

Lamp Post Decorating

Esperanza Estates has a wonderful tradition of decorating our street light posts for the holiday season from Thanksgiving to New Year's. Our neighborhood looks so festive and draws lookers from all over Green Valley.

If you don't have the time, or the energy, to do your own decorating, you can enlist the aid of the Enhancement Elves. They will be happy to do your decorating for a mere \$10 if you have the decorations or \$15 if you don't. If you need the electrical plug-in to go in the socket in your post, the charge is an additional \$2.00, but the adaptor then becomes yours. The charge includes both putting up and removing the decorations. Deadline for this service is December 15, so if you want an elf to appear at your lamp post, call Jackie at 269-7864.

Grandchildren Visiting?

The Enhancement Team has baby and toddler equipment such as car seats and play pens to loan free of charge. Just call Lorna at 838-0653 if you want to borrow it for your small visitors.

Board Notes

At their meeting on November 18th, the EE Board of Directors approved the 2014 HOA budget. Dues for next year will remain the same \$350.

In light of the retirement of Scottie Blum and Norma Stanley as Hospitality Committee chairs, attendees expressed an interest in finding a way to continue the fun events for EE residents. Marla Ries has volunteered to conduct a meeting to discuss potential ideas. The meeting will be held at the Ramada on December 3rd at 10:00 a.m. Any resident with ideas on how to keep the social activities going or willing to serve on a social committee are encouraged to attend. You can contact Marla at 360-708-0855, or gymarlaries@gmail.com.

Pictured at right: At the last Hamburger Night, EE thanked the Hospitality Committee for their years of service with a cake and commemorative bricks honoring Scottie Blum and Norma Stanley.



Lots to Talk About: HOA Elections & GVC Council

By Joe McCalpin

Since I have two hats in this Periodico, I would like to combine two themes into one stream of consciousness article. The first theme is Secretary stuff. The second is GVC stuff.

Speaking as the Secretary of the HOA, I would like to announce that we have five candidates for the three Board positions: Jim Lindberg, Boyd Morse, Tom Cooke, Ben Sheffield, and Hugh Gates.

Jim Lindberg has had a very good term as the Chair of Architectural Control; being an architect by profession, Jim's skills have been of benefit to the community on many occasions. Jim lost more than a few hours of sleep over the construction of the restrooms at the tennis/pickleball court. His calm rational approach has defused many a situation that could have resulted in hard feelings.

Boyd Morse has agreed to run for another term. Boyd has been a leader in the weed control effort. Among other things Boyd installed many of the new street lamps. Boyd has significant contacts both at the County level and locally; he found the vehicle we use to bring herbicides to control our weeds and got us a good price. Tom Cooke has contributed more to EE than anyone I know. It's not just the offices he has held, but also the volunteer hours he has put in on weed control and at the Ramada/Pool/Pickleball Court. Ben Sheffield has tossed his hat into the ring. Ben served EE as President and Secretary a few years ago. He has lived in EE forever, and if you have a project that needs hands on work, Ben will be the first one to show up with shovel or saw in hand. Ben's efforts to interface with Pima County over the construction of the restrooms made a significant impact on the construction effort and in particular in dealing with permits and water and sewage connections. Hugh Gates has also agreed to run for the Board. Hugh, a Yankee from Vermont, has been very active and outspoken about EE's fiscal policy and the transparency of our finances.

On a personal note, my approach to Board elections has been to make sure that we have enough candidates for each position. I have used the services of a couple of folks who know everybody in the community to find candidates willing to serve. If someone wants to serve, they should have that opportunity. In my five years at the post I have not experienced a surfeit of candidates. I have never had to resort to begging, but it has been close once or twice. We are all neighbors, and mutual respect for the individual and that individual's feelings are paramount in dealing with each other. Conflict and confrontation need to be avoided like the plague. That being said, if you have something to offer the community, please step forward. We also need new blood, new ideas and new energy.

Regarding GVC, there are some new things going on which affect all of us here. Let's get pats on the back out of the way first. I have received compliments from GVC officers, HOA Reps, as well as other

organizations about our website and our Periodico. You have no idea how far out in front of the pack we are. Good on all you guys. EE stood out in the Household Hazardous Waste event. Our community is outstanding and all of you are to be congratulated.

There was a meeting earlier this month of the GVC Executive Board and all of the Committee Chairs to determine what the Executive Board could do to aid the Committee Chairs in completing their missions. It looks like GVC might be finally focusing on being more

Board Meetings

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>

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proactive with the County and other government entities in trying to restore the infrastructure of our community. GVC is also looking outside of Green Valley to other communities like Vail to see if they will work with us to increase our political clout. The Executive Board is developing new paths of communication within and without the organization. The Executive Board asked for the thoughts of the Committee Chairs on what they needed from that Board. They got everything they asked for and a bit more.

What I'm seeing is increased concentration on GVC's planning and executing its mission. What I am not seeing is the Council taking ownership of efforts to maintain our infrastructure and ensuring that our representatives in government step up to their responsibilities in those efforts. We need a clear-cut statement of what needs to be done, the resources required to accomplish the tasks and the method of obtaining those resources. Administrator Huckleberry has put forth numerous suggestions to restore the infrastructure. He has sent these to the Board of Supervisors who have said, "that's nice dear, now what's for dinner." Sooner or later the community is going to have to convince those who govern us that they occupy their offices at the discretion of the people not the officials' political party.

Thank you for letting me vent.

Bienvenidos Committee Report

Please join us in welcoming some new neighbors to our community.

Kirk Hill (Nueva)

Kirk has recently moved to Esperanza Estates from Truth or Consequence, New Mexico. He has lived in the western United States most of his life including such places as California, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. Kirk worked in industrial design and architecture. He continues to pursue these interests through architectural photography and painting. Recently, Kirk has been working with some local realtors photographing properties for their publications. Kirk enjoys meeting people with a creative arts background and pursuing his interest in abstract and urban art.

Greg and Dorothea Winston (del Sur)

The Winstons have rented in Green Valley for several years. They recently purchased a home in Esperanza Estates where they will live once the extensive renovation on their new home are completed. Greg designed the renovations and is overseeing the completion.

Greg was a commercial pilot and flight instructor. He is currently semi-retired from his position as a computer programmer and IT specialist. Dorothea worked in customer service in the retail industry. She is currently involved in creating greeting cards and book illustrations as a colored pencil artist. They are both eager to settle into EE and get involved in activities in our community.

Sunny Gleeson and Daniel McNett (Regalo)

Sunny and Daniel moved to Green Valley from Seattle, Washington. They had formerly owned a house on Abrego, and after selling that house, they moved to Esperanza Estates in June. Previously, they had lived for several years on a houseboat in Portland Oregon.

Daniel served in the military in Southeast Asia. He retired from the Post Office where he worked as a driver collecting mail. He is an avid reader, enjoys chess, bridge, golf and eating good food. Daniel is also interested in the study of Buddhism.

Sunny worked as a professional "house stager" creating the best impression for houses on the real estate market. She is very excited to begin decorating their new home in a colorful southwestern style. Sunny works a few days a week in Tubac at Mariah's. She enjoys different needlecrafts and is interested in creating western style pillows.

Around Esperanza



The tennis group, whose shirts and caps read "EE Tennis Club The Champagne Group."



New signs to warn passersby of areas with bee infestations; Stein Simonsen battles bees.



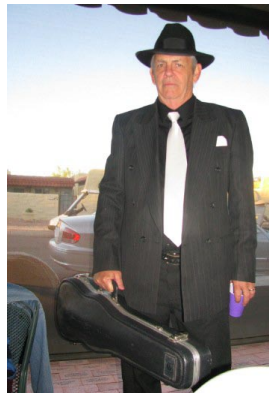
Budget Committee meeting



Scenes captured around EE: (left) a herd of javelinas by night (John Isgrigg); (below left) another gorgeous EE sunset (Lynn Theder); (below right) a hawk perched on the wall of Becky McCreary's patio.



EE Turns Out for Halloween



First place in the costume competition was awarded to Chris Amoroso (left) for his depiction of a Re-tire-ee. Joanne Amoroso had second place in the bag with her Cloth Bag Lady encouraging the use of reusable bags. Further honors were awarded to Denise "One-Leg" Roessle for her Pretty-in-Pink Flamingo; Lonnie "Make Me An Offer I Can't Refuse" Borgmann dressed as the infamous real estate agent, Al Capone; guest Bill O'Brien for a bad witch with a good costume; and Dan McNett appearing as Tinkerbell.

EE Gardeners Report

Following their success in 2012-2013, the Gardeners have developed a very ambitious plan to continue to beautify our common areas during the coming year.

Last year they focused on improving the appearance of Esperanza Estates Park and Mesquite Park and creating the new Palo Verde del Norte Park. Thanks to the efforts of the summer watering volunteers, most of the new plantings survived the brutal summer, and the Gardeners are extremely pleased with how the areas look.

This year, the group will concentrate on renovating and repurposing Mountain View Park at the southeast corner of our subdivision. Their goal is to create a colorful, peaceful area where residents can sit and enjoy the fantastic mountain views

Responding to the desire of many trail walkers for a shady spot to rest, the Gardeners plan to add several benches and a small table under the large Palo Verde tree in the center of Mountain View Park. The group will then create a mounded berm to add elevation and interest to an otherwise flat area where several hackberry bushes once stood. There they will plant several varieties of native grasses that will add color and motion as they sway in the breeze.

Next they will plant several additional saguaros and smaller cacti and succulents to create a specimen garden. More color will be added at the park's entrance on Napa by replacing the hackberry bushes with Mexican sunflowers and Texas rangers. New signage will be installed to identify plants and brochures will be available to provide information about them.

The Gardeners are also committed to maintaining all the EE parks they refurbish, and their task will be eased by the assistance of Tillie the Tug.

Tillie is the 2004 Statesman 20 HP lawn tractor that Bill Berdine bought from his neighbor in Kentucky for a mere \$75. Including repairs and transport to Green Valley, the Gardeners' investment of \$400 was a real bargain for this useful piece of equipment that normally retails for about \$1200. The tractor will prove useful for tugging the water wagon and for light hauling of planting supplies, rock, and soil. The Gardeners will make Tillie available to interested EE residents for similar purposes around their own properties.

This should be a very exciting year for the Gardeners and for all EE residents as the projects progress. New members and occasional helpers are always welcome to join the group. Contact Bill Berdine at 344-7301 for more information.



(Above) Mountain View Park before the removal of hackberry bushes and (below) after installation of new plantings, which will eventually include color and ground cover.



Grow Your Own Veggies in Esperanza Estates

By Jim Sourant

My wife Joey and I have started a vegetable garden in EE. Here are some tips for anyone considering doing the same. But let me make clear that I am not an expert gardener and have no formal training in this area.

We built about 20 feet of raised bed, filled it with dirt from a local supplier, and are experimenting with how well various plants grow. We also grow kumquats and other citrus trees in large pots.

The first key is to get as much sun on your garden as you can. Pots are a good way to do that. The second key is the quality of the dirt. For pots, there is only one way to go: use straight Black Gold potting soil without adding anything to it. This is true for everything in pots from kumquats to radishes. We get ours at Mesquite Valley Nursery in Tucson. Any gardening soil that you can buy in Green Valley needs a lot of organics added---check with Mesquite Valley on what you will need.

We are experimenting with various items to see how they do. Now is the time to plant garlic in the ground, four inches deep and four inches apart. Get your seed stock from the Wilcox vendor at the Wednesday Farmer's market. It grows easily, but you have to water it through to the summer harvest season.

Now is also the time to plant kale and Swiss chard, both of which will provide plenty of greens all winter long. Again, we went to Mesquite Valley for top quality starter plants. Radishes from seeds are a three week "no-brainer," but the birds love the young sprouts. We are experimenting with arugula and other greens, with varying degrees of success. Pots are ideal for all the dill, parsley, and cilantro that you can eat, as well as your favorite herb. One may also plant onion sets (buy very small boiling onions in the grocery store) at this time of year, and have fresh onion greens year round.



When you water your garden every morning, it makes you aware of what is working and what is failing. I would rather be watering my garden than watching TV or surfing the net any day.

Happy gardening!

Calling All EE Photographers!

A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words

You don't need to be another Ansel Adams to submit a photograph for the Periodico's Around Esperanza section. We're always looking for interesting shots that show what's happening in EE. Esperanzans never tire of seeing our gorgeous sunrises or sunsets or the wildlife that turns up unexpectedly in a yard or on the trail. If you see something you'd like to share, snap it and send it to droessle@mac.com or deliver it to 801 Circulo Napa.

Congratulations to EE's Rebecca Klein McCreary!

Becky took third place for her poem, "Fred Palmer," in the Society of Southwestern Authors' recent writing contest.

And by the way, the SSA (Santa Cruz Valley Chapter) will hold it's annual Book Fair on Sat., December 7th, 1-4 p.m., at the Desert Hills Lutheran Church on Camino Del Sol in Green Valley. Come and meet 30 local authors and purchase signed books just in time for holiday giving.

Remembering JFK...

Although it happened 50 years ago this month, most of us remember exactly what we were doing on November 22, 1963 when we heard the news that President John F. Kennedy had been assassinated.

John Meek has graciously allowed us to reprint the following piece he originally wrote for the Daily Oklahoman for the 40th anniversary of the assassination.

Waving Goodbye to President Kennedy

By John Meek

It is an image that will stay with me forever.

Though I did not know it then, President Kennedy was leaving the White House for the last time, as he walked to the helicopter on the South Lawn to begin his Texas trip on Nov. 21, 1963.

He left the Oval Office on an overcast and misty morning, giving a warm smile and a jaunty wave at the four of us standing just a few feet away. I waved back.

With me was Barbara Gamarikian, an assistant to White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger. At times like this at the White House, minds usually do not wander into the horrors such as what might happen the next day when Lee Harvey Oswald assassinated our president.

Most historical narratives agree the president was going to Texas on a Democratic Party diplomatic mission to resolve a major conflict between Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, Gov. John Connally and Ralph Yarborough, Texas' senior senator in Washington.

I have never bought this scenario.

What I believe was happening was the former Democratic Senate majority secretary, Bobby Baker, LBJ's boy in every way except genetic, had become a great embarrassment to his "father." Baker's alleged handling of campaign donations and other unethical and/or unlawful acts was one of the biggest scandals in Capitol Hill history.

Bobby Kennedy had done his best to get LBJ dumped after JFK named the Texan as his running mate in 1960. Now, Bobby had the scandal as ample ammunition to convince his brother there should be someone new in 1964.

Back home in Texas, which was what mattered most to LBJ, these rumors were devastating to his large but tender ego. I believe LBJ persuaded JFK to make the Texas trip to quash those embarrassing whispers.

With JFK, LBJ and Sen. Yarborough all in Washington, DC, it begs the question: Why not just invite Gov. Connally to come there instead of laying on a two-day presidential visit to the Lone Star state? At the time, many of JFK's major legislative goals were languishing in Congress. U.S. Sen. Bob Kerr (D-OK) was no longer there to work magic for his president.

For whatever the real reason the trip was made, up to the point of the gunfire in Dealey Plaza, it was a triumph in every way.



Taken in the Oval Office in the summer of 1963 were from left, House Majority Leader Carl Albert (D-OK), President Kennedy, U.S. Sen Mike Monroney (D-OK), Cong. Ed Edmondson (D-OK), and John Meek. Of this group, John is the only survivor.

At the White House on Nov. 21, after the Marine One helicopter was airborne with the President and Mrs. Kennedy, Barbara and I went into the Oval Office where I had been on two previous meetings with the President.

Barbara opened a drawer in the President's desk and pulled out candid photos of little John-John and Caroline playing around their father's office. These photos, when released, became some of the most poignant images ever from the White House.

With the President now gone, I wanted to try out his famous rocking chair, and thus became the last person to sit in it.

Atop the president's desk was the polished half of a coconut shell. On it was a message he scrawled leading to his crew's rescue after PT 109, the craft he commanded, was sunk in the South Pacific during World War II.

The last person to meet with President Kennedy on November 21 was Rear Adm. Tazewell Shepard, his Naval aide. Years later Adm. Shepherd was an usher at a Washington, DC church where I was a member. I always wanted to ask him what this last meeting with the president was all about. But I never did. And why, after 40 years, does it really matter?

Postscript: On Nov. 21, 1963, John Martin Meek was Press Secretary to the late U.S. Sen. J. Howard Edmondson (D-OK). This piece originally was written for the 40th anniversary of President Kennedy's assassination. Almost all those present at the White House with John that day are now deceased. Adm. Shepard died in June 2013.

Enhancement Team Gears Up For The Coming Year

By Barb McCalpin

The Enhancement Team held its first meeting to discuss potential fund-raising and enhancement projects for the coming year. So that you can see what your support has provided, here is a list of expenditures/projects undertaken in this past year:

• Christmas decorations for monuments / common areas & supplies for elves' lamppost decorating project	\$ 250
• Booster chairs for loaner program	\$ 40
• Queen size inflatable aerobed for loaner program	\$ 140
• Materials for electrical upgrade of ramada kitchen	\$ 187
• Storage bins for ramada cushions	\$ 270
• Cushions for use at ramada	\$ 75
• Ramada Sale expense (newspaper ad)	\$ 100
• Home tour expenses (food for reception, homeowner gifts)	\$ 265
• Ramada supplies (broom, trashcan liners, tablecloth clamps)	\$ 100
• Tiles & materials for mosaic benches	\$ 160
• Solar shade for ramada kitchen	\$1,400
• Tile work on entry arches to ramada pool area	\$1,150
• Storage cabinet for EE book exchange	\$ 280
Total:	\$4,417

You can see that you have made a big difference. We look forward to your continued support in the coming season. In that vein, don't forget to save useable items for our annual Ramada & Bake Sale next March. We would also appreciate your help putting up and taking down Christmas decorations. To volunteer, please call one of the decoration coordinators: Ramada - Sandi Oster (625-0039); Esperanza Estates Park - Lorna Kitchak (838-0653) or Mona Sheffield (625-3797); Esperanza monument - Barb Rydall (399-2215); Portillo monument - Barb McCalpin (867-8067) or Geri Lindberg (777-4972).

Keepsakes

By Cynthia Surprise

Almost everyone has a precious item that reminds them of a special person, event or time. Often the keepsake is something passed down in the family, and having it makes you feel connected to the original owner. While many of these items have little monetary value, the feelings they evoke are priceless. A few EE residents shared with us their treasures and the stories they tell.

Marla Ries

Marla's treasured keepsakes are of little monetary value, but are rich in Arizona history. Her great aunt Esther married a cattle rancher in Cochise, AZ. He had homesteaded his ranch many years earlier. Esther was a bit of a free spirit and Marla heard tales of Esther riding horse back, naked, through the many acres of the ranch, with her hair flying in the wind.



After her husband died, Esther continued to live on the ranch. Childless, she had a great fondness for Marla's father, who visited her from time to time. When she died in the mid-1960's, she left the ranch to Marla's father, who had little desire to move to Arizona.

He sold the ranch, but kept some very special items which Marla later inherited. She treasures the set of steer horns, branding irons, a lasso and the brand registration. When Marla and her husband Steve bought their home in Esperanza Estates, they brought these keepsakes with them. "There is a circle of life for everything, and I have a real sense of joy seeing these treasures back in Arizona," Marla says.



Craig Surprise

Craig's uncle Art served in the U.S. Navy, and in 1914 participated in the U.S. Occupation of Veracruz, Mexico during the Mexican Revolution. Art corresponded with his family while in Veracruz, and Craig's mother preserved several of his letters describing the occupation. Art also gave Craig's grandmother a beautiful Mexican weaving, which she made into a tray. The weaving was passed down to Craig's mother, who wrapped it in brown paper and put it away for safe keeping, and later to Craig. He values the weaving as a family heirloom and it's connection to his uncle's involvement in a part of U.S. history.

Ken Adler

The Old West is never far from mind at the Adler home in Colorado. Ken's great grandfather owned a cattle ranch in the area around Fort Morgan. In 1907, he registered his cattle brand with the Colorado Brand Commission. The brand was then handed down to Ken's maternal grandfather, who was in the cattle business for many years. After he retired, his grandfather gave the brand to Ken's father who had no interest in cattle ranching but didn't want the brand to become extinct, so he maintained the registration. Ken's mother inherited the brand when his father died and then passed it on to one of Ken's sons to ensure it would remain in the family.



The brand consist of the number 5 over a quarter moon, and is considered a two-character brand. Today, new brands are at least three character brands.

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The Adlers feel maintaining the connection to their ranching past is worth preserving, and the branding irons hang proudly in their dining room. Ken recalls an interesting story his mother always told. His grandfather shipped cattle back east by train, and a couple of ranch hands always rode in the caboose during the trip. His mother always wanted to ride along, but was told “only men are allowed.”



Lois Blacker

Lois grew up in a small town in Colorado (population 100). One of her favorite pastimes was having tea parties with her friends. While girls today may still have tea parties, their china can't hold a candle to the miniature formal tea set Lois used on these occasions. This beautiful set is made of china and is reminiscent of the Blue Willow pattern of which Lois is still fond. The set is still intact since she was very careful with it. Of course, no formal tea party would be complete unless the girls dressed up for the event. Lois recalls a lovely green organza dress that was perfect for these occasions.

Another of Lois's treasured items is a beautiful, very old, hand-blown glass ball. It's very special to Lois because it was in the family of one of Lois's childhood friends, and was given to her on her birthday. Lois was always fascinated by the history of that family who are descendants of John and Pricilla Alden.



The glass ball is called a Witch Ball and traditionally is used to ward off witches spells and other negative energy. Legends say that the evil spirits are attracted to the beauty of the ball, and upon touching its surface they are pulled inside and become trapped forever within the glittering web, thus protecting the home from harm.

Jane and Eric Ellingson

Jane is a 13th generation American, and her home contains many items that were passed down in her family. One of her favorites is a coin silver pie server owned by her great-great-great-great-grandmother, Ruth Breed in about 1760. Ruth was from Charlestown, Massachusetts. As history buffs know, the famous Battle of Bunker Hill was actually fought on Breed's Hill in Charlestown. When family items were being distributed, Jane received the pie server because she is the best pie maker in the family.



Another Ellingson favorite is a painting with a great family connection. The artist is Frank Henry Shapleigh who was a member of the White Mountain School of painting in the 1800s. Jane is especially fond of Shapleigh's painting of Mt. Washington in New Hampshire because as an investor in the Cog Railway, her grandfather spent a lot of time in that location.

Eric's treasure is a bit more mundane – a 1980 modified Toyota pickup truck. Eric likes the challenge of keeping it running, and finds it amusing when it backfires going downhill. One notable incident he particularly remembers is when gas fumes entered the muffler causing an explosion as he was driving home. Neither the truck nor the driver suffered any damage, and Eric was able to do the necessary repairs.



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Cindy Krantz

The stereopticon was an entertainment device that could be found in almost every parlor during the late 1800s. Cindy treasures the one passed down to her from her great-grandparents. As a child, Cindy looked forward to using it on her annual visits to her grandparents' home in Nebraska.

The most popular slides were travelog type slides that showed the wonders of the world, and Cindy's collection contains many of these. But Cindy was especially fond of the humorous slides, which usually depicted some form of pun and were often of a mildly risqué nature. One of her favorites relates a story about an old maid's encounter with a robber who was hiding in her boudoir.

Mary Hess

When my grandfather died in his sleep on Easter Sunday morning, he left this realm to be reunited with Vivian, his wife of more than 70 years. Their earthly goods were to be sold after family members claimed mementos. I asked my mother if I could have grandpa's gloves.

"What gloves," she asked.

"You know, the ones she crocheted for him when they were courting. He saved them and they were in the cedar chest," I explained, thinking she must surely know of these precious keepsakes.

Remarkably, neither my mother nor her sisters knew of the gloves, and none had claimed them. Unfortunately the contents of the cedar chest had been sorted through and some things discarded. Including the gloves.

My mother loved to tell this part of the story. She said she stood in the room where better than a half dozen big black garbage sacks of discarded belongings were awaiting the dumpster. To go through them would take the better part of a day.

"OK, Pappy. If you want Mary Kay to have your gloves, you are going to have to help me find them," she said. The worn plastic bag that protected grandpa's gloves lay on top of the pile of the first bag she opened.



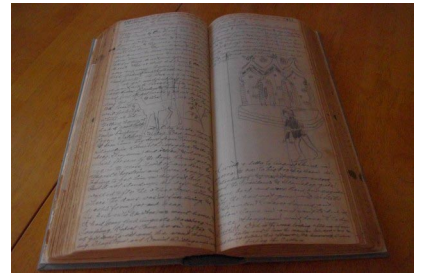
Ole McLaughlin

Ole's father was one of the Flying Tigers before World War II. While in China he purchased some silk cloth which he brought back with him. Ole's mother used part of the cloth to make the blouse she wore when they married in 1946. Before he died, Ole's father gave her the rest of the silk and told her to use it to make a christening gown for her future grandchildren. She carried out his wish when she used the silk and some French cotton lace to make the christening gown worn by her grandson Sam. The photo doesn't do justice to this absolutely exquisite hand-smocked and embroidered gown.

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Roger and Sandi Oster

Roger and Sandi's treasured keepsake would be of interest to any Minnesotan of Swedish descent. Roger's grandfather, Sam, started keeping a journal in 1879 when he was 16 years old and continued it until 1943. The nine journals document not only the life of Sam's family in Sweden and Minnesota, but the life and times of the Swedish community in Minnesota.



Roger recalls his grandfather sitting at his desk writing in the journal almost daily. But it's really Sandi who is passionate about reading them. A few of the fascinating excerpts include Sam's impressions when President McKinley was assassinated, when women voted for the first time, and the day the circus came to town and paraded down the street in front of their house.



Bruce Moulton

Bruce's keepsake gives him a special connection to a famous event in history: Adm. Richard Byrd's first Antarctic expedition from 1928 to 1930. Bruce's father was a friend of Byrd and ran the expedition's operations center in New York. He hoped to accompany Byrd on the second expedition, but married before it took place, and his bride

didn't relish the idea of her new husband being away for two years. Bruce inherited an album of photos from the first expedition, which were personally given to his father by Byrd. The numerous photos show the three ships, Byrd, the crew, wildlife, and the activities of the crew at Little America, their base camp. Bruce is intrigued by the expedition because it was the first time the Antarctic was explored and studied.

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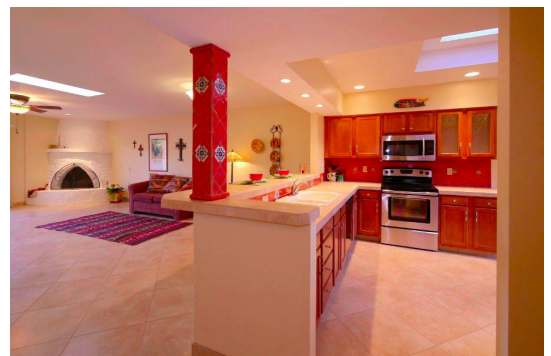
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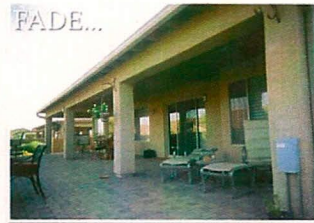
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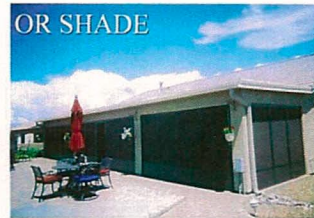
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