



EE's Book Exchange

Calling all Esperanza Estates readers! If you have a book or two which you have read or if you would like to read a book you do not have, the new EE Book Exchange is for you! A cabinet labeled "Book Exchange" is located at the Ramada, inside the gated pool area. Gently



read books can be deposited in the cabinet and taken from the cabinet by any EE resident. The books can be returned for use by others and there is no limit to what can be taken for your reading enjoyment. All books are considered donations and will not be returned to the original owner. In the spring, the collection will be weeded and some will be donated to the Enhancement Team's Patio Sale. Thanks to the Team for donating funds to purchase the cabinet and to Cindy Krantz for suggesting the Book Exchange.



New in the Periodico: Book Corner reviews (page 13)...

Calling All EE Photographers! A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words

In each issue of the Periodico we will publish photos you send us to illustrate a specific theme related to Esperanza Estates. The theme for the November issue is "Why I Love Esperanza Estates." This is an easy one, so we're hoping for a big response. Show us photos of things you love about EE. The architecture, the flora, the people, your neighbor, the hot tub? Submissions should be sent to droessle@mac.com or delivered to 801 Circulo Napa by November 14.

See this month's photos — "A Day in the Life" — on page 7...

Upcoming Events



Halloween Party Thursday, October 31 Sunset Ramada Potluck



4:30 Cocktails • 5:00 Potluck
Soda, beer, wine & cocktails provided
Karaoke
Costume & Door Prizes



Hamburger Night Tuesday, November 12

Sunset Ramada • 4:30 Cocktails, 5:00 Grilling Begins
\$6.00 per person includes a hamburger, cheeseburger or veggie burger
and chips. Sodas, beer and mixers supplied.

EE Name Badges Available
Name badges for Ramada gatherings are available for \$6.00 each. If you would like to order a badge, contact Melodye Cooke: 399-0455 or melodye1@cox.net.

Board Meetings

Nov. 18, Dec. 16,
Annual Meeting: Jan. 20
Feb. 17, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16

At the Ramada, 1:00

Board member list & meeting minutes available at <http://esperanzaestates.net>

Esperanza Estates Homeowners Association

P.O. Box 181

Green Valley, AZ 85622-0181

Pickleball Schedule

Tues., 8 a.m. Recreational Play (all skill levels)
Thurs., 8 a.m. Recreational Play (all skill levels)
Thurs., 1 p.m. Ladies Only (all skill levels)
Sat., 8 a.m. Competitive Play
(advanced players)
Sun., 10 a.m. Recreational Play (all skill levels)

Courts are open anytime for play Saturday through Thursday.

Fridays mornings are reserved for tennis.



Board News

By Tom Cooke

Several bee infestations seem to have sprouted up around EE over the summer. Some of these have posed serious health and safety issues to adjoining property owners, and in some cases the owners where bees are residing have taken the position that they are not going to do anything about them, or alternatively, that the bees are the HOA's problem, not theirs, and that the HOA has to pay to have them eradicated. This situation was discussed at the last Board meeting because of complaints it has received, and the Board decided to pass a resolution to put the issue of responsibility to rest, as well as to make sure there is a protocol in place to deal with this problem. Bee problems have been on the rise in recent years in EE, and the Board wants to be proactive on the question, rather than deal with them on an ad hoc basis. Honey bees in this part of the state have been gradually Africanized, become aggressive, and hence dangerous to people and pets.

RESOLUTION

Whereas the Board of Directors of Esperanza Estates has determined that infestations of bees, hornets, wasps, and other stinging insects present a danger and a material hazard to the residents, guests and others found within the subdivision, and therefore constitute a nuisance, and

Whereas the Board has a duty under the CC&Rs to take all appropriate action to abate any such hazard and nuisance for the protection of its residents and the general public, and

Whereas the Board desires to adopt a uniform policy to deal with the responsibility for such abatement,

Now, therefore, it is RESOLVED as follows:

1. Any infestation of bees, hornets, wasps, or other stinging insects found anywhere within the legal boundaries of Esperanza Estates are hereby declared to be a public nuisance and subject to the abatement provisions of this Resolution.
2. Financial responsibility for the abatement of the nuisance shall rest with the property owner where the infestation shall be found, regardless of where on the property it may be, and particularly including the exterior of a patio wall.
3. When an infestation is discovered and reported to a Board member, the owner of the property or his designee shall be given oral and/or written notice as soon as practicable to abate the nuisance, or make arrangements satisfactory to the Board for its abatement, with 48 hours. Failure of the owner to comply will result in the HOA taking necessary action at the expense of the owner. Any such expense shall be considered a Reimbursement Assessment as provided in Section 5.3.5 of the CC&Rs of Esperanza Estates, and collected as therein provided.
4. The Board shall have authority to enter onto any lot for the abatement of any infestation which the owner refuses to abate as herein provided, or where the owner cannot be located within a reasonable time, under the authority provided by Sections 12.5 and 13.4.1.2 of the CC&Rs of Esperanza Estates.

This Resolution enacted by vote of the Board of Directors on October 21, 2013.

Weekly Movie Nights at the Ramada

Movies are one of the leading forms of entertainment for EE residents. For some people watching a movie in a group is more fun than watching it in a secluded environment at home. But, unless you see a matinee, driving at night to the cinema is a concern of many. Also, the price of a ticket and refreshments is far higher than in the good old days.



The weekly Movie Night at the Ramada sponsored by the EE Arts Club has become very popular, as it provides the communal watching experience right in your own neighborhood. And, the price is right – a donation (\$2.00 suggested) to the Arts Club. Free popcorn and occasionally other goodies are available.

Show time is Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. The films through November are as follows:

October 30: The Crazies – a horror movie for Halloween.

November 6: Star Trek: Into Darkness – the twelfth installment in the Star Trek series.

November 13: Walk the Line – Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon in the story of Johnny Cash.

November 20: The Big Lebowski – A comedy starring Jeff Bridges as Jeffrey Lebowski, an unemployed Los Angeles slacker and avid bowler, nicknamed “The Dude.” After a case of mistaken identity, The Dude meets a millionaire also named Jeffrey Lebowski. When the millionaire Lebowski’s trophy wife is kidnapped, he commissions The Dude to deliver the ransom to secure her release.

November 27: Escanaba in da Moonlight – a great American hunting misadventure in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. Yuppers will especially enjoy this one.

Neighborhood Watch Update

A HUGE thanks to Claire Coon and Carol Flatt for their many years of service as Block Captains. Claire is moving to Tucson and Carol is retiring as a Block Captain. They both did outstanding work for the HOA.

Welcome to Pat Shipman who has volunteered to assume Zone 2, which had been Carol’s zone on Nueva. Her phone number is 625-8191. Welcome also to Karen White, new block captain for Zone 15, previously served by Carollee Robertson. Karen’s phone number is 648-3993.

We still need a volunteer for Zone 17. These are the homes on the north side of Regalo, 802-926. Winter residents are welcome to volunteer. We have several who have done a great job keeping up with their areas.

Special thanks to the Block Captains that continue to support the HOA.

Contact Mary Beth Wallace, Neighborhood Watch Chairperson: merrymary7@Q.com or 399-0299.



Show your pride in EE

The EE Gardeners are selling these license plates for \$10.00 each. A great way to show your pride in EE wherever you go. To order a plate, contact Bill Berdine at whberdine@roadrunner.com or 344-7301.

Reminder:
**Pets are not allowed
inside the pool enclosure.**

EE Helps Reduce Toxic Waste

Did you know that many common household and automotive products become a hazard to the environment when disposed of improperly? Volunteers for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day learned a lot about the hazards as part of their two hour training session before participating in the collection event this month.

It's interesting to know that latex paint collected through the program is mixed, packaged in five gallon containers and sold to the public for \$10 or \$15 a bucket. Many other materials that are dropped off are also available to the public at no cost, as an alternative to disposal.

During the four-hour event on October 19th, more than 700 cars (representing 842 households) drove through the recycling area set up in the Valley Presbyterian Church parking lot.

Fifteen enthusiastic EE residents volunteered at the event, serving as greeters, traffic flow coordinators, vehicle un-loaders and sorters. They are: Roberta and Wayne Bower, John Isgrigg, Terry Jackson, Joe McCalpin (chairman), Barb McCalpin, Bruce and Judy Moulton, Pat Sharpe (volunteers recruiter), Lillie Sheehan, Ben Sheffield, Jim Sourant, Cynthia Surprise, Lynn Theder and Kevin Welsh.



Bruce Moulton unloads a car



Greeters Roberta Bower and Lillie Sheehan



Barb McCalpin sets up the Command Post

Joe McCalpin and Kevin Welsh



Below: Kevin directs traffic



Greeter Judy Moulton



Lynn Theder suited up in protective clothing

Green Valley Council

By Joe McCalpin

There is an interesting activity underway that may affect how we relate to the County, particularly with respect to our infrastructure. A select committee has been formed to determine whether or not a Special Improvement District can be formed to allocate funds to special projects in Green Valley. I have been invited to sit in on the deliberations.

Such a district would be able to raise revenues through bond issues and other devices. Establishing this district would require a vote by the homeowners and any revenue measures would also require a vote.

As an unincorporated community, Green Valley has the benefit of no city taxes. The downside of being unincorporated is that we are at the mercy of the County and of the city of Tucson which can and has influenced the actions of the County. On top of this, Ray Carroll's district stretches from the Catalina Foothills to the County line south of us. Mr. Carroll cannot be elected without Green Valley votes, but the money is concentrated up north.

We are sitting here with our streets failing. The highway revenues (HURF) are dropping and frequently are used as a rainy day fund by the Legislature. The County is allocating funds for street repair, but the line is long and competitive. We might get some work done on streets like Portillo and Napa, but there is not a glimmer of hope for Placita Nueva or Excelso. If we don't do anything, we lose.

I think that a Special Improvement District deserves some thoughtful consideration. It all depends on how it is proposed and how transparent it is. I have listened to Tom Ward, Mr. Carroll's operative here; he is on the committee along with an Executive Vice President of GVC and a couple of others. I have been working with the Executive Vice President on the street issue for three years. I will keep you posted.

And Now For The Good News...

Last Saturday we held the Fall Household Hazardous Waste Collection at the Valley Presbyterian Church. As usual, Esperanza Estates made a significant contribution in terms of volunteers. I also saw a large number of our neighbors in the line. Pat Sharpe served as Volunteer Coordinator and in that capacity recruited 65 volunteers for the event. Kevin Welsh directed sign and traffic cone placement, as well as controlling traffic.

This event is really a "feel good" event, the volunteers all seem happy that they are there and working. The people bringing stuff to be recycled are grateful for the service and are justifiably proud that they are doing a good thing for the community.

Here are some statistics from the event:

- Three tons of electronic devices were brought and will be recycled.
- Two-and-one-half tons of personal documents were securely shredded.
- One hundred pounds of prescription medications will never be sold on the street.
- Seven hundred twenty two pounds of food were given to the Food Bank, along with \$275 in donations.
- Nine tons of paint and hazardous waste were collected- 98% will be recycled.
- Including volunteers who brought materials, 920 households were represented.

Congratulations to all of us for doing the right thing.

A Day in the Life...



Joey Sourant shared this photo of a rare White (Mutant) Curved Bill Thrasher that has visited her yard on Del Norte.

Tillie the Tug is the Gardeners' latest acquisition. The group will use it to tug the water wagon and haul planting materials.



Dog walkers, photographed by Chris Amoroso



Above: An amazing sunset in EE, by Linda Hoy



This frequent visitor to Denise Roessle's yard seems to be extra hungry lately.



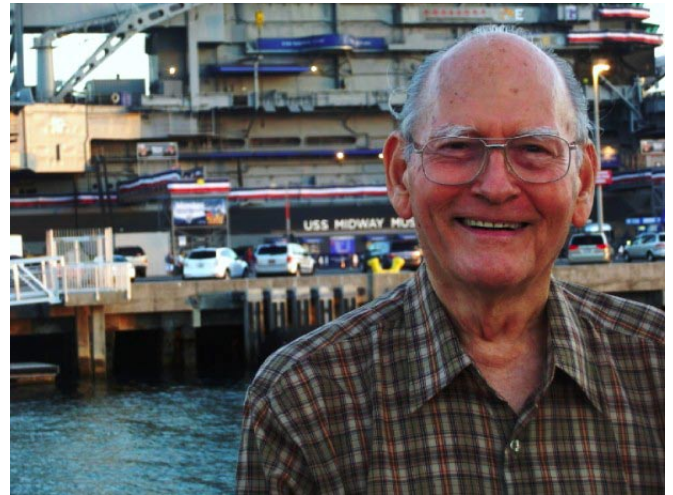
Left: An equally amazing moonrise, by Cheri Day

Richard L. Rose Returns to the USS Midway

By Kris Bean

On June 18th, EE resident Dick Rose stepped aboard the USS Midway for the first time in 67 years. His visit to the ship, now a museum anchored in San Diego harbor, brought back memories of his tour of duty in the US Navy.

Following naval training in San Diego, the young enlistee traveled to Washington, D. C. to attend the Naval School of Music. There he learned to improvise solos on the saxophone and clarinet—an asset that served him well throughout his life. Navy ships have a long history of having musicians aboard for entertainment and for formal occasions.



Dick recalled playing “Hail to the Chief” with the full 23-man band as President Truman reviewed the troops during fleet week from a barge in New York harbor. Sailors crowded to the deck to get only a glimpse of the top of the President’s head. The fifteen piece big band played popular tunes for the crew on the hanger deck before movies.

Playing both tenor sax and clarinet, Dick was also part of a quartet frequently assigned to play during meals in the Officers’ Mess. This summer’s visit, however, was his first opportunity to sit at one of the officers’ tables. The linen tablecloths were in place, but the plates were paper cutouts representing the fine china that had been used at sea.

Ducking his head, Dick climbed the 43 steps of the ladders leading to the bridge. His tour of duty from September 10, 1945 through June 1946 had not included a trip to the bridge.

The tour guide introduced former Musician Petty Officer Third Class Richard L. Rose as a celebrity – a plank owner, and invited him to sit in the Captain’s seat. Every sailor assigned to the USS Midway upon its commission was given a Plank Owner Certificate stating that he was entitled to one plank of the flight deck when the ship was decommissioned. Dick still has his Plank Certificate, but the likelihood of his ever receiving a plank from the steel deck is slim.

Plank ownership also had its privileges when Dick toured other areas of the ship. Met at the entrance by volunteer Margaret Riggs of Midway Sailor, Dick was given a personal tour by Head of Safety, Vic Vydra. With a few extra twists and turns and access through a usually locked door, Dick found himself back in the area that had been home to the musicians’ bunks. In these crowded rooms just aft of the anchor, sailors slept – stacked four high – in fold down hammocks. Belted in at the waist and ankle they rode out Arctic storms that ripped off lifeboats and bent the steel deck and 40 millimeter guns.



While visiting, Dick donated several items to the museum including ship’s newspapers devoted to

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Operation Frostbite, the Midway's tour of duty in the Arctic, a photo of his Plank Certificate, and CDs of songs played for the crew during his time aboard.

Glad to have made this trip, Dick joined the Honor Flight to the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. in October. Despite the rainy weather his trip was a thrill. More than 1,300 people – including active duty military – packed the arrival area of Tucson International Airport to greet the returning honorees. A KOLD news crew traveled with the group and is producing a special program about the Honor Flight. It is scheduled to air on Veterans Day, November 11.



We Want Your Stories!

The Periodico staff is always looking for stories. If you want to write an article, suggest a topic, or nominate a fascinating neighbor to be featured, please contact Cynthia Surprise (857-209-1978, cjsurprise@verizon.net).

In particular, we're planning for future stories and looking for (1) your memories of your family Christmas tree, (2) how you met your spouse, and (3) photos and stories about treasured items. We know there are many interesting stories out there, so please help us find them!

Harlan Rosvold's Honor Flight

By Vicki (Rosvold) Hart

Harlan Rosvold from Minnesota, an EE resident (Regalo) for over 20 years and a Green Valley "snowbird" for over 30 years, enjoyed the experience of a lifetime, when he and his "guardian" son took the Honor Flight -Twin Cities to Washington, D.C. on October 5, 2013. Harlan is a WWII Marine who spent time during the war in Saipan, Tinian and other places, and participated in the fierce battle at Iwo Jima. His son Greg, who accompanied him to D.C., is a Vietnam veteran. The whirlwind day-trip ended with a huge reception at the Hubert H. Humphrey Airport in Minneapolis! Not a dry eye when over 300 well-wishers met the 80+ vets and their guardians when they entered the terminal.



BY THE NUMBERS...

A few facts about Esperanza Estates:

- 1976 Year first home built
- 351 Number of homes
- 21 Acres of common area
- 21 Number of quads

All About Green Valley Pecans... And The Company That Grows Them

By Paul LaVanway

Pecan is an Algonquin word meaning “nut requiring a stone to crack.” Native to North America, 95% of the world’s pecan crop is grown and processed in the U.S. Sunbelt—primarily the area running from the Carolinas and Georgia westward to West Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.



While Georgia is the leading pecan producing state in the nation, the largest single U.S. producer of the nut is none other than our local area’s very own Green Valley Pecan Company.

Curious to learn about this company, I contacted Roger Hooper, Farm Manager, who graciously granted me an interview and gave me a tour.

Some Background:

The Green Valley Pecan Company traces its roots to 1937 when California cotton farmer R. Keith Walden formed the Farmers Investment Company (FICO). In February 1949, Walden moved his cotton operation to the Santa Cruz Valley of Arizona. Walden and his company had partnered with Chicago Industrialist Henry Crown to purchase the 9,700 acre Continental Ranch & Farm—what had been the northern half of the original San Ignacio de la Canoa land grant—from the Intercontinental Rubber Company.

Although he continued to grow cotton, Walden began experimenting with different crops, eventually adding wheat, barley, alfalfa, grapes and lettuce.

By the late 1950s, FICO’s Santa Cruz Valley farming operation was among the largest producers of winter lettuce in the Southwest.

At about this same time, faced with difficulty merchandising the grains and feed crops which the farm grew, the Company began a cattle feeding operation. An effective means of utilizing the Company’s excess grains, FICO’s feedlot operation was located in the fields east of Old Nogales Highway.

Eventually, the cattle feeding operation became one of the largest in Arizona, with the Company’s stock pens holding over 40,000 head of beef. The feedlot enterprise continued until the mid-1960s, at which time AZ Department of Environmental Quality violations—primarily due to the noxious odors associated with the penning of up to 40,000 head of cattle—resulted in shutdown of the operation.

FICO’s land soon became prized as a source for residential real estate. The Company helped bring about the creation of Green Valley by selling 2,900 acres—what had been the northwest corner of their original Santa Cruz Valley landholdings—to Maxon Development Corporation in 1961. The East and West Villas, the Green Valley Village Mall, and the East Social Center were all soon constructed on what had been FICO’s property.

By the mid-1960s, Walden and the organization which he headed, had become increasingly disenchanted with the cotton market. From the early 1950s through the mid 1960s—coincident with the development and marketing of synthetic fibers—cotton’s share of the fiber market declined markedly, falling from approximately 75% to about 25%. As the Company pondered this, while also facing the looming shutdown of their successful feedlot operation, Walden and his management team began looking for new crops to grow.

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The task was approached with several criteria in mind: The crop had to be, 1) non-perishable; 2) mechanically harvestable; and, 3) compatible with local soil and climate. Although the likes of grapes/raisins and walnuts were considered, Walden and his investors eventually settled on pecans. Over the course of the next 5 years, from 1965 to 1969, FICO planted 400,000 pecan trees—almost exclusively Western Schley and Wichita varieties—on 5,000 acres of the Company's Santa Cruz Valley farmlands. The first of these trees began producing nuts in 1970.

The Green Valley Pecan Company Today:

The Green Valley Pecan Company, FICO's principal subsidiary, devotes 4,500 acres of its Santa Cruz Valley farmland to the growing of pecans. As the largest agricultural company in the area, the organization employs 65 full-time workers in their farm operation, as well as another 40-50 part-timers during harvest. The Company's processing plant, which operates year-round, employs another 85-90 full-time workers.

Work in the farming operation involves such activities as irrigation, "topping" and pruning, thinning, the culling of trees and replanting. Harvesting typically begins after Thanksgiving—it requires several days of a hard freeze (i.e., several days below 30 degrees—to allow the leaves to fall off of the trees) before harvesting can begin. Harvesting typically lasts until the end of January.

Over the past several years, FICO's farm personnel have gradually upgraded almost all of the Company's Western Schley tree varieties, replacing them with Wichita's. The small trees which are planted interspersed among the larger, older, trees in the pecan groves on either side of Continental Road—between I-19 and Whitehouse Canyon Road—are an example of this upgrading process.

Pecans—like pistachios—are what is referred to as an "alternate bearing crop," with intermittent "heavy" and "light" years of production. In a "heavy" year, the Company grows approximately 11-12 million pounds of pecans, while in an "off" or "light" year, 8-9 million lbs of nuts are harvested.

The Company owns an 18 million pound cold storage facility in Las Cruces, New Mexico, enabling them to store up to 2 years of production.

Green Valley Pecan's Sahuarita processing plant also cleans, grades and packages pecans from the Company's 3,000 acres of newly planted San Simon, Arizona groves—a farming operation located in southeastern AZ—near where Interstate I-10 crosses the AZ-NM border. To keep its processing plant running at full capacity, the Company occasionally sources pecans from the open market, purchasing them from growers located in West Texas, New Mexico and Mexico.

While pecans have been good to FICO, the endeavor has not been without its challenges. In 1987, the company—then headed by Keith Walden's son, Richard—faced a major organizing drive, including a product boycott, from Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers union. Although FICO emerged victorious from the fracas, Richard Walden and the company did, at least temporarily, suffer from the public relations controversy associated with the dispute.

Contemporarily, the control of field and harvesting dust, the reduction of standing pools of irrigation water—towards preventing the breeding of mosquito larva—and water management and conservation, are on-going issues which the Company strives to successfully manage.

Green Valley Pecan's annual production—which consists almost entirely of shelled nuts—is sold into three principal markets, with each of the three market segments accounting for approximately one third of sales: 1) European Brokers-mainly located in the U.K., Denmark, the Netherlands and France; 2) U.S. Confectioners-think the likes of Blue Bell's Butter Pecan ice cream, and Hershey's—and M&M/Mars—candy bars; and, 3) Costco-individually packaged bulk pecans sold in Costco's membership warehouses.

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The Future:

As the Danish Physicist Niels Bohr famously commented, “prediction is very difficult, especially if it’s about the future.” Such is equally applicable when it comes to such diverse topics as agricultural markets and Arizona land development.

Long-term, FICO envisions it’s 7,000 acres and 12 miles of Santa Cruz River frontage being developed into residential, retail and office space. A master planning document outlining this scenario has been approved by the Town of Sahuarita. Nevertheless, as a completely market-driven plan—and what with the state of the volatile housing and commercial land markets being the determining factor in the proposal—it well could be 50 or more years before the plan is achieved.

According to FICO Farm Manager Roger Hooper, “Even at that, I suspect that there will always be portions of the existing farm property that will continue to be grown in pecans—there are pecans in our future—and in the future of Green Valley—as far as the eye can see.”

Enhancement Team

By Barb McCalpin

If you have been to the Ramada lately, you’ve seen the two latest additions provided by the Enhancement Team: decorative tiles on the arched entryways leading into the pool area and the large cabinet being used for the EE book exchange. Our next meeting will be in November, when we will plan both fund-raising events and enhancement projects for the coming year. As always, we welcome new members, as well as suggestions for future projects. For either, call Barb McCalpin (867-8067) or contact any Team member.

Last week I cleaned out one of our closets. Result: a large box of items to save for our annual Ramada/Bake Sale. If you’re inspired to do some similar cleaning, we would be happy to receive household items in good condition, collectibles, accessories, small appliances, furniture, etc. (no clothing please). It’s good to free up the space to put new things! The sale is always held on the first Saturday in March. To donate items, please call Lorna Kitchak (838-0653), Geri Lindberg (777-4972), Kraylen Miholer (393-8133), Bev Hebib (648-1338) or Barb McCalpin (867-8067). We appreciate your support; that’s what makes things happen.

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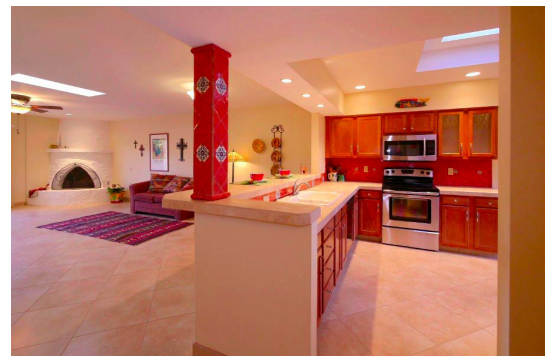
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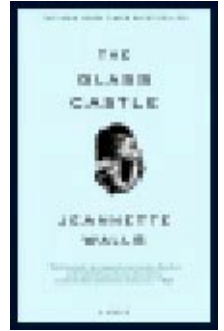
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Book Corner: Jeanette Walls, An Arizona Original

By Cindy Krantz

Jeanette Walls was the second oldest child of a marriage which had the potential for dysfunction from its beginning. Her father was from a poor mining town in West Virginia. Although brilliant, he was seldom sober. Lessons in physics and geology took a back seat to encouraging his children's imagination and ability to face life without fear. Jeanette's mother was an artist, who preferred painting to cooking and caring for her four children. The family moved frequently throughout the southwest desert towns, often "doing the skedaddle" as they were being chased by creditors. While many could consider the parents abusive because of their neglect in providing proper food, shelter or schooling for their children, Rex and Rose Mary believed that "what doesn't kill you makes you stronger." Apparently, their children responded to this philosophy, as all four made good in their adult lives.



These three highly popular books reflect Jeanette's first-hand knowledge of people dealing with hardships. The first, *The Glass Castle* (2005), is a memoir of her family's adventures. She juxtaposes tender stories of her father's Christmas gift of allowing each child to claim a star while gazing at the Arizona sky with heart-breaking tales of the children eating out of school trashcans and painting their skin to hide holes in their pants.

Jeanette describes her second book, *Half-Broken Horses* (2009), as a true-to-life novel which fictionalized her maternal grandmother. Lily broke horses as a child and married a rancher in Arizona. Perhaps she and her siblings inherited their grandmother's fierce independence, as Lily learned to drive a car and fly a plane. The storyline in this book has been described as "Laura Ingalls Wilder for adults."

The Silver Star (2013) is the most recent of Wall's books. It tells the story of two sisters who have grown up neglected by their scatterbrained mother. Abandoned at ages twelve and fifteen, Bean and Liz travel alone from California to Virginia to seek out family they have never met. The girls survive their new surroundings by relying on each other for strength. Their sense of strong family bonds and perseverance reflect Walls' own childhood experiences with her siblings.

All three books are told with affection, despite her parents' betrayals. She tells the story without seeking sympathy or criticism of her life growing up. The admiration of her resilient grandmother shines throughout her narrative. The novel is a tale of perseverance and the triumph of love and loyalty. All three books are "good reads."

Editor's Note: The Book Corner is our new series of book reviews. Cindy Krantz is an avid reader and co-chair of the EE Book Club.



Commemorative Bricks

Is there a friend or loved one you would like to honor or commemorate with an inscribed brick at the EE Ramada? Bricks are available for \$50 (including installation) by calling Tom Cooke, 399-0455.

Pet plaques (on the post at the southwest side of the ramada) are also available from Geri Lindberg for \$25.

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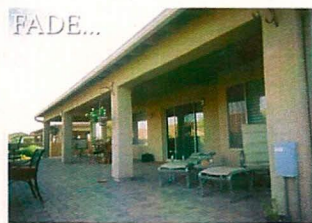
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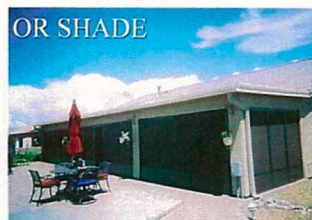
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