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February 2013

## In The Spotlight: EE Fiber Arts Group

*By Cynthia Surprise*

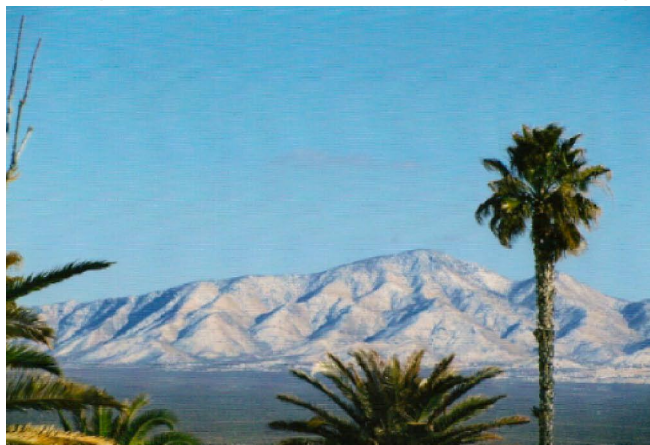
**T**alk about talent and creativity! When the recently formed Fiber Arts Group invited me to one of their weekly meetings so I could write this article, I expected to find a few women sitting around socializing while they worked on their knitting or quilting projects. How wrong I was.

These dynamic women are truly artists, who happen to use fiber as their medium. For many of them, this is only one of their many creative talents. They also make jewelry, do beadwork, paint, or create mosaic works of art.

Donna Shay who started the group last fall says their meetings are “show and tell” sessions. The day I attended their meeting, the show was about sweatshirt jackets, a project in which you turn an ordinary sweatshirt into a beautiful jacket by sewing pieces of various fabrics onto it. During the meeting, several members displayed

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## February Photo of the Month Congratulations to Jim Lindberg



*We received so many wonderful snow photos this month! See the collage of runner-up pictures, pages 6-7. Thank you all for entering. For information on next month's contest, please see page 14.*

## New Rules About Paint and Parking

By Cynthia Surprise

Thanks to Board action at the February meeting, homeowners can now paint the covered patio walls and ceilings the masonry color of their house. Recognizing that many homeowners prefer light colored outdoor seating areas, the Board voted to allow the use of a home's masonry color on certain wood areas which previously had to be painted Norfolk Brown. Of course, you are not required to repaint if you wish to keep Norfolk Brown.

The rule applies only to areas enclosed by at least three walls and a ceiling, and you must obtain the approval of the Architectural Control Committee before you start painting.

Last year, the Board passed a similar rule allowing homeowners to paint the wood walls and ceilings of their garages the masonry color of the house. Our webmaster will post the paint rules on the EE website along with the other HOA documents so that homeowners will be aware of them when repainting their homes.

The Board has provided some clarification about the new CC&Rs amendment regarding parking in EE. Previously, the CC&Rs required homeowners to keep their vehicles in the garage whenever possible. Under the revised CC&Rs, vehicles must be kept in the garage or the driveway. Vehicles parked in driveways must not block the sidewalk.

The intent of the rule is to avoid use of the street as a primary parking place for a vehicle. Short-term parking on the street during the day (but not overnight) is okay. If you need to park on the street for a longer period of time, you should seek a temporary permit from the Board. Violations could result in a fine.

### Board Meetings

March 18

April 15 • May 20

June 17

*No meetings in July & August*

Board member list &  
meeting minutes available  
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# Our EE Volunteers

By Tom Cooke

This month's edition in our series recognizing and thanking our Esperanza Estates volunteers features our Enhancement Team, and our Neighborhood Watch.

Our Enhancement Team has existed in Esperanza Estates under various names since about 1999. In that year a group calling itself N.E.E.T. (Neighborhood Environmental Enhancement Team) was formed for the purpose of raising money and taking on various projects to improve our subdivision. Its first task was the successful construction of Sunset Park.

Over the years, the name of the group has changed a few times, but its mission has remained the same, and its accomplishments are almost too long to list. Among the more prominent have been the total outfitting of our Ramada, construction of the EE entrance monument on Portillo, improvements and beautification of our other monuments, installation of safety equipment, sponsoring social events, and financial support of other volunteer groups. Over these years, the Team has raised and spent more than \$40,000 to help improve our neighborhood. The biggest fund raiser is the annual giant patio sale held at the Ramada each March.

Current members of the Enhancement Team are Barb McCalpin, Bev Brow, Jane Ellingson, Beverly Hebib, Lorna Kitchak, Geri Lindberg, Kraylen Milholer, Marian Mundale, Sandi Oster, Jackie Rautio, Barb Rydall, and Linda Winterland. The Team also has a men's auxiliary--consisting mainly of the husbands of the members--who also provide help as needed. Many others have helped the Team on its various projects over the years as well.

Our Esperanza Estates Neighborhood Watch committee has been called "the best in all of Green Valley," by the local SAV (Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers). Our NW chairperson is Mary Beth Wallace, who coordinates the program over the entire area of Esperanza Estates. She recruits and supervises block captains and assistants to assure our entire subdivision is covered for this important function. In addition to Mary Beth, our Block Captains are Rose Marie Super, Carol Flatt (assistant Nona Sykes), Hope Allen, John Levi, Jerry Allen, Eileen Stremme, Jane Ellingson, Patty Adler, Helen Montgomery (assistants Jerry and Dolores McCall), Joan Moreaux, Joan White, Jim and Geri Lindberg, Denise Roessle, Carollee Robertson, Cynthia Krantz (assistant Kay Miller), Claire Coon, Jackie Rautio, Janet Kawalski, Kevin Welsh, Terry Jackson, Lillie Sheehan (assistant Pat Flowers), Beverly Larson (assistant Barbara Cottrell), Max Perry, Pat Sharp, and Cynthia Surprise.

*Next month we will be featuring our Hospitality Committee, and our EE Gardeners.*

## Welcome New Owners

Patricia A. Paige  
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## In Memoriam

Frederick Stoll  
917 Calle Regalo  
February 17, 2013

## 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](mailto:whberdine@roadrunner.com) or 344-7301.



# Upcoming Events



## St. Patrick's Day Party

Sunday, March 17th

Sunset Ramada

Cocktail Hour 4:30 • Dinner served at 5:30

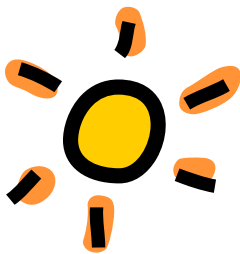
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Menu: Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes & Dessert

Wine, beer and soft drinks provided

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Tickets are available March 1-12 • Contact Scottie Blum at 399-0955



## Ramada Sale/Bake Sale

Sunset Ramada

Saturday, March 2nd

From 7:00 a.m.

Pre-Sale open to EE residents only: 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 1

Sponsored by the Enhancement Team

Proceeds go toward EE improvement projects

To donate Ramada sale items: Lorna Kitchak (838-0653)

or Jackie Rautio (269-7864).

To donate baked goods, call Marian Mundale (625-2238).

## EE 2013 Home & Garden Tour

Sunday, March 24th

Tickets: \$15 each or \$25 for two

This popular semi-annual event will take you through seven beautiful homes, each unique, as well as some amazing gardens. After the tour, enjoy a wine, cheese and fruit reception at the Ramada, where the winner of the EE Arts Club raffle for this colorful ceramic birdhouse will be drawn.

Tickets available: Friday, March 1st 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

at EE Residents only Ramada Presale, and

Saturday, March 2nd 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. at the Ramada Sale

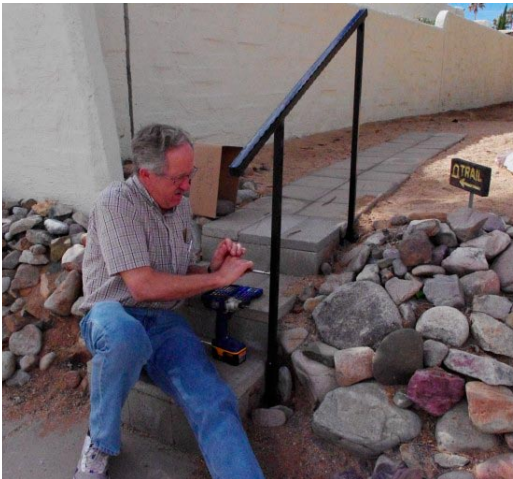
Only 100 tickets will be sold and they go fast, so get yours early!



## Enhancement Team Report

The Enhancement Team has two upcoming fundraising events: the Ramada/Bake Sale on Saturday, March 2, and the Home & Garden Tour on Sunday, March 24. To show our appreciation for your continuing support, we will open up the sale to Esperanza residents only from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 1. We ask that you respect that timeframe so we can complete our preparations for the sale which will be open to the general public on Saturday at 7 a.m.. See the previous page for information on the Home & Garden Tour.

We have crossed two enhancement projects off our list. Thanks to Eric Ellingson and Al Prato, with help from Ben Sheffield, for upgrading the electrical system in the Ramada kitchen. Now we can plug in lots of coffeepots and warming trays without blowing a circuit! Thanks also to Bill Berdine and Bill Pratt for cleaning, welding and repainting several broken (and dangerous) ramada chairs. The efforts of these volunteers saved many dollars that can now be applied to other worthwhile enhancement projects. Speaking of which, we have several new projects in the works right now. You'll hear more about them within the next month — stay tuned!



*Left, Bill Pratt installs one of the railings he and Bill Berdine built for the walking trail.*



### EE Coffee Klach at the Ramada

Join your neighbors on the third Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m., for free coffee, pastries and conversation.



### Volunteer Appreciation Party

Attention all EE Volunteers! Planning is well underway for the 2013 Volunteer Appreciation Party, where we honor those who have given their time and talents to our Board, committees and clubs that make Esperanza Estates a wonderful place to live. Scheduled for Saturday, April 6, at the Sunset Ramada, the evening will include a cocktail hour, a delicious catered dinner, and presenting the award for Volunteer of the Year. Invitations will be delivered during March.

Nominations for Volunteer of the Year will be accepted until March 1. If you've yet to submit your choice for the volunteer you'd most like to see honored, contact Kay Miller by March 1. Email: [gvcaybaby@msn.com](mailto:gvcaybaby@msn.com), or those without email may phone Kay at 393-1914 (if there's no answer, leave a message with your nomination).



# Around Esperanza

## Let it snow!

*EE photographers were eager to capture our winter wonderland after a rare snowstorm hit Green Valley on February 11th. As a result, the Periodico received a record number of entries in the Photo of the Month contest. While we can only have one winner, we felt compelled to share the excellent array of those submitted.*

*Want to see some REAL snow?  
Check out page 14...*



*Kraylen Miholer, Napa*



*Cheri Day, del Sur*



*Above & left: Bill Berdine, Regalo*

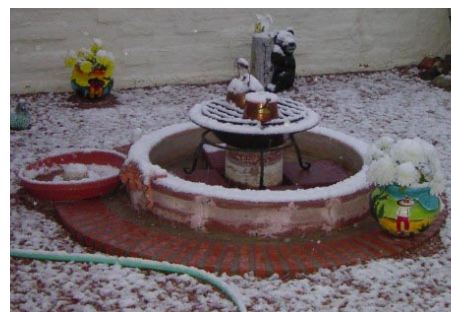


*Gary Anderson, Napa (notice the temperature!)*



*Above: Richard Chamberlin, Napa*

*Below: Lillian Sako, del Sur*





# Around Esperanza



*Richard Thompson, Regalo*



*Jim Lindberg, Calma*



*Pat Sharpe, Excelso*



*Kris Bean, Ensalmó*



*Kris Bean, Ensalmó*



*Linda Hoy, Napa*



*Jim Kitchak, Excelso*



*Bill Berdine, Regalo*



## Richard Chamberlin: A Man On A Journey

By Mary Hess

Life is a journey for each of us. For one of EE's latest residents, Richard Chamberlin, the journey has been less than conventional.

Richard and his wife, Judi Torres, moved to Arizona this summer from Madison, Wisconsin. Since their arrival, they have been busy painting, furnishing and remodeling the kitchen in their home on Napa. The nerve center of their residence, however, is the computer area, where writing and publishing takes place.

Richard's memoir, *Hitchhiking from Vietnam: Seeking the Ox*, is a reflective look back at his experiences as a war veteran searching for answers in a paradoxical world. He writes, "When I got back from Vietnam, I was really pissed off at the government. Four years of my life had been wasted. The Viet Kong won and 58,000 American soldiers died—for what? I needed to cleanse myself."

To that end, Richard is a member of an organization called Veterans for Peace, a nonprofit organization working for justice through nonviolence. To increase public awareness of the cost of war, members and volunteers erected 6,500 plastic tombstones in a park in Madison on Memorial Day to represent American losses in Iraq and Afghanistan. VFP awards college scholarships to students who write peace essays. They also "reverse recruit," encouraging young people to consider non-military options when they leave high school.

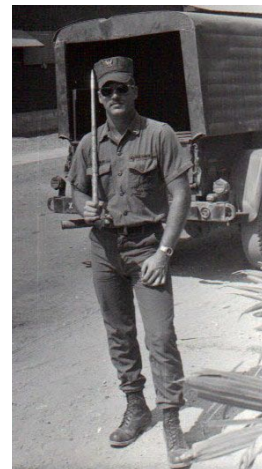
"Being soldiers and veterans gives us more credibility working for peace," he said.

"For a long time, I had a hard time knowing how to react when somebody thanked me for serving my country," he said. "I would think, 'You mean my disservice, don't you? We lost.'" After a reflective pause, he continued, "I think I get it now. We did what we were told to do. We didn't go to Canada or hire an attorney or fake an injury to get out of it. As a veteran I have benefits and I am able to work for peaceful solutions in conflicts."

He and Judi traveled to Mi Lai in 2008 to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the atrocities that took place there during the Vietnam War. A group of Americans and Japanese visitors were greeted warmly by the people there. "They had moved on. They were peaceful, loving people who treated us very well." Richard says that many veterans return to the country because the experience can bring healing of psychological wounds.

"I am fascinated by the nature of reality. People can get caught up in their jobs, relationships... ego. I have found a quiet place to go, out of place and time, when the pressures become too great." His first novel, *Nora's Notion*, explores fantasy versus reality. Richard borrowed from his experiences as a psychiatric nurse to develop the plot.

Richard's career path was a varied one. He earned a BA in journalism from Columbia College, and worked as a newspaper reporter, freelance writer, and psychiatric



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nurse before joining a cab driver's work cooperative in Madison. "I drove during the day and wrote at night. At the end of the shift, the job was done. I worked with a lot of writers, musicians and artists at Union Cab, people who needed the space to create and think."

His writing is gritty and honest. He uses poetic descriptions of the world around him, seasoned with salty dialogue. Recounting a road trip to San Francisco he took with a man he met in a Laundromat who he thought might be his guru, Richard tells his story in flashback format, incorporating events that occurred between 1975 and 1981, when he eventually found his way to a support group at a VA hospital in South Carolina.

Richard has also published a curiously titled book of short stories and poetry, *The Cybernetic Possum*.

Watch for a review of *Hitchhiking from Vietnam: Seeking the Ox* in an upcoming edition of the *Green Valley News*.

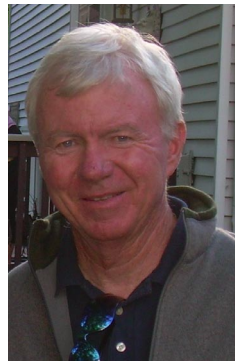
## A Memorable Classmate

Ever wonder what happened to your high school classmates? Did they live up to the expectations written in your high school year book? EE resident Wayne Bower certainly knows what happened to one of his classmates from Maine East High School in Park Ridge, Illinois.

Wayne remembers a very nice girl who was far more mature than the rest of their classmates. After school everyone used to gather at the outdoor skating rink at South Park, and Wayne skated a few laps with the future First Lady and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham.

Wayne recalls that on a number of summer afternoons, a group of classmates played a boardgame called Risk on Hillary's screened-in porch. "I can't remember if the future Secretary of State was proficient at the game of 'World Domination,' but I suspect she was."

While in the White House, the Clintons hosted Wayne's and Hillary's high school reunion, which Wayne says was quite a memorable experience.



## Plant of the Month: Lettuce

Jane and Eric Ellingson love a good salad and they just need to step outside their door to pick their own lettuce.

You don't need a large plot of land to grow lettuce. Jane plants it in big, attractive talavera pots and keeps them on her patio. In addition to being tasty, it's very attractive and could even be used as a centerpiece.

Jane is currently growing Black Simpson and Red Leaf. You can plant seeds anytime after the summer heat is over, and the plants will thrive during the cool winter weather. Jane plants her first batch of seeds about the last week in October when she returns to Green Valley and another batch in December or January. Just give them a lot of sun and water.

Try your creativity with other container gardens using different types of vegetables or herbs. How about a salsa garden with hot or mild peppers, tomato, basil, some garlic and onions?



# Green Valley Lions: Friends in Sight

By Cynthia Surprise

Imagine seeing the astonishment on the face of a six year old child when he first views the world clearly through his first pair of glasses. That was one of Mary Beth Wallace's most satisfying moments when she accompanied a group of Arizona and California Lions to Mexico to participate in one of the Lions' vision screening programs.

Mary Beth has been a member of the Green Valley Branch of the International Lions club since 2005 and president for the last three years. She is extremely proud of the work done by this service organization to fulfill its mission of preventing blindness and saving sight for millions of people around the world.

"In 1925, Helen Keller challenged Lions to become 'knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness,' and they accepted," Mary Beth explained. The club is well known for recycling eyeglasses and providing them to millions of people in developing nations worldwide.

Mary Beth first participated in a vision screening mission to Mexico last year and was happy to return for another in January 2013. Leaving Tucson before dawn (not Mary Beth's favorite time of day) on Friday morning, the group arrived at the screening location around 6:30 p.m. and had the examination equipment set up, the recycled glasses in place and their living quarters (air mattresses on the floor of the examination room and a single shower in a camper for the entire group) set up by 7:30 p.m.

The vision screening began on Saturday at 6:00 a.m., and the last patient for the day left with their recycled glasses at 7:00 p.m. Tired but satisfied, the group had a nice meal and was treated to entertainment. After a night's rest, they awoke early and screened patients until 12:30. After lunch, they repacked the equipment and headed home delighted with the success of the mission which demonstrated the true spirit of Lionism.

During the day and a half of the mission, over 700 patients were screened for vision problems. Those with problems such as glaucoma or cataracts were given referrals to local optometrists. The majority of the patients, however, were simply in need of glasses.

After a patient's prescription was determined by one of the volunteer optometrists, the patient was sent on to Mary Beth's area. That's where all of the recycled glasses were stored, each in a container marked with the lens correction. When a patient presented her with the prescription, Mary Beth would give the patient an appropriate pair of glasses. "It isn't always possible to find a pair that corresponds exactly, but for people who had no glasses before, even a close match makes a world of difference in their lives."

In addition to Mary Beth, EE residents Hope Allen, Eileen Streme and Glen Fairchild are members of the Green Valley Lions Club.

*Editor's Note: Many of our EE residents volunteer in organizations in Green Valley. Periodically, we will feature a behind the scenes look at what they and the organizations do for the community.*





## EE Fiber Arts Group

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their jackets and an exciting analysis about what made the design work ensued. It's clear these artists understand how to use color and pattern to create a fabric masterpiece.

Donna then displayed a beautiful quilt she had "rescued" from the White Elephant and challenged the group to consider how the design of the piece could be improved. A lively and creative exchange of ideas about how to make the star in the pattern "pop" took place. It's clear these women know what they are talking about.



The group's focus is social and gives residents interested in any form of fiber arts an opportunity to see what others with similar interests are doing. The gatherings are informal with no specific agenda.

Learning is a key aspect of the sessions. For Donna, understanding "the why and how" is important. When a member needed help deciding which fabrics to use in her sweatshirt project, the group didn't simply tell her the answer. Donna wanted to be sure the woman understood the reason behind the recommendation.

The members get inspiration from seeing the projects other members are working on. They agree that their different backgrounds and geographic locations brings a diverse perspective to the group. Joey Sourant, who first told the group about sweatshirt jackets, explains the group dynamic as "creativity feeds creativity and someone will take sweatshirt jackets to a new level."

Sharing ideas and helping and encouraging others with their projects is another important aspect of the group. For a moment there, I was almost convinced that under their tutelage, I too could make a lovely sweatshirt jacket. But then I remembered my attempts last year with the mosaic snake tile, and thought better of trying another artistic project.

The group meets weekly on Wednesdays at 1:00 at the Ramada. New members of all skill levels are always welcome to participate. If you go to one of their meetings, I guarantee you will be inspired.



## Places to Explore: Jerome

Located 250 miles from Green Valley between Prescott and Flagstaff, Jerome has been called America's Most Vertical City and the Largest Ghost Town in America. Sound intriguing? It is.

Jerome, once the fourth largest city in the Arizona Territory, was a thriving copper mining camp from the late 1880s to the early 1950s. The few residents who remained after the mine closed in 1953 promoted the town as a historic ghost town, and the federal government designated Jerome a National Historic District in 1967. Today, Jerome thrives as an artist and tourist community and has a population of approximately 450.



Photographers will have a field day in Jerome with its many historic buildings and beautiful vistas. The 30-degree incline of the mountainside on which the town is built has resulted in a number of buildings being pulled down the slope. But those still standing make for interesting visiting. Around town you'll find numerous shops, art galleries and restaurants, many being housed in historic buildings.

Located in the Jerome State Historic Park, the Douglas Mansion is an eye-catching landmark in Jerome. Built on a hill in 1916, this former home is now a museum devoted to the history of the Jerome area and the Douglas family. The museum features exhibits of photographs, artifacts, and minerals in addition to a video presentation and a 3-D model of the town with its underground mines. Outside, a picnic area offers a beautiful panoramic view of the Verde Valley.

Jerome State Historic Park is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The Museum is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. daily. Both are closed on Christmas Day. Entrance fees are \$5.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children ages 7-13, and free for children 6 years and under.

Located right next to Jerome SHP is the Audrey Shaft Headframe Park, which is open daily from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (closed on Christmas Day). At Headframe Park you can stand on glass above a 1,900 foot shaft (650 feet taller than the highest point of the Empire State Building).

You won't want to miss the Gold King Mine & Ghost Town, known as Jerome's ghost-town suburb. A former gold mine, the site is now a museum where you can see demonstrations of antique mining equipment and the operation of a turn-of-the-century sawmill. Wandering the grounds, you can find treasures stashed everywhere, like the unique 1902 Studebaker electric carriage and the Studebaker Drivable Buzzsaw from the early 1920s, used to clear orange groves outside of Los Angeles.

Gold King Mine and Ghost Town opens at 9 a.m. (10 a.m. in winter) and closes at 5 p.m. every day except Christmas. Admission is charged. The mine is located on the Perkinsville Rd. one mile north of Jerome. Follow the signs starting at the road next to the Jerome Fire Station.



# EE History: Age Restrictions

By Cynthia Surprise

Today, our CC&Rs require that at least one person in each EE household be at least 55 years old. But that was not always the case. When EE was built, the age requirement was that one member of each household had to be at least 45 and the minimum age for permanent residents was 18.

So, why the change? During the era when EE was built, there was a growing demand throughout the country for age restricted communities to give older people the option of living peacefully away from noisy children and young families. Then in 1988, Congress amended the Federal Fair Housing Act in part to prevent discrimination by housing providers against families with children.

The new law, however, exempted "housing intended and operated for occupancy by at least one person 55 or older per unit." One of the criteria an age restricted community had to meet to qualify for this safe harbor was that at least 80% of the units must have at least one person 55 years of age or older.

EE residents wanted to retain the age-restricted nature of our subdivision, so needless to say there was some concern about the new law. To deal with the issue, Board members gathered all the pertinent information and several members attended sessions held by the Green Valley Council. The Hospitality Committee was in charge of conducting a survey of the ages of residents. After consulting the HOA's attorney, the Board drafted a new age amendment to the CC&Rs to respond to the new law. In May 1989, EEHOA members adopted the age requirements that we now have in place. The HOA uses the annual compliance form that each household fills out to monitor our continued compliance with the requirements.

Interestingly, the law only requires 80% of the units to be occupied by a person 55 or older. But that does not mean that 20% can be sold to younger individuals. The 20% is intended to cover situations where the older resident dies and the co-resident is between 45 and 55 years of age.

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## Hit Us With Your Best Shots! Photo of the Month Contest

Resident photographers are invited to submit up to three photos taken around EE during the past year. The judges will choose the winners, whose winning photo will be published in the next Periodico and displayed on the bulletin board at the Ramada. They will also receive a gift card.

Deadline for this month: Friday, March 15. Please only three photos per person. You may submit your entry/ies to Denise Roessle (droessle@mac.com) as an email attachment, or save them on a CD or provide actual prints for scanning and deliver to 801 Napa.

## 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.

## Now THAT'S Snow...

Craig and Cynthia Surprise's home in Massachusetts earlier this month...





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