....brrrr and it rained that day. Again Corinne, thank you for making this gathering possible and you homeowners for your participation.

Your social chair,
Marianne Van Zyll

So many people raved about the ham & special sauce that Carol Sinclair made for the party, we asked her to share her special recipe with us.

Champaign Mustard

- 3 eggs well beaten
- 1 Cup white sugar
- 1 Cup white vinegar
- 1 1/3 TBS flour
- 4 TBS dry hot mustard

Mix in blender, then cook until thick in double boiler or microwave. Put back in blender and add 3 TBS butter. Blend well.



Garden Gallimaufry

Jo Ann Marcus & Mark Sammons



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JANUARY GARDEN CALENDAR

- Check weather forecast for freeze warnings
- Cover the tips of sensitive columnar cacti with styrofoam cups
- Use frost cloth or a blanket to cover aloes, citrus, and other sensitive plants when temperatures drop below 28°F
- Water winter annual wildflowers once a week
- Thin wildflower seedlings if crowded
- Recycle your cut Christmas tree

Tucson Gardening Clubs and Organizations:

The Gardeners of Tucson is a local gardening club that has been around since 1959. They meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM at 3202 E. First Street (1 block east of Country Club and one block south of Speedway). They do not have a website, but further information can be found at

<http://gardenersoftucson.blogspot.com>.

For more info call the President, Jacqueline at 292-0504.

Tucson African Violet Society meets on the northwest and far east side monthly. Their newsletter is published monthly and you can find it on their website.

<http://members.cox.net/tavs/welcome.html>

Tucson Area Iris Society meets monthly (more or less, except summer) in various locations. In spite of Tucson's very hot summers irises actually do very well in Tucson. For info on how to grow irises there is a culture page on the their website.

<http://www.tucsoniris.org>

Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society meets the first Thursday of every month at 7PM at 2099 E. River Road at the Junior League of Tucson Kiva Building.

<http://www.tucsoncactus.org>

Tucson Organic Gardeners meet at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month, September thru April at St. Marks Presbyterian Church, 3809 E Third Street (near Alvernon/Speedway).

<http://iwhome.com/nonprofits/TOG/>

Tucson Rose Society meets at 6:30 PM on the first Tuesday of the month at St. Phillips in the Foothills Church on the NE corner of Campbell and River Road.

<http://tucsonrose.org>

The Tucson Watergardeners enjoy the many aspects of watergardening; plants, fish or both, meet the 4th Thursday of every month from February to October at 7:30 PM at the Junior League of Tucson Kiva Building, 2099 East River Road.

<http://www.tucsonwatergardeners.org/>

Additional local websites:

Arizona Native Plant Society

<http://www.aznps.org/>

Arizona Sonoran Desert Museum

<http://desertmuseum.org/>

Community Gardens of Tucson

<http://communitygardensoftucson.org/>

Desert Survivors

<http://desertsurvivors.org/>

Native Seeds/SEARCH

<http://www.nativeseeds.org/>

Southeast Arizona Butterfly Association

<http://www.naba.org/chapters/nabasa/home.html>

Tohono Chul Park

<http://www.tohonochulpark.org>

Tucson Bonsai Society

<http://users.qwest.net/%7erjbphx/ptucson.html>

Tucson Botanical Gardens

<http://www.tucsonbotanical.org>

The local Master Gardeners from the University of Arizona Pima County Extension offer talks on timely gardening topics weekly every Wednesday at 9:00 AM at the Coop Extension Garden Center, 4210 N. Campbell (across from Trader Joe's) and at 1:00 PM at the Wilmot Library, 530 N. Wilmot Rd, as well as Fridays at 1:00 PM at the Oro Valley Public Library, 1305 W. Naranja Drive in the large meeting room. Talks are held monthly EXCEPT June, July and August.

Highly informed volunteers are there most weekdays to examine samples of plants or pests and advise you accordingly.

For subjects of these weekly talks visit

<http://www.ag.arizona.edu/pima/gardening/talks.html>

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Special Spaces in the Catalina Pueblo

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If you know of such a Special Space, yours or perhaps someone else's — please let me know and I will contact them for possible inclusion in future months.



Christmas at this home is celebrated everywhere, inside and outside, including this eclectic dining room corner.



This spacious kitchen with mesquite cabinets, sleek appliances, tile floor, counter tops and backsplash is filled with light.

Softest shades and tints of color in this bathroom — pretty enough to spend hours in!

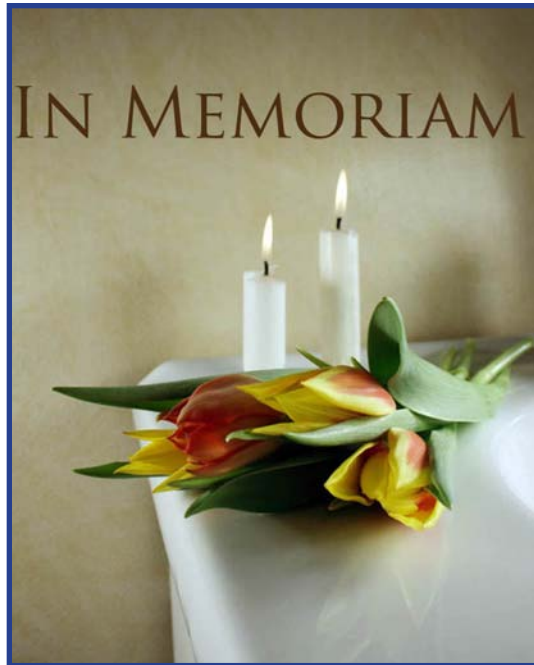


An inviting and mellow toned living area with Santa on the sofa and holidays showing up everywhere.



Neighborhood News

Our community lost two long time residents last month. Our condolences to their families.



Gloria Meigs

Our friend and neighbor, Gloria Meigs died on December 30, 2008. Gloria had a severe stroke in the spring and never recovered.

She was born in the Chicago area and was a graduate of Northwestern University. She worked for a large advertising company. After she married they moved to a remote ranch near Patagonia where she had four children, ran the house and occasionally worked as a ranch hand.

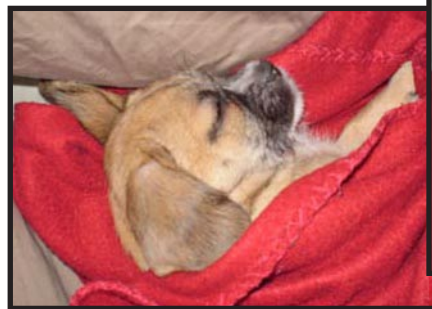
She moved to Tucson where she again worked in advertising until her retirement.

Gloria leaves four children and eight grandchildren with one great grandchild on the way.

Jewel White

Jewel White, 96, passed away December 18, 2008. She was preceded in death by her husband, George White and daughter, Susan Bechtol.

Jewel is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Carol and John Sneed and grandchildren, Greg, Shannon, Kathryn, George Patrick, Laura and Michael and many great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers donations to local children's charities are the wishes of our beloved "Granny".



Recommended Restaurant

There's a new very good restaurant called Jax's Kitchen just 1/2 block north of Ina on Oracle (east side). The menu is short and tempting, what we would call contemporary and fresh, the wine list is longer and quite nice. And the prices are moderate. Definitely worth a first try and most likely many more!

They take reservations at 219-1235 and the owner is Brian (former manager of Tavolino).

Bill & Lee Strang

Thought you would like to know that the Pueblo has a new addition! I would like to introduce Ms. Maggie Meredith Taylor. Maggie is part Jack Russell, Shih Tzu & Lhasa Apso. She is 16 weeks old and has the same temperament and personality as Ernie; it is though his spirit is within her.

While I will never get over the loss of Ernie, Maggie is helping me to move on and smile again. She is a delight to have and will become a well known resident of the Pueblo.

Bob Taylor

Tried & True Trades

Adobe

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

Audio, Video, Internet

Channel Choice TV 888-0044
Recommended by Jake Robbins

Electrician

Phil Clouch 390-0471
Recommended by Jeff & Judy Mott

Frank Tentschert (Shortstop Electrical) 622-7573
Recommended by Chuck & Dee Lehman

Alfred Herrera 883-2460
Recommended by Freeman Hover

Household Handymen/Painters

Roy J. McSweeney 774-254-3121 (cell)
Recommended by Paul Maxon

Manuel 300-3972 (drywall, stucco, painting)
Recommended by Kay Griswold

Enrique Espinoza 312-4562
Recommended by Luanne Maxon

Aesthetic Alternatives (Faux Painting) 861-9034
Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

Housekeepers

Lourdes Madrigal 304-3372
Recommended by Marianne Van Zyll

Nereida Monteros 575-4607
Recommended by Gisele & Dana Nelson

Maria Robles 889-8490
Recommended by Ellie Keenen

Angie Stokes 270-4875
Recommended by Nanci Hartwick

Landscaping/Gardeners

Bill Thompson -- Best Trimming 825-1470
Recommended by Joe & Sandy Thompson

Francisco Enriquez 405-8527
Recom: by Joe & Sandy Thompson & Dana & Gisele Nelson

Daniel Enriquez 240-3712
Recommended by Tom & Joan Harris & Bill & Lee Strang

Alejandro Estrella 808-5518
Recommended by Jeff & Judy Mott

Pet Sitting

Barbara Eckel 425-6350
Recommended by Steve & Connie Church

Plumbers

Oracle Plumbing, Mark E. Hartwig 490-6569
Recommended by Jeff & Judy Mott

Remodels & General Construction

David Kurowski 991-4075
Recommended by Caryl & Lew Daugherty

Jon Curtin 370-8668
Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

Tile Installation

Gil Silvas -- 406-7837
Recommended by Bill & Cassandra Ridlingfer

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

American Tile West 444-8788
Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

Traveling Masseuse

Beth McIlrath
Recommended by Gisele & Dana Nelson

Windows

Miraco (Locally manufactured) 622-8862
Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

As you can see, we are getting many great recommendations for our **Tried & True Trades** section. In order to stay current and to maintain a manageable size column, I will list a tradesman for 3 months. After that, if you would like to keep your recommendation listed for an additional 3 months, just notify me.

All of the new listings have another 2 months to run. All older listings will be dropped unless I receive your permission to list again.

Thanks! Connie
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Can anyone recommend a good roofer?



Word to the wise from our Garden Gallimaufry Gurus: check weather forecast for freeze warnings and cover sensitive plants.

Da Pool Guy

Steve Church

The Adelita Pool and Spa are now in compliance with the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act (VGB). That is why there are no bubbles in the Adelita Spa and there won't be until we get a VGB suction release valve which is currently back-ordered. The other two pools are locked until they are in compliance with the VGB law.

The Caballo ramada is being rebuilt and painted and should be done by January 14th.

As usual . . . a big thank you goes to Terry and Jeff!

Light Bulbs

Aldine von Isser and Hal Grieve, who are in charge of keeping all our neighborhood lights aglow, want you to know that they do their "light patrol" once a week to replace burned out bulbs. If, however, you notice your light is out and want it replaced quickly they are happy to do one-day service. Just call them at 299-6235 and leave a message and they'll get to it immediately.

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2009 Directory

Please check your personal listing in the 2008 Directory as well as your information printed on the map and in the Reverse Directory. If you would like to make any changes, please e-mail Jo Ann Marcus at jzm-az@comcast.net. If you do not have e-mail, call her at 797-4933.

For those of you who currently have your property for sale, please let us know if you would like to have your name AND "For Sale" listed or just one or the other.

If you would like to have your pet listed, please let Jo Ann know.

So that we can get the directory distributed in early February, deadline for changes and additions is January 15th.

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INVOICE

2009 ANNUAL DUES \$500.00

Make checks payable to: **Catalina Pueblo Association**

ANY DUES NOT RECEIVED BY JANUARY 31, 2009 WILL BE DEEMED LATE AND ASSESSED A 10% LATE FEE. STARTING MARCH 1, 2009, INTEREST WILL BE CHARGED ON ANY UNPAID DUES AND LATE FEES AT THE RATE OF 1.5% PER MONTH OR FRACTION THEREOF.

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