

## State of the Pueblo

Jean Paine, President

Tapas Party number 4 was a smashing success. The three homes owned by Bill and Lee Strang, Joey Barbee, and David Scott Allen and Mark Sammons were lovely and welcoming. Gorgeous patios and gardens too! Thank you for opening your homes to the 70 plus attendees. Thank you amazing helpers too: Pat Weigand, Marti Greason, Gail Reich, Jake Hurwitz, Doreen Frankel, and Barb Eckel.

I'm sorry to report that our long time neighbor, Alan Friedman, passed away last week.

As you may know the Landscape and Architecture Committees have completed their first and second (just yesterday) tours of our great neighborhood. Folks in the first section have been notified if necessary about general cleanup and repairs. Letters or emails will be sent to folks in the second section in the next week or so.

Have a great spring and enjoy our super weather.



# **Landscape**Bill Ridlinghafer

Our second tour of homes in the pueblo occurred yesterday, Saturday March 31st. We have divided the area into quadrants and so check each home once a year with two areas in the first part of the year and two later in the year after most people have returned from their summer in the north.

Activities approved by the landscape committee during the last quarter include the Conant/ Sankey residence who removed a dead and dying tree and replanted trees and desert shrubs.

Thank you very much for keeping our yards in great condition.

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# Irish Tapas











Very special thanks to this years generous hosts -- David Scott Allen & Mark Sammons, Joey Tanner Barbee, and Bill & Lee Strang -- plus a crowd of friends and neighbors who helped make this event so special.



# The Practical Pueblo Pat Weigand

#### **Book Review:**

from Mrs. Porter's Herb Garden ... a history with recipes
By David Scott Allen

Our Catalina Pueblo neighbor, David Scott Allen, a long time contributor to this Newsletter with his column entitled Pueblo Recipes, has written a remarkable cookbook, the proceeds of which will be donated to the Tucson Botanical Gardens, located at 2150 North Alvernon Way.

The book begins with an introduction written by the Tucson Botanical Gardens, in which the background of the Porter Family is detailed and how their property came into the possession of the City of Tucson.

The description of the home's Herb Garden, its history, and current state was written by Mark Sammons, who is also our neighbor and

MRS. PORTER'S HERB GARDEN

writer of the Newsletter column entitled Garden Gallimaufry. In the Acknowledgements David cites Mark's significant contribution to the book.

The book is organized alphabetically into chapters by herb, from Basil to Thyme. Each herb is described, its use given and is placed into historical context, followed by a recipe using that herb. Recipes include soup, main courses, sides, and dessert. For example, Burnet is a perennial herbaceous plant which is very drought tolerant, having a flavor suggestive of cucumber. A recipe for burnet vinaigrette follows.

Some of the palate-teasing recipes include Salmon with Sorrel Cream Sauce, Grapefruit Mint Sorbet, Bigoli in Salsa, Herbed Goat Cheese, and Lemon Verbena Butter Cookies.

Quotes from Mrs. Porter's 1971 Journal are scattered throughout, to give us a sense of what was on her mind while she was tending her Tucson garden.

In this reviewer's opinion, her quotes, while interesting, are not nearly as colorful as David's...In the chapter on "Onion," he says, "Onions are used in most cuisines, and are frequently the chorus of the culinary opera and less often the diva." Or how about: "...the plant will sulk."

From an informational standpoint, new trivia are revealed. Bay Laurel dates back to the Pliocene era; Cilantro originated in Southern Europe through Southwest Asia, was found in Israel dating to 7000-6000 BCE, and a pint of seeds was found in King Tut's tomb. (Wow!, Really!) One other remark concerns Myrtle. Apparently, Myrtle is associated with Love and the British Royal Family, leaving us to wonder whether Meghan Markle will have some in her bouquet when she marries Prince Harry.

Can you tell that this reviewer found the book totally entertaining? So, even if your favorite cooking method is delivery, buy this book, get it autographed and give it as a gift. It's all for a good cause! The book is for sale only at the Tucson Botanical Gardens gift shop.

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

## 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 and succulents, citrus and palms, bougainvillea and lantana, zinnias, portulaca, periwinkle. Also tomatoes, peppers, melons, thyme, oregano, marjoram, basil, and rosemary.

Cease planting other things for the year.

By the end of the month, potted ornamental flowers (but not succulents) will need daily watering. Bigger pots hold moisture longer. It is okay to ditch your winter ornamentals around May Day.

Fertilize shrubs.

Gradually increase irrigation quantity and/or frequency as temperatures rise.

Let wildflowers dry and go to seed; shake out seeds and rake away dried remains.

Leaves of tropical plants like citrus, may show signs of iron chlorosis; yellow leaves with bright green veins. Treat affected plants with dilute chelated iron.

Wash aphids and spider mites from tender new growth with a heavy blast of water. Failing that, use insecticidal soap. If that doesn't work, use houseplant spray cautiously on windless mornings.

If you see dry rot (black areas) on prickly pear pads, remove and discard the plant.

http://www. catalinapueblo.com/ suggested-plant-list.html

# **Garden Gallimaufry Mark Sammons**

With danger of frost well past, and nights in the 50s, it is safe to bring even the most tender of plants outdoors. Among these is the Desert Rose, Adenium. It is not a rose at all, but its lovely flowers in shades of carmen, pink, white, and sometimes striped, have endeared it to generations of plant collectors. It is especially welcome to those looking for a little green and color without laborious hours in the desert summer sun

Adeniums have a succulent trunk called a caudex, and non-succulent leaves. These are deep green, slightly glossy, slightly leathery, and appear in clusters at the ends of the few branches. The branches arise from the top of the stout moisture-storing stem that gives the plant its botanical name, *Adenium obesum*. There are about a dozen types, and some inconsistency in nomenclature; sometimes you'll see plants labeled as species, other times as varieties of the *obesum* species. You might find *Adenium arabicum* at one nursery, and the same plant labelled *Adenium obesum var. arabicum* at another. Don't worry; just choose one you like.

The plant is native to the sub-Saharan semi-arid Sahel region of Africa, and to subtropical eastern Africa and the southern part of the Arabian Peninsula. It is little surprise, then, that it will flourish in Tucson's oven-like summers. It has no tolerance of frost. In Tucson, this limits it to pot culture.

Pot your Adenium in well-drained soil, such as a commercial bagged palm-cactus-succulent soil. Use an unglazed earthenware pot that will breathe. Drainage is critical; do not set on a





saucer. Raise the pot on clay feet or pebbles so drainage is rapid and complete. These plants don't mind being root-bound. Excess soil runs the risk of retaining so much unconsumed moisture as to promote root rot. Choose a pot only an inch broader than the thick trunk. It will need to be repotted eventually, but root restriction will limit its size. When re-potting, be careful not to break its fleshy roots. Some Adeniums have been known to flourish in a 10-inch pot for twenty years.

When you move your Adenium outdoors, place it where it will receive morning sun, and bright afternoon shade, and as it adapts to the strong sun, gradually move it to where it gets more. By monsoon season, it can take full sun.

In the full heat of summer treat it like a tropical plant, with weekly watering with half-strength fertilizer. In autumn, reduce watering and feeding. In its dormant winter indoor life, don't water it, or water is as sparsely as you would a potted cactus, and give it no fertilizer.

When autumn night temperatures drop into the 50s, it is time to bring it back indoors. Set it in your sunniest window. If given no water, it will shed its leaves, but the bare frame is sculptural and interesting, and the dormant plant is perfectly healthy. If given an infrequent sip of water it might keep its leaves all winter, but fatal rot is a risk during winter's short days.

When your Adenium has been repotted so many times and grown so large you can no longer move it, give it to someone younger and stronger, and start over with a smaller plant. Or two. Or three.

# pueblorecipes

recipes collected and edited by david scott allen • april 2018

Most everyone loves a good chocolate mousse, and this one is particularly easy. Choose a chocolate that isn't too dark to ensure your mousse is creamy. I recommend between 50-6-% cacao - Trader Joe's has a "Pound Plus" bar that is 54% and works well.

If you would like to change the flavor, omit the vanilla and used one of these flavorings:

1 tablespoon strong coffee 1 tablespoon Grand Marnier 1/2 teaspoon peppermint

This recipe, and many more, can be found on David's blog, <u>Cocoa & Lavender - cocoaandlavender.blogspot.com</u>. If you have any culinary questions for David, feel free to email him at <u>cocoaandlavender@</u>





## Mousse au Chocolat

8 ounces semi-sweet chocolate (50-60% cacao)

4 egg whites pinch cream of tartar pinch salt 2 cups heavy cream

1 teaspoon vanilla

Melt chocolate over low heat. Let cool until lukewarm. Combine egg whites, cream of tartar and salt; beat until stiff peaks form. Beat heavy cream and vanilla until stiff peaks form. Fold chocolate gently, but thoroughly, into whites and then that into the cream. Turn into one large bowl, or multiple glasses for serving.

Serves 8-12, depending on portion size.



# **Pools Chairman John Trang**

All of our neighbors who have been using the Adelita pool have noticed that several improvements to the ramada and bathroom have been completed recently - thanks to Jean Paine and others involved in supervising the work ... the current cabinet color choice will probably be changed back to Weathered Brown when the new doors are constructed. In addition, Frank Tentschert was commissioned to install new lighting under the ramada.

Also, Mike Rockwell graciously volunteered to purchase and pick up eight 8 new lounge chairs soon to be placed at the Adelita pool -thanks, again Mike! The best of the older lounges will

be placed at the Minera and Caballo pools. And, speaking of the Minera and Caballo pools, we will begin the solar heating of Caballo as soon as the daytime temps warm up, but we will not begin heating Minera until mid- to late-May this year, unless the night time temps warm up sooner. Minera is heated by a heat pump (relative inefficient and high electric cost) - last year the TEP bills from May to October were way over budget - so we will need to keep the Minera pool a little cooler this year.

Once, again, many thanks for bringing things to our attention when needed and for making the pools one of our greatest assets in the Pueblo.



# Pueblo Plodders Pat Weigand

The Pueblo Plodders at Catalina State Park and Sabino Canyon

The month of March was active for the Pueblo Plodders. On one hike, six of your neighbors took off for the Romero Canyon Trail in Catalina State Park, located behind the face of the Catalinas that we normally see. Believe it or not, there was a halo around the sun, adding drama to the hike.

Gail Reich organized the hike in this spectacular canyon, an easy flat walk that led to a fairly rocky path up an elevation of 900feet. Good Grief! The upshot was that Gail, Marti, Karen, Terry McLeod, and Russ made it up to the planned turn-around point, approximately 2.8 miles one way. They were treated to a sighting of a big-horned sheep! One of us (who shall remain nameless) punked out at about 2 miles and waited for their return. David was kind enough to stay behind to babysit. The scenery from the heights, looking down, was spectacular. Photos are attached, thanks to Karen, Russ and others, who took some memorable shots.

Another hike took us to Sabino Canyon and a winding trail across a crystal clear meandering creek, where we got a chance to test how waterproof our boots were. It was fun to balance (or not) on the rocks.

On the third hike, Gail took us back to Catalina State Park to take the Sutherland Trail, an easier one than we had done before. The Mexican poppies bloomed and the saguaro cacti along the trail were gigantic. On one, Lee and Karen counted 19 arms. Some of the arms had arms! Unbelievable! We were joined on these hikes by Bill and Lee, Bill and Cassandra, Dan, and Doreen. What great days! We are so lucky to live where we do.

The hiking season is coming to a close, so contact Gail to be added to the email list (gailreich@icloud.com). We would love to have you join us.









## **Tried & True Trades**

## **Appliance Repair**

2 son's Finest Appliances

Recommended by Marianne Van Zyll

# Concrete, Masonry, Block, Adobe & Stucco Repair

**Armando Pacheco - 520-338-3980** 

Recommended by David Scott Allen & Mark Sammons

Dan Tatum 315-879-0570

Recommended by Caryl Daugherty

Ed Carrillo (Stucco) 520-360-0405

Recommended by John & Ann Berkman

Tony Scott- (Tile & Stone Mason) 520-336-0634

Recommended by Jean Paine and John & Ann Berkman

#### Construction

**Shawn Henderson 520-745-2169** 

Recommended by Marti Greason & Jean Paine

#### Electrician

Frank Tentschert 520-577-4987 & 907-5990

Recommended by Connie Church

Mike Powelson 520-591-5446

allaboutelectricservice@gmail.com

Recommended by Deborah Berlin

#### Facials - Diana ZL Medaesthetics

7051 N. Oracle - Casas Adobes

520-204-1956

Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

## **Garage Door Service**

Discount Door Service - 520-579-9084

Recommended by Bill & Lee Strang

#### Handiman

Nailed It: Mark Confer 520-990-8823

Recommended by Frank & Pamela Bangs

Calvin Parkins, Jr. 308-430-8002

White River Construction, LLC

Recommended by Deborah Berlin

**Shawn Henderson 520-745-2169** 

Recommended by Marti Greason & Jean Paine

John Landers 520-609-2530

Recommended by John & Ann Berkman

John Gordon 520-282-1725

Recommended by Marti Greason

#### **House Cleaning Services**

Claudia Tapia - 520-257-7528

Recommended by Marian Ries

Fernando Mendez 520-445-1061

Alex's Cleaning Service

Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

**Angie Stokes** 520-270-4875

Housekeeping, windows, patio & yard clean up Recommended by Nanci Hartwick

Erika Bradley 520-240-5870

Recommended by Deborah Bowman

#### **HVAC**

Family Air Cooling & Heating 520-399-5850

Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

Temperature Control, Inc. -- Shawn Davis

520-544-KOOL (5665)

Recommended by Marti Greason

#### Landscaping/Gardeners

Charles Ramsel III 520-250-9988

Landscape Design & Fountains

Recommended by Jean Paine

Francisco Enriquez 520-405-8527

Recommended by Jean Paine and Bill & Lee Strang

### Manicure/Pedicure, Gels & Silks

Victoria at Mauricio Fregoso Salon 795-3384

Recommended by Connie Church

#### **Massage Therapists**

Brandy Rodriguez LMT - 520-256-5671

621 N. 6th Ave., Tucson 85705

Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

Ginger Castle LMT CKTP - 520-877-0038

Recommended by Marianne Van Zyll

Rooted Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork

Recommended by Sarah Cafiero

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

Mary Howard - 520-991-5336

Recommended by Marianne Van Zyll

## **Painting**

Luis Ramirez - 520-740-0494

Recommended by Roy Langenberg

#### **Pet Grooming**

**Mobile Groomer - 520-664-5432** 

Dog Do's by Steph

Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

#### Plumber

Beyond Plumbing -Mike Moyer 520-409-2549

Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

**Dependable Plumbing Services- David Solis** 

520-990-5437

Recommended by Jean Paine

#### **Property Caretaking**

Carol Foster 520-982-1208

While You Are Away Services

carol@iwatchhouses.com

Recommended by Connie Church

#### Remodel

Charles Ramsel III 520-250-9988

Recommended by Jean Paine

#### Window Cleaning

**Miniblind Cleaners** 

**Better View Professional Windows &** 

Recommended by David Scott Allen & Mark Sammons

520-917-3333

# **Treasurer Report** Doug Airulla, Treasurer

Catalina Pueblo Association Statements of Cash Flows and Budget February 2018

estivaly 2016		2018 YTD Actual		2018 Annual Budget		Budget YTD Remaining	
Income:							
2018 Association Dues	\$	80,373.29	\$	81,000.00	\$	626.71	
2018 Title Transfer Fees	\$	400.00	\$	1,600.00	\$	1,200.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$	80,773.29	\$	82,600.00	\$	1,826.71	
Expenses:							
Administrative:							
Postage/Printing	\$	33.55	\$	1,000.00	\$	966.45	
Website			\$	100.00	\$	100.00	
Professiona Services (Bnkg/CPA/Atty)	\$	205.00	\$	2,200.00	\$	1,995.00	
Property Tax/Licenses	\$	63.62	\$	200.00	\$	136.38	
Insurance 2018			\$	2,700.00	\$	2,700.00	
Subtotal	\$	302.17	\$	6,200.00	\$	5,897.83	
Neighborhood Infrastructure:							
Contracted Monthly Landscaping (12x\$650)	\$	1,300.00	\$	7,800.00	\$	6,500.00	
Other Maintenance	\$	181.82	\$	2,000.00	\$	1,818.18	
Landscaping Project & Design			\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	
Roads & Drainage			\$	500.00	\$	500.00	
Security & Lightbulbs			\$	1,250.00	\$	1,250.00	
Subtotal	\$	1,481.82	\$	16,550.00	\$	15,068.18	
Neighborhood Social Activites:			\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	
Recreational - Pools:							
Routine Services/Chemicals	\$	1,118.88	\$	7,000.00	\$	5,881.12	
Pool Repairs/Maintenance	\$	327.05	\$	3,000.00	\$	2,672.95	
3 Pools Replacement & Repairs	\$	2,641.67	\$	14,000.00	\$	11,358.33	
Southwest Gas	\$	1,863.64	\$	6,500.00	\$	4,636.36	
Tucson Electric	\$	1,557.80	\$	11,000.00	\$	9,442.20	
City of Tucson Water	\$ \$	277.58	\$	2,000.00	\$	1,722.42	
Contracted Housekeeping Monthly (12x\$175)		350.00	\$	2,100.00	\$	1,750.00	
Other (permits/termites/furniture)	\$ \$ <b>\$</b>	78.49	\$	1,000.00	\$	921.51	
Subtotal	\$	8,215.11	\$	46,600.00	\$	38,384.89	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	9,999.10	\$	72,350.00	\$	62,350.90	
Reserve Transfer			\$	10,250.00	\$	10,250.00	
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 <sup>(1)</sup> Beginning bank balances have been reconciled based on accrued expenses, and accrued reserve transfer.
 \$5,550.95 expenses paid in 2017, cleared bank in 2018.
 \$12077.55 Reserve transfer included in beginning balance, completed in Feb2018.

<sup>(2)</sup> Interest income in the savings account

## 2018 Board of Directors

Jean Paine — President

Frank Bangs — Vice President

**Connie Church** — Secretary

**Doug Airulla** — *Treasurer* 

John Trang — Pools

**Warren Edminster** — *Architecture* 

**Bill Ridlinghafer** — *Landscape* 

Please contact the board via email: CatalinaPuebloBoard@gmail.com

# Board of Directors Meeting April 2, 2018 – @ Doug's

Call to Order

Approval of March Minutes Committee & Officer's Reports

New Business Adjournment

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.

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:**

Cinco de Mayo Party

Joe Thompson

Marianne Van Zyll

Jan Sikora-Lerch

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Bev Edminster

Mark Sammons

Lee Strang

Jean Paine

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Bill Ridlinghafer, Chair

Mark Sammons

Jeannie Wager

Lee Strang

Gail Reich

Connie Church

Light bulbs:

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Maria: Marti Greason & Olive Mondello

Adelita & Cerrada Adelita:

Mike Rockwell Posada E.: Marianne Van Zyll

Posada W.: Russ & Glenda Melin

Minera: Pat Weigand

Caballo & Cerrada Caballo:

Nancy Meister & Jay Book

Campbell: Jean Paine

Pools: John Trang, Chair

Mike Rockwell

Sherri Henderson

Marti Greason

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PuebloRecipes:

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Garden Gallimaufry:

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Pat Weigand

Social Events Photos & Layout:

**Bob Garrett** 

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Connie Church

## **Catalina Pueblo Model 202**

This is the fifth of ten original floor plans we inherited from Ed Chase. As announced last month, we will include a floor plan in each of the next newsletters. As you are aware, there are no two identical homes in CP as each floor plan was altered to accommodate the natural terrain and original owner's preference.

We hope you'll enjoy identifying your original model number.

