



State of the Pueblo

Barbara Eckel, President

Greetings and Happy Holidays!

It seems like just yesterday it was Summer. Now we are truly into Fall and soon, Winter, with our winter residents slowly returning and festive decorations to enjoy.

The Board has been working hard on the 2025 budget and all will be revealed at the two meetings this month at the Adelita pool; December 8 – 2:00-3:00 and December 15 – 10:30-11:30. Please come. Members of the Board and the Reserve Task Force will be there to answer your questions. It will be very informal.

We will not be having a Holiday Party this year as we were unable to secure a host. However, we will be doing the Cookie Exchange on December 15 following the budget meeting at Adelita Pool. Come on by 11:30 – 12:30 to chat with neighbors and get some sweet treats. BRING A DOZEN AND TAKE A DOZEN.

In 2025, we will be hosting a community party in February and the Tapas Tour in the Fall. Stay tuned for more details.

Save the Date for the CPA Annual Meeting, Tuesday, January 14, 2025, St. Philips in the Hills Murphy Room (same as last year). The 2025 Budget, Committee Reports, and Officer Ballot will be emailed later this month.

Wishing you all a joyous holiday season.

Nominating Committee

Deb Perry, Vice President

Many thanks to all of you who volunteered to serve on our CPA Board in 2025.

All of our vacant positions are now filled!



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Rule 2.5.3 Exterior Holiday Lights and Decorations

Colored holiday lights and holiday decorations may be displayed from 30 days before the holiday through 14 days after the date of the holiday.

From The Landscape Committee

Something new at Catalina Pueblo !



Planning
Painting &
Planting

by Mary Steffenson
Jean Paine
Carolyn Neff
and Francisco



- Golden Barrels
- Candellila
- Endelman's Hedgehog
- Red Yucca
- More to come!



Garden Gallimaufry

Mark Sammons

Mark J. Sammons
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DECEMBER GARDEN CHORES

Watch for frost

Cover tips of tender cacti with styrofoam cups

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 veggies, flowers, herbs

Test citrus for ripeness and harvest when ready

Clean up non-native leaf litter

Don't prune, except to remove mistletoe

List of plants suited to Pueblo gardens, online at:
<https://catalinapueblo.com/plant-list/>

Learn about the Pueblo's landscape history at:
<https://catalinapueblo.com/history/>

Photo & text by
Mark Sammons

Around the holidays, it is not unusual to take or receive cut flowers as gifts. A social note from my late mother: never take cut flowers without a vase, unless you are sure the recipient has time to pause and fuss with them. If for a dinner party, that is not the moment for cut flowers without a vase.

It is hard to believe that most of the cut flowers in our markets are grown in faraway places like California or South America, and are shipped to wholesale auction in the Netherlands, then reshipped to wholesale warehouses in destination cities, whence they are ordered by local florists or supermarkets. It is amazing that they survive at all.

When flowers are cut, the cut tends to seal and dry. This seal means the stems can no longer draw water efficiently. This shortens the life of the blooms.

There are several simple steps to getting the most out of cut flowers. First, prepare your vase water. The main enemy of cut flowers is fungus and bacteria developing in the water. This clogs the veins of the stems, and makes the vase water turn murky and smell awful.

I don't find those little packets of powder that come with cut flowers to be much use. I start by putting a teaspoon of bleach in the bottom of an empty vase, then filling it halfway with water (slowly, so it doesn't splash on your clothes). Once I put the flowers in the vase, I top off the water. The scent of bleach evaporates in a few hours and the water starts out close to sterile.

Before putting flowers in the water, always cut the stems a little shorter to remove the dried seal – a half inch will suffice, but you can cut off much more if you have a short vase. Cut stems one at a time as you put them in a vase. A sharp knife works best, and cut on an angle to avoid crushing the veins within the stem. The best procedure – if a bit awkward – is to hold the stems down in a bowl of water and make the cut under water to prevent an instant air bubble from forming at the cut. Handling a knife with wet slippery hands is a little hazardous, so I rarely do that, and I still get good results, if not the very best.

With woody stems like lilacs, forsythia, or peonies, it is worth splitting the stem upward from the bottom for an inch to allow them to draw more water.

Every day, or at least on alternate days, remove the flowers from the vase and dump out the water. Refill and rinse the vase, dump the water again, then fill the vase. You can add bleach again at this point, but as the first round has cleaned the stems, I don't bother. In this step, also sort out and discard or snip off wilted blossoms. As you put the flowers back in, cut off a half inch more from each stem to give the veins a fresh opening.

The blossoms of some species are naturally longer- or shorter-lived when cut. As you try different kinds, you'll learn which are longest-lasting. The handling described above will get the longest enjoyment out of them.



pueblorecipes

recipes collected and edited by david scott allen • december 2024

These Christmas Crescent Cookies can be made with pecans, walnuts, or hazelnuts — but I chose almonds because they can be found pre-ground in most grocery stores, eliminating one step in the recipe.

If you need more cookie ideas, check these back issues of the Catalina Pueblo Chronicle (catalinapueblo.com - click on Newsletters):

6/10 - Mexican Canyon Cookies

12/13 - Candy Cane Cookies

12/15 - Molasses Cookies

12/21 - Chocolate Shortbread

12/22 - Peanut Butter Cookies



Christmas Crescent Cookies

8 ounces unsalted butter, softened
5 tablespoons granulated sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 teaspoon water

2 cups flour
2 cups ground almonds
1/2 cup confectioners sugar

Preheat oven to 325°F.

In a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, cream together butter and sugar; add vanilla extract and water and beat well to combine. Mix flour into the butter mixture on low speed — it will look crumbly. Beat in ground almonds and increase speed to medium-high, and continue beating until dough comes together. Take portions about the size of a small walnut and roll between your palms into a small log shape, thicker in the middle but not too thin at the ends. Bend into a crescent shape and place on a parchment-lined baking sheets. Bake for 20 minutes. Let cool 5 minutes and, while cookies are still warm, roll in confectioner's sugar. I like to dust them with a fresh coat of confectioners sugar just before serving.

Makes 5 dozen.

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

COCOA
LAVENDER

Tried & True Trades

If you have received excellent service from an individual or company and wish to share your recommendation with your neighbors, please email Connie, conniechurch313@gmail.com, or put your written recommendations in the Association mailbox at Adelita Pool - 6251 North Calle de Adelita.

Mobile Vet Clinic Kenneth Cohn, DVM 520-465-1533

Recommended by
Jo Ann Marcus

Pet/Dog Train- ing & Walking Kimble Palmer 407-694-3129

Recommended by
Jo Ann Marcus

Real Estate Patrice A. Placencia 805-901-8727

Recommended by
Michael Lefebvre &
Warren Edminster

Russ Carden Long Realty 520-235-5411

Recommended by
Pat Weigand

Stephanie Meigs Sinclair Assoc. 520-577-5120

Recommended by
Carol Sinclair

Carpet Cleaning

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

Recommended by Lee Strang

Concrete, Masonry, Block, Adobe & Stucco Repair

Dennis Detmering 727-244-0810

Burnt Adobe Spray Maintenance

Recommended by Joe & Sandy Thompson

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

Drain Cleaning & Plumbing

Rootin Tootin Rooter 520-464-4889

Recommended by Marianne Van Zyll & Barb Eckel

Electrician

Ruben Castaneda 520-250-6043

Recommended by David Scott Allen & Mark Sammons

Joe McDaniel/Just Energize It 520-409-6096

Recommended by Jean Paine

Handyman

C & C Scape 520-250-9988

Handyman and Wrought Iron

Recommended by Joe & Sandy Thompson

Anthony - AZ Handyman 330-605-3066

Recommended by Marianne Van Zyll

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

House Cleaning Services

Devon Duncan 520-906-6411

Recommended by Laura McCloskey

Fernando Mendez 520-445-1061

Alex's Cleaning Service

Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

Tyffani Ziko & Nicole Quick 602-544-6011

Recommended by Marianne Van Zyll

Elizabeth Padilla 520-304-6693

Housekeeping, windows, patio & yard clean up

Recommended by Nanci Hartwick

HVAC

**Temperature Control, Inc. -- Shawn Davis
520-544-KOOL (5665)**

Recommended by Marti Greason

Locksmith

Jr's AAA Lock and Key 520-332-9453

Recommended by Marti Greason

IT Computer Technology

Sebastian Perez 520-989-4875

Recommended by Jennifer Flores

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 Lee Strang

Manicure/Pedicure, Gels - Waxing

Nails by Yen 520-638-8840

Recommended by JoAnn Marcus

My Nails 520-354-2965

Recommended by Laura McCloskey

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

Luis Ramirez 520-404-3663

Recommended by Laura McCloskey

Pipe Relining

Nu Flow 520-284-0056

Recommended by Carol Sinclair and Ben & Mary Porter

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

Remodel/Construction

Charles Ramsell - 520-250-9988

Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

Mike at Portly Construction 520-549-9357

Recommended by Michael Lefebvre

Roy Armenta - 520-360-7644

Recommended by Marianne Van Zyll

Shawn Henderson 520-745-2169

Recommended by Marti Greason

Roofing

Alan Bradley Roofing 520-885-3571

Recommended by JoAnn Marcus

Solar

Technicians for Sustainability 520-740-0736

Recommended by David Scott Allen, Mark Sammons & Pat Weigand

Our World Energy Solar 623-850-5700

Recommended by Marianne Van Zyll

Window Cleaning

Better View Professional Windows &

Miniblind Cleaners 520-917-3333

Recommended by David Scott Allen & Mark Sammons

Devon Duncan 520-906-6411

Recommended by Laura McCloskey

Treasurer Report

Pat Weigand, Treasurer

Catalina Pueblo Association
Statements of Cash Flows and Budget
October 2024

	2024 YTD Actual	2024 Annual Budget	Budget YTD Remaining
Income:			
Association Dues	\$ 108,075.00	\$ 108,000.00	\$ (75.00)
Title Transfer Fees & Penalties/Interest	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 400.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 109,275.00	\$ 109,600.00	\$ 325.00
Expenses:			
Administrative:			
Postage/Printing/Other	\$ 496.23	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 503.77
Website	\$ 36.99	\$ 100.00	\$ 63.01
Professional Services (Bnkg/CPA/Atty)	\$ 2,379.98	\$ 3,720.00	\$ 1,340.02
Property Tax/Licenses	\$ 125.95	\$ 300.00	\$ 174.05
Insurance	\$ 1,833.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 2,367.00
Reserve Study	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,750.00
Reimbursed Expenses			\$ -
Subtotal	\$ 6,122.15	\$ 12,320.00	\$ 6,197.85
Neighborhood Infrastructure:			
Contracted Monthly Landscaping (12x\$850)	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 1,700.00
Landscaping Maintenance, Project & Design	\$ 5,599.01	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 3,000.99
Water Management Committee	\$ 3,015.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (1,015.00)
Roads & Drainage		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Security - Covid-19		\$ -	\$ -
Security & Lightbulbs	\$ 1,567.45	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (567.45)
Subtotal	\$ 18,681.46	\$ 22,800.00	\$ 4,118.54
Neighborhood Social Activities:	\$ 2,163.48	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,836.52
Recreational - Pools:			
Routine Services/Chemicals	\$ 14,938.04	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 3,061.96
3 Pools Maintenance, Replacement & Repairs	\$ 4,827.46	\$ 13,900.00	\$ 9,072.54
Southwest Gas	\$ 8,532.59	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 667.41
Tucson Electric	\$ 5,947.43	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 1,252.57
City of Tucson Water	\$ 2,878.25	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 1,621.75
Contracted Housekeeping Monthly (12x\$245)	\$ 2,695.00	\$ 2,940.00	\$ 245.00
Other (permits/termites/furniture)	\$ 235.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,265.00
Subtotal	\$ 40,053.77	\$ 58,240.00	\$ 18,186.23
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 67,020.86	\$ 99,360.00	\$ 32,339.14
Reserve Transfer		\$ 10,240.00	\$ 10,240.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFER	\$ 67,020.86	\$ 109,600.00	
NET CASH FLOW (not including reserve transfer)	\$ 42,254.14		

Checking and Reserve Funds

	Reserve Balance				
	PFCU MM	PFCU Svgs	PFCU CD 6 Mo	PFCU CD 12 Mo	PFCU Total
Balance 1/1/2024	\$ 20,190.80	\$ 5.00	\$ 26,294.69	\$ 51,825.66	
Transfer In/Out	\$ 6,930.45 (3)				
Reserve expenses	\$ (4,151.00)				
Total Net Cash Flow	\$ 186.56 (1)	\$ -	\$ 666.63 (1)	\$ 2,178.08 (1)	
Ending Balance 10/31/24	<u>\$ 23,156.81</u>	<u>\$ 5.00 (3)</u>	<u>\$ 26,961.32</u>	<u>\$ 54,003.74</u>	\$ 104,126.87
	WF Checking		Total		
Balance 1/1/2024	\$ 825.00 (2)		\$ 47,315.49		
2024 Dues prepaid in 2023, move to 2024 actuals above	\$ (825.00)		\$ (825.00)		
Transfer In/Out			\$ 6,930.45		
Total Net Cash Flow	\$ 42,254.14		\$ 45,285.41		
Ending Balance 10/31/24	<u>\$ 42,254.14 (3)</u>		<u>\$ 98,706.35</u>		

(1) Interest income in the MM and CD accounts

(2) Reserve transfer of \$6930.45 completed in Jan&Feb2024. Deducted from 1/1/2024 Bal leaving only the prepaid 2024 dues

(3) Reserve transfer not complete until Feb2024, but indicating the result in PFCU Savings and WF checking

2024 Board of Directors

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Hughes Sanitation Services

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
www.tucsontrash.com

**BOD Meeting
December 10
4:00**

**2621
Ave de Posada**

Budget & Reserve Meeting Adelita Pool

**December 8 | 2:30-3:30
December 15 | 10:30-11:30**

**Cookie Exchange
December 15 | 11:30 – 12:30
Adelita Pool**

**BRING A DOZEN AND TAKE A DOZEN
Please bring a takeaway container**

**Annual Meeting
January 14, 2025
St. Phillips in the Hills**

Our website, 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:

Social Committee: Emily Green, Chair

Water Management Committee:

Deborah Perry, Chair
Frank Bangs
Giuseppe & Annamaria Biagini
Mark Sammons
Milo Meacham
Janelle Curry
Marion Taylor
Jean Paine
Beverly McNamara

Architecture: Dan Neff, Chair

Mark Sammons
Jake Hurwitz
Gene Gieseler

Landscape: Joey Barbee, Chair

Mark Sammons
Mike Sharpless
Mary Steffenson
Lee Strang
Doreen Frankel
Karen Satterfield
Jean Paine
Carolyn Neff
Marion Taylor

Pools: Mike Wattis, Chair

Eric Wager
Mary Steffenson
David Holter
Marti Greason
Jan Sikora-Lerch

Light bulbs: Jean Paine, Chair

Campbell: Jean Paine
Pueblo: Terry Temple & Dan Bares
Maria: Marti Greason & Olive Mondello
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Eric & Jeannie Wager (West) Gail Reich (East)
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Posada W.: Russ & Glenda Melin
Minera: Pat Weigand & Gene Gieseler
Caballo & Cerrada Caballo: Marti Greason

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