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President's Message

By Tom Cooke

A new organization has recently emerged in Esperanza Estates, known as the Garden Club. It is a group of people—all with green thumbs—who want to enhance our most visible common areas with flowering plants and colorful pottery.

Specifically, their plan is to work on the areas around our Esperanza and Portillo monuments, the Sunset Ramada arch, and pool and Ramada entrances. They have adopted a plan, which includes plantings, as well as various sized pots with colors to complement the recently placed tile in those places. It should be a terrific addition to Esperanza Estates, and show our neighborhood's pride in its appearance.

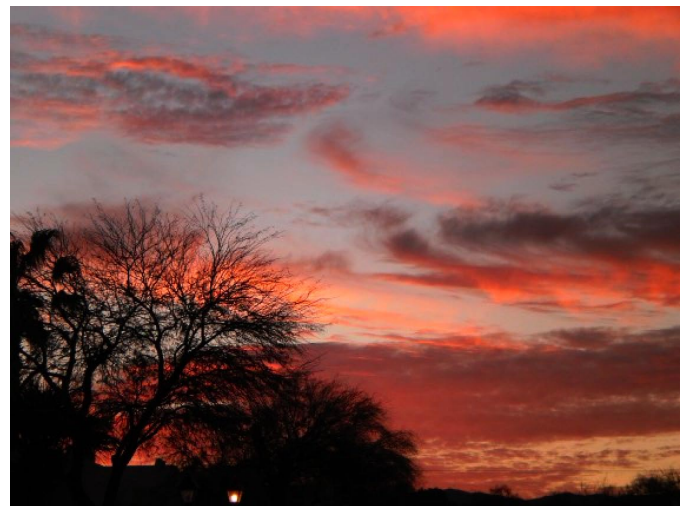
The Club then plans to move on to the EE Walking Trail, and add additional benches and places of rest and beauty along the way. To be successful, the Club will need to find a few caretakers who will agree to water the new plantings periodically over the summer and winter months. If you might be interested in helping in this regard, please call Club organizer Bill Berdine at 344-7301. The Club would also like you to be a member if you are interested in gardening, and would like to help.

The Club also intends to work toward an Esperanza Estates garden tour, to be held alternate years with the semi-annual Home Tour. There are many courtyards within EE that are beautifully decorated, and would be apt candidates for such a tour.

Our Enhancement Team has pledged its financial support to the efforts of the Garden Club. The type of thing the Garden Club is planning is just one more reason we so enjoy our EE community. It is the recognition that we are all in this together and we can all help each other in ways that benefit everybody.

Watch as the Garden Club carries forward its plans, and enjoy Esperanza.

And the winner is...



Cheri Day, for this lovely sunset captured in EE in late February. Cheri will enjoy a free meal at the April 12th hot dog night!

Our photography contest will continue each month through June. See page 13 for details.

Board Meetings 2011

April 18, May 16, June 20

1:00 p.m. • Sunset Ramada

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

Committee Reports



Common Areas

By Steve "Stoney" Brown

Our tall palms look terrible, due to the die-back caused by our unusual three-day spell of sub-freezing weather this past winter. Usually by this time we have a lot of normal die-back anyway, but it has been severely exaggerated by the cold weather. Unfortunately, there is little we can do to improve their appearance until the normal annual trimming which will take place in late June. If we trim them before then, we will not be able to trim off the annual seed-pods, which have to come off and don't develop until June. So we ask that you bear with us until June, following which we hope the palms will look a whole lot better.

At that time, we will also be dealing with mistletoe infestations in our common area trees. We expect to be doing a bit of re-graveling in some of the quad yards and other common areas in the near future. Over time, graveled areas need to be refurbished, and the Board budgets some money for this purpose. It is just one of the many things we need to do annually to keep our common areas looking good.

We are starting to notice a few weeds here and there, brought about by that small amount of rain we had awhile back. It doesn't take much to get them growing again. As we move further into spring, we will deal with those in the common areas. In individual yards, they remain the homeowners' responsibility, and as a reminder, they are always easier to deal with when they are small.

As always, if you have or observe problems in the common areas, call 648-7235, or 399-0455.

EE Volunteer of the Year

... will be revealed at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on March 27th!

Enhancement Team

By Barb McCalpin

Thanks to you, our Annual Ramada Sale was a tremendous success! As always, the proceeds will go back into our community. Sometimes we have projects that are small but still make a difference. An example is the faucet that we recently installed in the kitchen at the Ramada. It has a pull-out faucet that will make it much easier to fill a coffeepot or wash a big pot. Stay tuned. More projects will be completed soon!

We all enjoy using the ramada, but it can be difficult to hear when there is a large crowd in attendance. The Enhancement Team has agreed to fund an acoustical analysis by a professional consulting firm. The study will include an on-site visit, analysis, engineering drawings, and a plan for implementing changes. A course of action will depend on the results of the study.

We will be collecting donations for next year's Ramada Sale throughout the spring and summer. If you are cleaning out and have items to donate, call Eileen Stremme (648-2255) or Barb McCalpin (867-8067). There's another way you can help that will make a major contribution. The space that we've used the last several years to store items for our sale will not be available next year. If you have some space that we could use or if you know someone who does, an extra room or an unused part of a garage, please let us know.

EE Finances

Copies of the EE HOA's current financial statements are available to Esperanza Estates homeowners upon request (by contacting Joan Moreaux, Treasurer, 648-7515), as well as at all monthly HOA Board meetings.



Committee Reports

Green Valley Council

By Joe McCalpin

One of the best meetings since I started representing EE; it lasted less than an hour and a half. The most important item at the meeting was an announcement of a balance class. Entitled "A Matter of Balance," it will be offered March 29 through April 21. As we reported earlier, falls represent a significant percentage of 911 calls in Green Valley. Seniors need to be aware of the dangers of falling. This class will help you view falls as controllable, show you how to increase activity to avoid falls; reduce the risk of falls; and show you exercises to increase strength and balance. Naturally you think that this class is necessary – for someone else – it is for you. How about thinking about your neighbors and suggesting that they might benefit from this class.

Susanne Blodgett talked about Median Green's projects with EE being prominently absent. She also talked about HOAs participating and enhancing Median Green efforts. The monument at the entrance to EE needs attention. The Garden Committee is planning to plant and decorate in that area probably next year. Perhaps we could coordinate with Median Green and get rid of that offensive forest of cholla that blocks the view of that monument to people traveling west on Esperanza Boulevard.

The Fire Department representative reported the an organization called Fire Power Support Services has been soliciting by phone. This organization gives the princely sum of two cents of every dollar collected to fire departments somewhere. It's a scam folks.

The Vision Statement was presented at the meeting. After spending perhaps too much time/money, they came up with something thoughtful. Presented here for your edification: Green Valley, Arizona will strive to be much more than a nationally-recognized,

active-adult community. We will encourage reciprocal collaboration with our regional neighbors to meet common needs. As a volunteer-driven community, we will be welcoming, fair and responsive to all by providing for an enviable quality of life.

After the blather, they seemed to be saying that we are going to try to get together with our neighbors to increase our political clout.

There will be a legal forum on March 30 at 1:30 p.m. in Suite 24 of the Green Valley Village. This workshop will provide training for HOA officers.

Bienvenidos Committee

By Cynthia Surprise

Bienvenidos Committee members recently welcomed some new residents to Esperanza Estates by presenting them with a basket of home-baked cookies and some information about Esperanza. Please join us in welcoming these new neighbors.

Charles and Carol Covert (Nueva) are originally from Michigan but now live in Colorado. They both enjoy horseback riding.

Don and Lou Fritson (Napa) are from Illinois. They spent 10 winters in the Villas West before buying their home in Esperanza.

Joe and Barbara Copeland (Excelso) are from Minnesota. Joe enjoys golf and woodworking, and Barbara does challenging knitting and beadwork projects.

Welcome New Owners!

Stephen & Rosanna Nelson
155 S. Circulo Napa
Lot #88

Upcoming Events

Hot Dog/Chili Dog Night Tuesday, April 12th

4:30 Cocktails, 5:00 Grilling Begins

Sunset Ramada

\$6.00 per person

Includes a hot dog or
chili dog and chips.

Sodas, beer and mixes supplied.



FOOD BANK DONATIONS: *There will be a collection bin at all EE events held at the Ramada. Please help us support the local Food Bank by bringing a can of food or a non-perishable item.*

Around Green Valley...

Are you involved in local cultural events? Please feel free to submit them for inclusion in the Periodico (email to Denise Roessle: droessle@mac.com).

Sons of Orpheus Spring Concert

Sons Of Orpheus Men's Chorus will be singing at the GV Performing Arts Center on Continental Rd., on Thursday, April 7th. The concert is at 7 p.m. The concert features vocal and violin soloists, a cowboy trio, classic selections by the choir, and a special appearance of the Tucson Russian Balalaika Orchestra. This concert celebrates the group's 20th anniversary of performing. Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce and the Performing Arts Center (399-1750) for \$12 in advance or at the door for \$15. The chorus has sung in Green Valley many times, and also is well-known for its annual Christmas concerts with the Tucson Boys Chorus at Mission San Xavier. Sons of Orpheus is a not for profit group providing U of A music scholarships as well as other community support.

Coffee & Donuts: Wed., April 20th

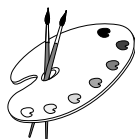


Join your neighbors at Sunset Ramada at 8:30 a.m. — usually every third Wednesday of the month. There is no charge. Just come and enjoy!

Cinco de Mayo Potluck Thursday, May 5th • 4:30 Sunset Ramada



Bring your favorite Mexican dish to share and join your neighbors for this annual fiesta. Soda, beer & margaritas provided.



Calling All Artists & Musicians!

Do you sing or play a musical instrument? In a local choir, singing group, or band? Perhaps you were in a past life? Are you a fine artist or craftsman? We want to talk to you for future features in the Periodico. Please contact Cynthia Surprise at 205-2742 (artists & craftsmen) or Mary Hess at 398-4829 (singers & musicians).





Behind the Scenes at the 2011 Ramada Sale

Savy shoppers lined up early for the 7:00 a.m. opening of the Annual Esperanza Estates Ramada Sale on March 5th. Bev Brow, who has been in charge of this event since the first one in 1999, says this year's sale was the most successful one yet, bringing in over \$3,700.

"The entire Enhancement Team works hard to put it all together," Bev says. "Pricing the hundreds of items is the most time-consuming task. But everyone pitches in to help organize the items, and we have quite a few laughs while we work."

Bev recalls that the most unusual item ever donated to the sale was a white ceramic monkey. When the monkey didn't sell, it was used for a few years as the rotating trophy awarded to the volunteer of the year. Finally, the monkey was donated to Continental School, and the children loved it.



(Above) Bev Brow & Lorna Kitchak price one of the hundreds of items. (Below) Linda Winterland & Geri Lindberg discuss the value of some donated china.



(Above, left) The Men's Auxiliary picks up donated furniture. (Right) Jackie Rautio happily receives another donated item.

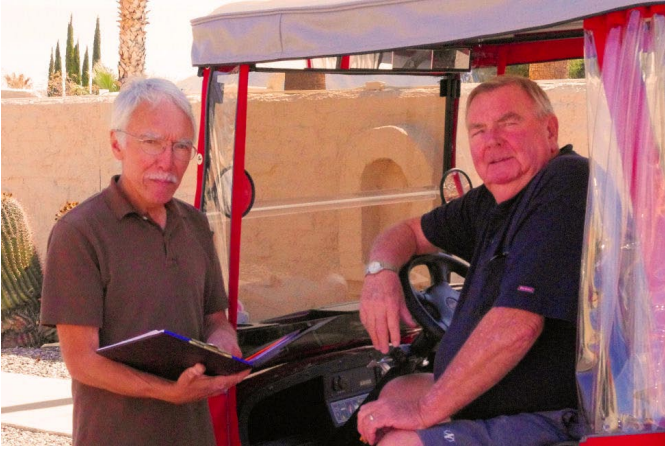


(Left) Lynn Raby sets up the jewelry display. Geri Lindberg & LaNelle Konigs finish setting out the array of baked goods. (Right) Craig Surprise watches skeptically as Jim Lindberg tries to power wash the old trash cans. (Below left) Bev Brow gives final instructions to her team.

Photos by Cynthia Surprise



In The Spotlight: Architectural Control



Dean Hess and Craig Surprise have given a lot of thought to their roles as the Architectural Control Committee, and we thought it would be helpful for homeowners to hear from them. The Periodico spent a few minutes chatting with them as they were taking one of their tours of EE in Dean's distinctive red golf cart.

What do you see as the Committee's purpose?

Dean: Esperanza Estates has always been regarded as a highly desirable subdivision in Green Valley, and its unique architecture and well maintained properties have contributed to this. Our goal is to keep it that way.

What is the scope of the Committee?

Craig: We handle requests for building modifications such as new arches over front gates, new walls, ramada additions, etc. In addition, if you are going to repaint your house, you must obtain prior approval from Architectural Control even if you are certain you know what color to use. Some residents may not be aware of this.

We also deal with CC&R violations that relate to non-conforming items, structural deterioration or poor landscape maintenance, which has proceeded to the point where the property is no longer conforms to the standards expected in the subdivision.

What is the procedure for a homeowner to get approval for a project or repaint job?

Dean: I want to stress the importance of contacting us before you start your project. It can save you a lot of future hassles and money. No one wants to have to repaint their house because they used the wrong color paint.

To get the process started, please contact us directly, rather than through other board members. We'll visit you and talk about your plans. If you are planning a structural change, you'll need to submit a sketch or drawing and a written description of the work to be done and how it is to be accomplished; i.e., the type of materials to be used and the name of the person doing the work. Once the project is completed, we'll inspect it to be sure it conforms to the work that was authorized.

Craig: I'd also caution homeowners not to look around EE and assume they can do something just because someone else did. In the 30+ years EE has been around, some unauthorized work has snuck in under the radar. Also, in several cases, the board approved certain projects but later rescinded its earlier approval. Projects completed in reliance on the approval were grandfathered, but no other projects of that type are permitted. One example is windows in garage doors.

Do all structural modifications require approval?

Craig: Only modifications visible from outside your property, including your neighbor's yard, require approval.

How do you handle violations?

Dean: Typically, someone contacts us to report a potential issue. We then go over to look at the situation, and if we agree it's a violation, we'll speak with the homeowner. We want to be reasonable, and hope that homeowners will be too. We're willing to invest some time working with an owner to try to find an amicable solution.

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If a homeowner refuses to bring the property into compliance, the CC&Rs allow the Board to contract for the corrective work to be done. A “reimbursement assessment” for the amount of the repairs is then made against the property. The homeowner is responsible for paying back the amount of the assessment to the HOA. But, we try our best to avoid having situations reach that stage.

Craig: Homeowners should be aware that before a property sale closes, the Board is required to provide the escrow agent with a certificate stating whether the property is in compliance with the CC&Rs.

We visually inspect each house that comes up for sale and notify the owners of any compliance issues so they can promptly fix any problems. Any non-compliances that are not corrected will be clearly spelled out on our inspection report and on the certificate that goes to the escrow agent. Since a sale could be delayed or lost due to non-compliances, we want to be sure that both the seller and any potential new buyers are aware of any non-compliances as early as possible.

What are some typical issues that come up?

Dean: Well, paint color is a common problem. If you are repainting your house, you must continue to use the same color and finish as the house was originally painted. And, you need to get our prior approval. Touch-up painting does not require prior approval although you may wish to check with Craig or me to verify your paint color.

Originally, all homes were painted with Dunn-Edwards paint, and it has generally stood the test of time. If you use a different brand and ask the paint store to match a D-E color chip, you may not get an accurate match. We strongly suggest that you ask your painter to paint a 2' x 2' sample area or test card with the paint first. Then, invite us back to take a look at the test sample to be sure it's a good match. You certainly don't want to have to repaint.

Also, all exposed wood, including any garage ceiling visible from outside your property, must be painted Norfolk Brown. Metal gates must be painted flat black.

What one thought would you like to leave with our readers?

Craig: Talk to us before you start your project. Don't hesitate to ask us something just because you think we'll say “no.” Our goal is to help you complete your project, or repainting, while conforming to the CC&Rs.

We recommend...

If you've used a home improvement, repair or other vendor whom you wish to recommend, please contact Denise (399-3312, droessle@mac.com).

Advertisers: please encourage your EE clients who are happy with your services to recommend you!

I would highly recommend T.J. Vandiver Construction. A year ago after our purchase on Regalo, Travis (T.J.) did a great job replacing a portion of our garage roof and back patio roof, both damaged by dry rot. Very responsive, clean, fast, efficient and very affordable.

— Ken & Patty Adler

We can certainly recommend Joe Vitello, as he has helped us with plumbing and electrical repairs. He is knowledgeable and accommodating.

— Eunice & David Hinds

We recommend Joe Vitello as a handyman or to watch your home while you're away. He has been taking care of our house for three winters and we are very satisfied with the work that he does. He can be reached at 625-1404.

— Colleen & Stein Simonsen

I recently hired a fellow to help me do the paving stones in front of our place on Regalo and was very pleased with his work. His name is Patrick Perkins (520-401-8482). He also does roof recoating, lumber construction, etc.

— Bill Pratt

Your Fascinating Neighbors

Esperanza Estates is populated by many folks with interesting pasts and brushes with fame. If you know someone who would make an interesting profile — or maybe it's YOU

— please contact Cynthia Surprise at 205-2742, cncsurprise@verizon.net. We welcome your suggestions!

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Your Fascinating Neighbors

From Budapest to Green Valley: An Amazing Journey

By Cynthia Surprise

As Russian soldiers were battering their front door, Edie Webber and her family escaped through the back door. And so began the journey that brought her to America.

Edie was very young when her family escaped from Budapest during the Hungarian Revolution, right after WWII, so she doesn't remember much about it. But family stories have filled in the details. Her father, a career military officer, fought against the Russians and was on the Russian to-be-captured list even as late as the 1980s. Her mother was a physician.

After fleeing Budapest, Edie's family traveled by raft down the Danube River to Dusseldorf, Germany. They then lived in four different displaced persons camps, the last one being run by the Americans. "The soldiers were very good with the children and gave us candy. The first English word I learned was Hershey," Edie recalls.

Edie remembers the housing in the camps was drab, multi-story cluster apartments with cinder block walls. "When we first arrived in one of the camps, my mother sat me on a box containing our meager possessions and gave me a wooden spoon to defend our things while she went upstairs to investigate our apartment." Her mother hung blankets in their apartment to create separate rooms. "There were bugs of all kinds everywhere, and I remember seeing them crawling out of the cinder block walls while I lay in bed. To this day, I still have a phobia about bugs," Edie says.

Life was not easy in the camps for immigrants, and Edie's parents struggled to keep the family fed. "My mother had sewn some jewels into the hem of her dress for safekeeping during our journey. One was a six-carat diamond giv-

en to her by King Farouk of Egypt when she was the physician for his harem. My mother had to barter the diamond for food, receiving only a sack of potatoes

and some bacon in exchange. But with three children to feed she had no other recourse. We couldn't eat the diamond."

When Edie was about eight years old, she was selected to spend a year and a half in England by an organization established to provide clothing, education, and recreation to children in post WWII DP camps. Edie remembers driving with Sue Ryder (one of the founders of OXFAM) through Holland in a VW bus picking up children in other camps to take them to England. Of her time in England, she says "Being away from my family for all that time was difficult, but it taught me to be independent."

The experience influenced Edie in other ways too. "The children had mentor families who took us away from the school on weekends and holidays. One of my mentors was a member of Parliament, and he started my interest in politics." One of her playmates was Prince Charles. And, yes, it's very likely he would remember her, too.

In 1958 Edie's family was finally allowed to immigrate to the United States, and was sponsored by a Quaker church in Indiana. Indiana offered few opportunities to improve their lives, so the family later moved to Venice Beach, California. When they arrived, Edie and her mother went to a Salvation Army store to buy all their furniture and household goods. They had no way to bring the furniture home, so a man who worked in the store helped them by delivering it. While in the store, Edie saw a turquoise bracelet, which she dearly wanted. But, her mother had no money left to buy it.



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Seeing how much Edie liked the bracelet, the woman working in the store bought it for her. Edie still has the bracelet, and it reminds her of the kindness of strangers who tried to help her family.

Edie's parents had tried for many years to immigrate to America because they wanted a better life for themselves and their children. Once here, they were willing to work extremely hard in order to realize this goal. Edie's father worked for twenty years without taking a vacation in order to save up his vacation pay. Her mother, once a physician in Hungary, scrubbed floors in the homes of the wealthy in Beverly Hills. For a time, she was the housekeeper for Zsa Zsa Gabor. She attended medical school, again, in the United States in order to be licensed to practice here. While her parents worked, Edie helped out by taking care of their house and her siblings.

After graduating from college with a degree in English and political science, Edie went to work for Continental Airlines. One day she literally ran into Pierre Salinger (press secretary to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson) spilling coffee on him. Salinger reacted with a few words in French. Edie apologized to him in perfect French and told him to send her the cleaning bill. Salinger was so impressed by Edie and her fluency in French that he offered her a job as assistant to the Chief Pilot of Continental Air Services, then an operative arm of the CIA in Laos.

Three weeks later Edie was off to Laos. When she arrived, there was no one there to meet her. Undaunted, she found a man who agreed to row her across the Mekong River in a small boat. Edie worked in Laos from 1966 to 1968, translating French and English documents, scheduling rice drops and other para-military operations, and acting as general liaison between the pilots and the Laotian government.

Upon her return to the United States in 1968, Edie found life in California somewhat boring after the excitement of working in Laos. Her solution was to sign up for another tour of duty, this time in Thailand.

In 1969, Edie returned to California, where her mother had started a medical practice on Wilshire Boulevard. One of her mother's patients, actor Telly Savalas ("Kojak"), helped Edie find a job as a television script writer, and she wrote several episodes of "Barnaby Jones," a popular television show in the 1970s.

Edie also became active in service organizations and politics in California. For four years she was an elected Mayor and Councilwoman in Hermosa Beach. She also founded the Hermosa Beach Historical Society and Museum. Later, Edie was invited to join the staff of an elected Assemblyman as his Field Deputy.

Along the way, Edie met Doug Webber, and they have been married since 1981. Their shared love of the mountains led them to Tahoe, where Edie founded the Tahoe Film Festival. They subsequently moved to Cody, Wyoming, the eastern gateway to Yellowstone National Park. Struck by the beauty of the area, Edie wrote a book, still sold by the National Park Service, titled "Yellowstone in Winter."

Although they loved the Cody area, the constant wind was not conducive to Doug's health. Forced to find a new place to live, they looked at a U.S. map and asked, "Where can we go where there's no snow, it's easy to breath, and there are mountains?" Their answer was Tucson, Arizona. While investigating the area, they drove through Green Valley, saw Esperanza Estates, and knew instantly that they had found the right spot to call home.

Edie currently teaches English at Sahuarita High School. She is also an Adjunct Faculty English Instructor teaching essay writing courses in an online environment through the University of Phoenix. She also continues her involvement in civic affairs, serving as Co-Chair on the Education Sub-Committee of the Green Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Edie is well known for her many achievements, but is perhaps best known around Esperanza for her run in with a rattlesnake while on the walking trail.

Tubac Dust

By Sandy Reed

Sometime this season you will probably take a visiting aunt or grandchild to Tubac — perhaps to buy an Indian scarf, a Mexican pottery piece, or a rusted sculpture. But I suggest that while there, you look at the dust you’ve kicked up on your shoes.

Dust? Why? Well, that same dust, over several millennia, has been on the bare feet, sandals, and shoes of hundreds of people from all parts of the world. In our rather over-paved country this is, then, a rather unique place.

Here’s why.

Start with bare feet. Those were the Pima Indians, who were probably often unshod, wandering about Tubac one thousand five hundred years ago. Their ancestors trod all the way from what is now Siberia, hopefully on some kind of footwear. For years these Pimians peacefully raised corn and beans on the soft slopes where you stand down to the Santa Cruz river just to the east. Our county is named after them.

A thousand years passed, and some remnants of the Spanish army showed up in the 1690’s with a few Catholic clergy. But these men and maybe a few women weren’t all Spaniards at all! They came from many parts of Europe — Germany, Italy, Hungary — as mercenaries and young clerics. They had many motives. Some wanted to spread their religious beliefs; others, to find a better life; and a few, to escape problems at home. Still others may have just wanted adventure. We can assume that they wore a variety of footwear made from rope strands, wood, and leather. Visualize them kicking up the Tubac dust as they worked. The army put a detour in the river south of town to run the river water nearer to the bean fields, and the clerics pushed their ideas and taught a few skills.

After some sixty years, a new generation of Pima Indians tired of working for these visitors and listening to their preaching. So, in 1751 they pushed the intruders out of town — violently.



But the Europeans persisted. They returned the next year with some violence of their own. They immediately built some fortifications — what you see today as the Presidio (garrison). And they also put up a church where the St. Ann’s church now stands. Some non-Indian farmers and amateur miners moved into town, a few Pimians showed up, and the place grew a bit.

All went pretty well for a while. Oh, a large group of locals joined an exploratory trek, which had started much further south in present Mexico, to find a land route to the California coast. You hear the echo of this event today as modern Tubacians claim that “Tubac founded San Francisco.” Who’s to argue? And because of some nasty politicking back in Rome, the Jesuit clergy were replaced by Franciscans in 1767. We can suppose that as a result of what at the time were considered momentous events, shoe styles didn’t change much. But these settlers’ feet continued to push around the Tubac dust.

It wasn’t all idealistic. The Apache Indians, who lived off cattle and food raids on their Indian agrarian brethren, finally appeared and made constant trouble for little Tubac. They kept the Spanish presidio very busy. Many of those European soldiers we referred to above were killed and are buried at the local cemetery. Then, in 1821 Mexico gained its independence from Spanish rule. With no support from far off Mexico City and the now emboldened Apaches around, Tubac was

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apparently abandoned. The dust settled in the area for the first time in many, many years.

But over the following years, settlers and miners drifted back into the area. One 1840 report indicates that some of those pioneers found Tubac “in ruins.” Things improved slowly. In 1853, after our brief war with Mexico, we purchased a part of northern Mexico (the Gadsden Treaty), which included where you stand, and divided a large walnut farm into the present two Nogales. Tubac became an American town, and with tough, manufactured shoes coming in from the East, dust around town was kicked even higher.

With rich metal ores in its soil and mountains, southern Arizona began to draw major mining companies. Ranchers and farmers with big ideas took up large tracts of land. Tubac became the largest town in the Territory, published the first newspaper and built the first real school in what is now Arizona. These were tough years however. Again it was Geronimo and his Apache pals. The Presidio, now with American soldiers, was kept very busy, and it is said that Tubac was again abandoned from time to time. Geronimo was finally captured in 1886, and peace settled in for good.

The rest is history. Hah! That’s what we’re talking about. With the usual ups and downs for the next century, mining, ranching, and farming all prospered. Wealthy investors bought land, artists liked the good weather and moved in, movie companies did their thing, and people like you came to town to shop in the town of shopkeepers. Shoes and their wearers? Well, the visitors now come from every corner of our globe, and their shoes are made of rubber, leather, wood, canvas, hemp, and plastic. A unique place with a unique history. So kick up some dust of your own and think about all those feet that preceded you.

EE History

Who Is Earl Whigham?

Long time EE residents are well acquainted with the name Earl Whigham. So, for our newcomers, here is some information about the original developer of Esperanza Estates.

Earl Whigham was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in a shack without indoor plumbing. His father was a general handyman. When he was seven, Earl Whigham moved to New Orleans, where he first attended school. He entered high school at age eleven and graduated at fifteen.

Whigham was in his third year at Tulane University when Pearl Harbor was attacked. He enlisted in the Navy and received his U.S. Naval Commission in 1943. He served as a combat information officer on the USS Steamer Bay, an escort aircraft carrier. After the war, he taught combat operations at a naval college until late 1947.

Whigham and his wife, Kitty, were married in 1943, and they have one son. In 1961, the Whighams moved to Tucson to escape the high humidity in New Orleans.

Whigham worked in real estate until 1971. He became annoyed with unimaginative house designs, so he started a construction company and developed the architectural style used in Esperanza Estates. Whigham believed it looked more like what belonged in Arizona than any other style he had seen.

Whigham built several subdivisions using this architectural style, of which Esperanza Estates is the largest. His first subdivision, Pueblo Villas, is located on River Road in Tucson. He built a number of single family homes in Green Valley, one home in Tubac, and another subdivision located on North Abrego.

The Whighams lived at 179 Circulo Napa until Kitty’s health worsened and they moved to Tucson to be closer to medical care. Kitty died in 2002. Earl Whigham lives in Oro Valley.



In Memoriam

*William Bos
700 Placita Nueva
March 16, 2011*

HOA Open Meeting Rules

By Tom Cooke

Esperanza Estates residents frequently ask about Arizona's Open Meeting Law and how it applies to our HOA. The short answer is that it does not apply. However, Arizona HOA's have their own set of open meeting rules (ARS 33-1804 et seq.) that do apply.

As a matter of general interest, the rules are summarized here:

BASIC FEATURES OF THE HOA OPEN MEETING LAW

I. GENERAL TRANSPARENCY

A. All meetings of the association and/or the board are open to all members of the association or their designated representatives.

B. Provisions in CCRs or other governing documents cannot override the minimum transparency and openness requirements in the Open Meeting Law.

II. A REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

A. The board must allow any "desiring member or designated representative" the opportunity to attend and speak before the board takes any formal action on any item under discussion.

1. The board may place reasonable time limits per speaker.

2. The board must provide the opportunity for opposing sides to speak.

III. CLOSING THE DOORS

A. The board may retreat into executive session ("closed meeting") for any of the following purposes:

- **LEGAL:** To hear, or to further consider, the advice of legal counsel;
- **LAWSUITS:** To discuss pending or potential litigation. This would include discussions regarding legal action to collect assessments; to enforce the CCRs; to preserve the CCRs against a homeowner's lawsuit; third-party legal action (such as contractors or insurance

companies); and administrative actions;

- **PERSONAL:** To discuss personal, health, or finance issues with respect to any individual member; and
- **EMPLOYMENT:** To discuss the performance, health, compensation, or complaints directed against any individual working for the association or working under the direction the association.

IV. TIME, MANNER AND PLACE

A. Association meetings must take place at least once per calendar year.

B. Meetings may be called by: (1) the president; or (2) board majority; or (3) 25% of the voting members (or less, if specified in the CCRs or bylaws).

C. The association must give at least ten, and no more than fifty, days notice of any general association meeting to all members via hand-delivery or US mail. Only forty-eight hours notice, via newsletter or "conspicuous posting" or other reasonable notice method, is necessary for meetings of the board of directors.

D. Any meeting notice must include the date, time and place of meeting, and if the meeting is a "special meeting" the purpose of the meeting must be stated.

Coming next month...

*Stoney Brown's rock sculptures
along the EE trail!*



Photo by Bill Berdine

March Mystery Corner

Time of Death

In a creaky, old British mansion, the wife of the master was found late one evening, apparently murdered. The local constable and coroner had been called immediately, and they determined that the wife had been strangled a few hours before, between eight and nine o'clock that night. The constable gathered the master, his large staff, and the several guests into a large drawing room and questioned each one into the early morning.

Eventually a butler sat nervously in front of the constable who posed the classic question: "Where were you at about the time of your mistress' death this past night?"

The butler seemed to relax a bit and replied, "Oh, I can answer that very easily. I was doing my weekly duty of winding all the spring clocks around the house. We have a great many of them, you know. I carry all the keys on a big chain that I have right here. It takes me about an hour to do them all. I remember that about half way into my duty last night, I wound the big, master clock standing in the entrance hall. I looked at the time. It was exactly eight-twenty. So you see, I was very busy between eight and nine."



The constable stood and thanked the entire room for their cooperation, but asked the butler to remain for more questions. What was it that the constable didn't like in the butler's story?

Answer in the next issue of the Periodico. The Puzzlemaster is available to give minor hints at 648-0334 or 393-1427.

Answer to February's puzzle: Three hours and two minutes. The lonely amoeba in the first jar takes two minutes to reproduce, and now he/she keeps up the pace of the two amoebas in the second jar.

Photo of the Month Contest

Submit up to three digital photos taken around EE during the past year. There's no limit on subject matter: flora, fauna, mountains, sunsets, etc. The Periodico Team will choose the winner, who will receive free admission to the next Hamburger Night or other special event, and have their winning photo published in the next Periodico.

Deadline for the next contest: April 15th.

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 and deliver it to 801 W. Circulo Napa.

Questions about sending digital photos? Contact Craig Surprise for assistance: 205-2742, cncsurprise@verizon.net



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Shade Tree Advice

By Steve "Stoney" Brown

The University of Arizona Pima County Cooperative Extension Service can provide you with a list of shade trees which are suitable to patios in this area. They have an office at 1100 E. Whitehouse Canyon Road here in Green Valley, and this office is staffed 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. The phone number is (520) 648-0808.

The information the Extension Service can provide deals with water usage, height, and general maintenance characteristics of various types of trees which can do well in this climate. It is important to consider all aspects of a tree before deciding that it may be right for a particular spot in your yard or patio. The Board is sometimes called in to deal with disputes between neighbors when one has planted a tree in an area unsuitable to its characteristics, and the tree begins to pose problems for surrounding neighbors. To avoid future difficulties, the best course of action is to think and consider before planting.



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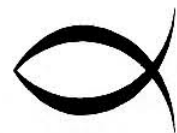
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