



## The Practical Pueblo

Pat Weigand

### What is “A Basket Case?”

Over Thanksgiving, I visited relatives in Houston, Texas. To say the least, they are an ‘interesting’ group of people...

One of our excursions, prompted by an equally “interesting” friend, was to the Nation Museum of Funeral History (<https://www.nmfh.org/>). This turned out to be an amazing place. I have never seen so many gorgeous hearses and related paraphernalia!

While there, I learned the answer to the burning question regarding the origin of the term “basket case.”

You can see the answer in my photo...I don’t plan to use this phrase again...ever...

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### The “Basket Case” Origin

During the Civil War era, the soldiers that had their legs amputated because of battlefield injury or disease were carried around in a wicker basket and were known as a “Basket Case”. Thereafter the deceased were removed from their place of death in a wicker basket.

## State of the Pueblo

Jean Paine, President

It is really great to see so many folks back in Catalina Pueblo who we haven’t seen for nearly two years. Also the weather we are experiencing is fantastic. May we continue to see more neighbors return safely and the nice weather continue.

Unfortunately COVID numbers are again increasing and a new variant identified. Fortunately we have continued to abide by the CDC guidelines.

Thank you everyone for being caring neighbors and supporting those guidelines we have put in place in our wonderful Pueblo.

The Board hoped that we would be able to hold our Catalina Pueblo Annual Meeting this year. However, in light of the recent escalation of the Pandemic your Board voted unanimously to cancel this year’s event. Happily there aren’t any major issues that currently need to be addressed. In fact, Catalina Pueblo is in excellent condition.

The dues, 2022 budget and election ballot for new Board members will be sent out, as usual, in mid-December. Please mail or drop your vote and dues in our Association mailbox (outside Adelita Pool’s gate):  
6251 N. Calle de Adelita  
Tucson, AZ 85718

Have a wonderful and safe holiday season.

## Landscape Committee Chair Joey Tanner Barbee

**“ Walk the PURPLE QUADRANT and you will see.....”**

Photos by:  
Jeannie Wager



**“CATALINA PUEBLO for you and me.....”**

## Architectural Committee Chair

Milo Meacham, AIA LEED<sup>AP</sup>

The mission of the Architecture Committee is to support the community's desire to maintain the architectural character of the complex and guide efforts to properly maintain the structures within its boundaries in concert with the Landscape Committee, using the Rules and CC&R's of the Catalina Pueblo Association for authority under the auspices of the Catalina Pueblo Association Board.

We divide the Pueblo into four quadrants: Red, Blue, Purple and Yellow. Each year, members of the Landscape and Architecture Committees separately walk two different quadrants. Earlier this year in the Spring, the Blue Quadrant was reviewed and Owners of the subject properties within that zone were notified of conditions on their properties that needed to be addressed per the Rules and CC&R's.

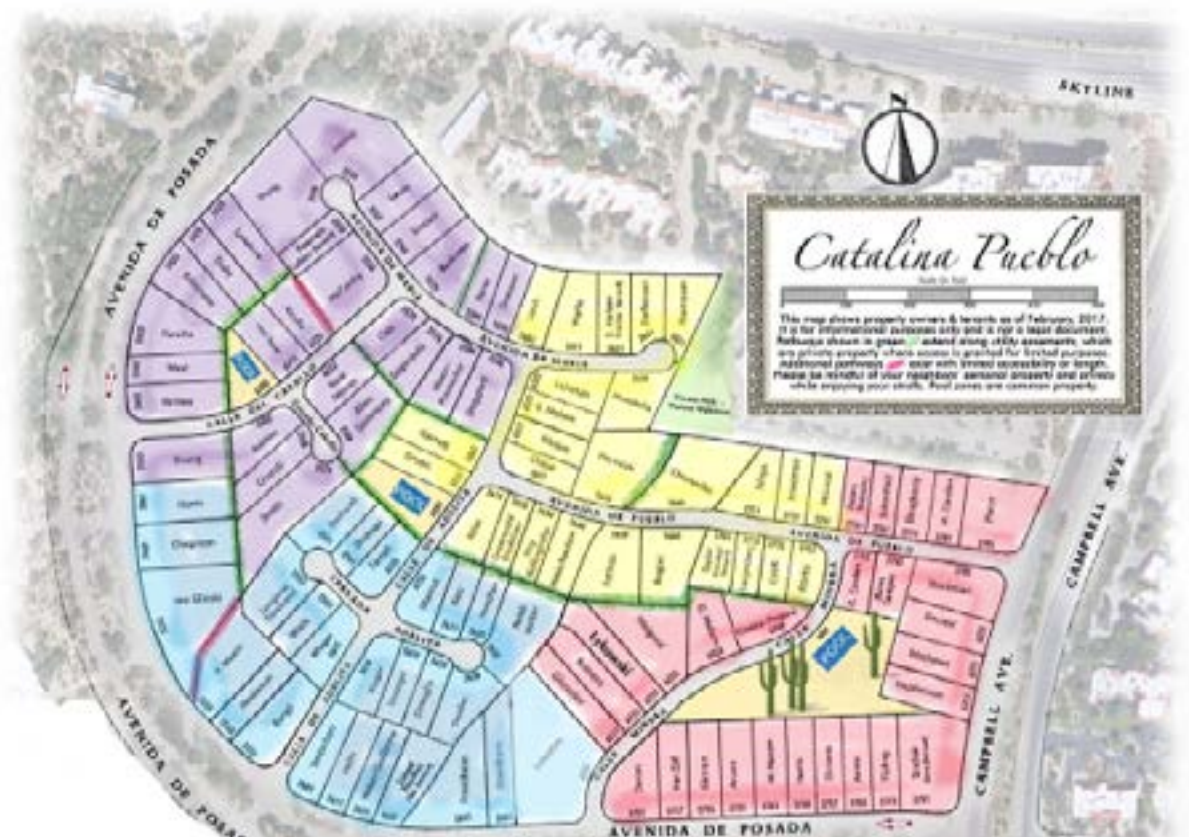
This Fall (mid-November) the 27 properties in the Purple Zone were reviewed separately by members of the Landscape and Architecture Committees. Formerly, the two committees sent out a combined letter listing condition issues needing attention. This year the chairs of the

two committees (Joey Barbee for Landscape and myself for Architecture) decided to communicate these condition issues separately in an attempt to avoid confusion.

We (the Architecture Committee) are asking homeowners to have the corrective items completed within 45 days or by January 15, 2022. The committees will perform follow-up reviews shortly after that deadline. Owners having difficulty getting their issues taken care of by the January 15, 2022 deadline may request an extension of time to have the work done.

Please accept these thanks, in advance, for your cooperation and support of our efforts to preserve and enhance Catalina Pueblo as one of the premier townhome properties in Tucson.

For those of you in the Yellow Quadrant who want to get a head start (and a gold star on your review) I have attached a blank copy of the Review Form to let you know what the Architecture Committee member reviewers will be looking at in the Spring!



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## Garden Gallimaufry Mark Sammons

The holiday season always feels a bit more festive when paperwhite narcissus are blooming on the windowsill. They are even more cheering after the holiday lights and decorations come down.

The genus *Narcissus* includes daffodils, and is generally associated with spring gardens in the North, but some genera are amenable to being forced to bloom early on the windowsill. Easiest of these is paperwhites, *Narcissus papyraceus*.

The narcissus genus is native to both shores of the Mediterranean. They prefer chilly winters, but not deep freeze.

Narcissus form their leaves and flowers within the bulb, while underground. If you were to slice a bulb from top to bottom, you would see inside them the miniature, ghostly forms of these. If you want to sacrifice a bulb to a home science class, slice and compare it with charts you can find on the web.

Forcing paperwhites indoors starts with choosing specially-prepared bulbs. These are grown in nurseries under ideal conditions then dug, dried, cleaned, and sold expressly for indoor forcing (though they will work perfectly well in the ground if the ground does not freeze solid).

I've found that bulbs from the Big Box stores and hardware stores are substandard; they produce leaves but often fail to bloom, or barely bloom. Buy from a reputable nursery, pay a bit more, to avoid disappointment.

As paperwhites need no advance chilling before forcing, they can be planted directly from the store. I've planted them outdoors in Tucson, and they bloomed successfully. But it is pleasant to have them indoors, up at nose level.

For this, they can be planted in pots of soil, or in gravel. If planting in soil, use a quick-draining soil such as bagged cactus soil, in a pot with drainage holes. Put an inch or two of soil below the bulbs, then cover with more soil till just the tips of the bulbs are visible. Water regularly so the roots are constantly moist but not soggy. The advantage of planting in soil is that its weight

counteracts top-heaviness as the plants grow. Three or five in a pot look great.

An alternative is to plant paperwhites in gravel. I've used bagged marble chips, bagged polished river stones, even gravel from the ground. If using any of these, thoroughly rinse out dust, soak in a mild chlorine solution, then drain, rinse, and dry before use.

Growing paperwhites in pebbles requires a container that does not drain. Allow two or three inches of pebbles below the bulb, then add more pebbles till just the bulb tips are exposed. Next, add water until the water covers only the bottom third of the bulbs. After that, keep this level constant by checking it regularly. For this method, I enjoy using a heavy clear glass container, so I can watch the roots grow. (This too is a great home science activity).

Set them in your sunniest window. The roots will grow first, then green shoots will emerge. As growth proceeds they will consume more water. When the first flower bud emerges, move them to your coolest bright window to prolong the bloom period.

The further into winter you start them, the faster they will come into bloom. If you start a new container every two weeks, you can have some in bloom from Thanksgiving through March.

As they bloom, the flower stems will tilt toward the light source. Resist the temptation to rotate them, as they seem to become confused and the flower stems flop over. If they flop, don't despair; just cut them and put them in a vase.

Plants grown in gravel are unlikely to regenerate enough strength to bloom in a future year; just discard them after bloom. If you like a challenge, you can move pot-grown plants to a sunny spot, and feed and water them regularly until the leaves yellow and brown off, then let them dry. Resume watering and feeding in the autumn. They may need to grow leaves for a few winters to regain bloom strength, but it is fun to see them come back into bloom eventually.

There are also yellow varieties such as Grand Soleil d'Or and Winter Sun that require the identical care, and have different rich scents. With any kind, paperwhites are a simple New Years treat.



### DECEMBER GARDEN CHORES

**Watch for frost  
If hard freeze predicted  
cover tips of tender  
cacti**

**Cover aloes, citrus,  
etc. when temps drop  
below 28°F**

**Reduce watering desert  
perennials to monthly**

**Water wildflower  
seedlings weekly**

**Plant bare-root and  
deciduous shrubs &  
trees**

**Set out winter-hardy  
veggies, flowers, herbs**

**Test citrus for ripeness  
and harvest when ready  
Clean up plant leaves  
and litter**

**Don't prune yet, except  
to remove mistletoe**

**Photo by Ceasol  
Text by Mark J. Sammons**

**List of plants suited to Pueblo  
gardens, online at:  
[https://catalinapueblo.com/  
plant-list/](https://catalinapueblo.com/plant-list/)**

# pueblorecipes

recipes collected and edited by david scott allen • december 2021



## Chocolate Shortbread Squares

*7 3/4 ounces flour*

*2 1/4 ounces unsweetened cocoa*

*16 tablespoons unsalted butter, room temperature*

*3 7/8 ounces granulated sugar*

Whisk flour and cocoa together in a bowl and set aside. Using a stand mixer with the paddle attachment, cream the butter on medium speed until light fluffy. Add the sugar and continue to beat until very pale. Stop the mixer; add the flour and cocoa mixture and combine on low speed, until it forms a slightly dry dough. Turn out the dough onto a sheet of wax paper and form it into a square log 14 inches long and 1 1/2 inches in diameter. I use a dough scraper to help me form the log. Wrap tightly in the wax paper and chill the dough for at least 1 hour.

Line two cookie sheets with parchment. Using a very sharp knife, cut the dough into 1/4-inch thick slices. Arrange the slices on the parchment an inch or more apart. Place cookie sheets in the freezer for 10 minutes; preheat oven to 325°F. Remove cookie sheets from the freezer and bake shortbreads for 18 minutes. Let them cool on the baking sheets for 10 minutes, until they are firm enough to remove with a spatula. Then remove them to a cooling rack to finish cooling.

Makes 4 dozen.

These not-too-sweet shortbreads are a favorite when it comes to holiday cookie baking and gifting. Maybe you should give yourself a little gift and make a batch just for you!?

This recipe, and many more, can be found on David's blog.

[Cocoa & Lavender -  
www.cocoaandlavender.com](http://www.cocoaandlavender.com)

If you have any culinary questions for David, feel free to email him at [cocoaandlavender@gmail.com](mailto:cocoaandlavender@gmail.com).

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## **Tried & True Trades**

### **Carpet Cleaning**

**Sea Breeze Floor Care (Cason) 520-546-2104**  
(carpet, stone, tile & grout)

Recommended by Bill & Lee Strang

### **Concrete, Masonry, Block, Adobe & Stucco Repair**

**Tony Gonzalez 520-250-6769**

Recommended by Joey Tanner Barbee

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

Recommended by David Scott Allen & Mark Sammons

**Ed Carrillo (Stucco) 520-360-0405**

Recommended by John & Ann Berkman

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

Recommended by John & Ann Berkman

### **Electrician**

**Joe McDaniel/Just Energize It 520-409-6096**

Recommended by Jean Paine

### **Facials**

**Lianae ZL Medaesthetics**

**520-204-1956**

Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

### **Handyman**

**Carlson Eby 520-343-9348**

Recommended by Marianne Van Zyll & Deb Perry

**Jonathan Wilt 520-870-1572**

Recommended by Mike & Carolyn Rockwell

**Richard Floyd 520-404-5806**

Recommended by Olive Mondello

**Nailed It: Mark Confer 520-990-8823**

Recommended by Frank & Pamela Bangs

**John Landers 520-609-2530**

Recommended by John & Ann Berkman

**John Gordon 520-282-1725**

Recommended by Marti Greason

### **Home Checks & Caretaking**

**Catalina Concierge - Marco Manzo**

**520-628-0206**

Recommended by Ken Conant and Jim Sankey

### **House Cleaning Services**

**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

### **HVAC**

**Temperature Control, Inc. -- Shawn Davis**

**520-544-KOOL (5665)**

Recommended by Marti Greason

### **IT Computer Technology**

**Sebastian Perez 520-989-4875**

Recommended by Jennifer Flores

### **Locksmith**

**Key One Inc 520-327-3432**

Recommended by Bill & Lee Strang

### **Landscaping/Gardeners**

**Amigo Landscape Samuel 520-443-0414**

Recommended by Deb Perry

**Jose A. Enriquez 520-975-9785**

Recommended by Gail Reich & David Holter

**Francisco Enriquez 520-405-8527**

Recommended by Bill & Lee Strang

### **Manicure/Pedicure, Gels - Waxing**

**Nails by Yen 520-638-8840**

Recommended by JoAnn Marcus

### **Massage Therapists**

**Intentional Grounding, massage by Colleen**

**cmavender @gmail.com - 520-577-4543**

Recommended by Marti Greason

**Brandy Rodriguez LMT - 520-256-5671**

Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

**Ginger Castle LMT CKTP - 520-877-0038**

Recommended by Marianne Van Zyll

### **Painting**

**Dennis Detmering 727-244-0810**

Recommended by Jane Hamilton

**Luis Ramirez - 520-909-4140**

Recommended by Roy Langenberg

### **Pet/Dog Training & Walking**

**Kimble Palmer 407-694-3129**

Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

### **Pet Grooming**

**Just Dogs by Jenni Vance -- 520-389-2269**

**Mobile Grooming**

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

### **Real Estate**

**Patrice Anne Placencia 805-901-8727**

Recommended by Michael Lefebvre

**Russ Carden Long Realty 520-235-5411**

Recommended by Pat Weigand

**Stephanie Meigs Sinclair Assoc. 520-577-5120**

Recommended by Carol Sinclair

### **Remodel/Construction**

**Shawn Henderson 520-745-2169**

Recommended by Marti Greason

### **Roofing**

**Alan Bradley Roofing 520-885-3571**

Recommended by JoAnn Marcus

### **Window Cleaning**

**Better View Professional Windows &**

**Miniblind Cleaners 520-917-3333**

Recommended by David Scott Allen & Mark Sammons

# Treasurer Report

## Pat Weigand, Treasurer

### Catalina Pueblo Association Statements of Cash Flows and Budget October 2021

	2021 YTD Actual	2021 Annual Budget	Budget YTD Remaining		
<b>Income:</b>					
Association Dues	\$ 81,452.00	\$ 81,000.00	\$ (452.00)		
Title Transfer Fees	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ (1,600.00)		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 84,652.00</b>	<b>\$ 82,600.00</b>	<b>\$ (2,052.00)</b>		
<b>Expenses:</b>					
<b>Administrative:</b>					
Postage/Printing/Other	\$ 586.22	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 413.78		
Website	\$ 114.34	\$ 100.00	\$ (14.34)		
Professional Services (Bnkg/CPA/Atty)	\$ 3,399.97	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 200.03		
Property Tax/Licenses	\$ 116.01	\$ 200.00	\$ 83.99		
Insurance		\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,400.00		
Reimbursed Expenses			\$ -		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 4,216.54</b>	<b>\$ 8,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,083.46</b>		
<b>Neighborhood Infrastructure:</b>					
Contracted Monthly Landscaping	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 1,400.00		
Landscaping Maintenance, Project & Design	\$ 5,234.89	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 3,265.11		
Watershed Management Project		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		
Roads & Drainage		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00		
Security - Covid-19	\$ 539.90	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 960.10		
Security & Lightbulbs	\$ 16.52	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 983.48		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 12,791.31</b>	<b>\$ 21,650.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,858.69</b>		
<b>Neighborhood Social Activities:</b>		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00		
<b>Recreational - Pools:</b>					
Routine Services/Chemicals	\$ 6,910.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 1,590.00		
3 Pools Maintenance, Replacement & Repairs	\$ 2,725.05	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 9,274.95		
Southwest Gas	\$ 4,655.74	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 2,844.26		
Tucson Electric	\$ 5,590.25	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,409.75		
City of Tucson Water	\$ 2,607.67	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 392.33		
Contracted Housekeeping Monthly (12x\$200)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 400.00		
Other (permits/termites/furniture)	\$ 235.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,765.00		
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 24,723.71</b>	<b>\$ 45,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,676.29</b>		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 41,731.56</b>	<b>\$ 79,350.00</b>	<b>\$ 37,618.44</b>		
<b>Reserve Transfer</b>		\$ 3,250.00	\$ 3,250.00		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFER</b>	<b>\$ 41,731.56</b>	<b>\$ 82,600.00</b>			
<b>NET CASH FLOW (not including reserve transfer)</b>	<b>\$ 42,920.44</b>				
<b>Checking and Reserve Funds</b>	<b>Cash Flow</b>	<b>Reserve Balance</b>			
	<b>WF Checking</b>	<b>PFCU MM</b>	<b>PFCU Svgs</b>	<b>PFCU CD</b>	<b>Total</b>
Balance 1/1/2021	\$ -	\$ 110,929.42	\$ 100.00	\$ 25,037.87	\$ 136,067.29
Transfer In/Out	\$ (50.00)	\$ 120.00	\$ (70.00)		\$ -
Total Net Cash Flow	\$ 42,920.44	\$ 268.83 (1)	\$ -	\$ 156.19 (1)	\$ 43,345.46
Ending Balance 10/31/2021	\$ 42,870.44	\$ 111,318.25	\$ 30.00	\$ 25,194.06	\$ 179,412.75

(1) Interest income in the MM and CD accounts

Please contact the  
Board via email:  
catalinapuebloboard@  
gmail.com

## 2021 Board of Directors

**Jean Paine** — *President*

**Frank Bangs** — *Vice President*

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**Patricia Weigand** — *Treasurer*

**Mike Wattis** — *Pools*

**Joey Barbee** — *Landscape*

**Milo Meacham** — *Architecture*

### Hughes Sanitation Services

is now Catalina Pueblo's official waste collection firm. As per our governing documents, everyone must use the company selected by the Association.

**Fridays** – both recycle and trash

Billing address:

P. O. Box 725, Cortaro, AZ 85652

520-883-5868

[hughessanitationservices@hotmail.com](mailto:hughessanitationservices@hotmail.com)

[www.tucsontrash.com](http://www.tucsontrash.com)

**Board of Directors Meetings  
will be held via Zoom  
until further notice  
Next meeting:**

**December 14, 2021 @ 1:30**

Our website, [www.catalinapueblo.com](http://www.catalinapueblo.com), 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:

Erosion & Water Harvesting: Frank Bangs, Chair  
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