

Record-breaking Ramada/Bake Sale

By Barb McCalpin

Two words: THANK YOU! Once again you have proven what a great place we live in (to quote Eric, “the best subdivision in the world!”). The Ramada/Bake Sale was an unqualified success. I started thinking about who to thank, but there were simply too many to name. I would be remiss, though, not to mention our two co-chairs, Marian Mundale and Kraylen Miholer, who did such a terrific job of organizing and overseeing the event. To everyone who donated sale items or baked goods, who provided storage space, who moved heavy objects (often more than once), who provided overnight security, who worked at the sale, and who patronized the sale, we couldn’t have done it without you!

We set an all-time record by making approximately \$4,600. Actually, even more than that, as we held back a few items to sell on ebay and some for an exciting event that we are planning for next season (more details coming in the future).

As always, all proceeds are going back into Esperanza Estates. Here are some of the smaller projects that we have undertaken: We have purchased a new storage bin for pillows at the ramada (last one). We will weed out and replace some of the pillows that are “over-the-hill.” We have purchased an up-right dolly to add to our loaner program. It will be stored and will be of use at the ramada. We have disposed of some serviceable, but very heavy wood loaner tables. They will be replaced by four new white plastic folding tables. (The people who have moved the old wood tables have expressed their gratitude!) Check our website for all of the items available in our loaner program.

We will be undertaking a painting project to repaint some recently donated ramada tables and chairs, as well as several existing tables that are in need of a touch-up. We will also repaint the letters at the monument that have faded. A ramada clean-up day is also planned in the future.

Our largest and most rewarding project this year is an extensive upgrade of our ramada kitchen. We can’t wait to see this one completed! See page 13 for details of this project. We also have several other projects in planning stages. More information will follow. We always welcome suggestions for additional new improvement ideas.



Sale photos on page 3...

Upcoming Events

Return to Coney Island

Tues., April 12 • 4:30 p.m. • Sunset Ramada
Details to come...



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*J. David Haurus
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*Timothy J Braun
1119 W. Circulo del Sur*

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Esperanza Estates Homeowners Association
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*John Meek
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March 10, 2016*

*Jerry R. Allen
119 S. Circulo Napa
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Ramada/Bake Sale



Who's on the other end of the leash?

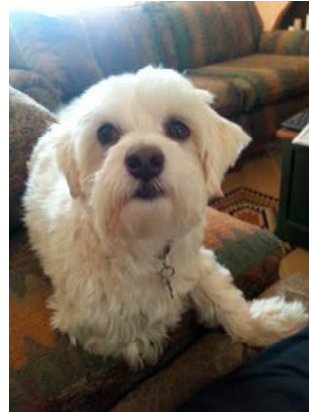
EE has many resident dogs, and most of them escort their owners through the neighborhood daily. You've probably seen many of them on your own walks around EE. Here's a little test to see if you can match dogs on this page with their owners on the next page. If nothing else, you'll at least learn the names of some dog-loving residents. Answers appear on page 14.



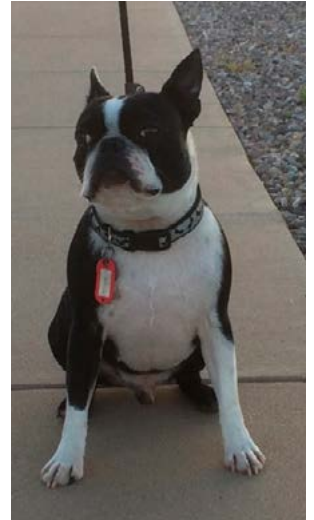
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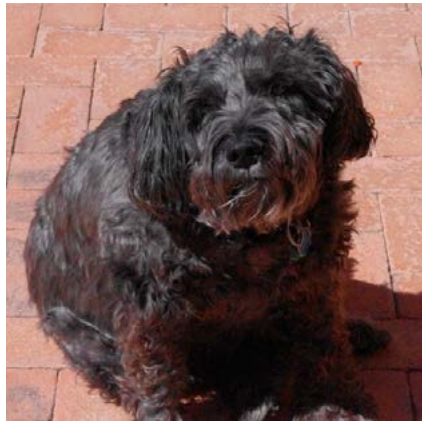
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4) *Oliver*



5) *Skeeter*



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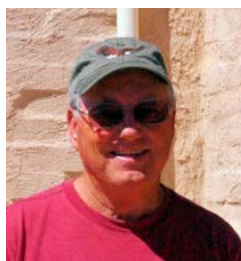
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E) Marla Ries



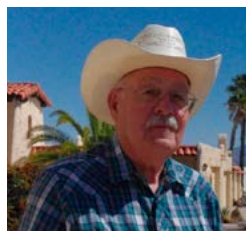
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The Potato

The Hospitality Committee's March event celebrated one of America's favorite foods: the potato. Here are some facts and trivia about potatoes.

- The Incas in Peru were the first to cultivate potatoes, and the Spanish Conquistadors introduced the potato to Europe.
- Potatoes are grown in all 50 states and in about 125 countries throughout the world.
- The potato is about 80% water and 20% solids.
- An 8-ounce baked or boiled potato has only about 100 calories.
- Thomas Jefferson gets the credit for introducing "french fries" to America when he served them at a White House dinner.
- In October 1995, the potato became the first vegetable to be grown in space. NASA and the University of Wisconsin, Madison, created the technology with the goal of feeding astronauts on long space voyages, and eventually, feeding future space colonies.
- Potato blossoms became fashionable when Marie Antoinette paraded through the French countryside wearing potato blossoms in her hair.
- Those of you who grew up in the 1950s will surely remember playing with Mr. Potato Head. George Lerner invented this toy in 1949 and it was first sold by Hasbro in 1952. Mr. Potato Head was the first toy advertised on television and is still in production today.





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 Cynthia Surprise at 857-209-1978 or cjsurprise@verizon.net.



Vacation Checklist

Starting next month, many EE residents will be leaving for the summer or an extended vacation. If you have lived here for a while, you no doubt have your own checklist of items to do to close up your house before leaving. The following list combines ideas from the Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers and their Neighborhood Watch group. Plus, there are a couple of things specific to EE.

1. Call SAV (Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers) and request house checks. About once a week all your doors and windows will be checked. They also look for running water, etc. Make sure your house street number is on the back of the house/gate. There is no charge for this service. Call SAV at 520-351-6744 one week before you leave. Remember to call them as soon as you return too, or they will think a burglar is in the house and call the sheriff.
2. Make sure all doors and windows are locked. Use track locks and pin sliding windows. If possible, use security bars or wooden dowels on sliding doors. Lock security screen doors.
3. Close all drapes and blinds.
4. Suspend all deliveries and forward mail if leaving for the summer.
5. Arrange for a keyholder (2 if possible). Make sure they have your contact information.
6. Arrange for yard care. Eliminate weeds, debris and keep trees and shrubs trimmed.
7. Turn buckets or containers upside down so they won't collect water and create a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Make sure ponds or pools are empty or properly maintained.
8. Have a neighbor keep watch for strange occurrences. Neighborhood watch programs are very effective.
9. Warning decals are available to put on front and rear windows.
10. It is safest not to discontinue your phone service.
11. If possible, use electric timers with multiple settings to turn lights on at different times and also a radio.
12. Outside motion sensor lighting can also be a deterrent.
13. All valuables should be marked with your driver's license number and state.
14. Make a written (and/or photographic) record of your possessions.
15. An alarm system offers added security.
16. Solar film on windows will reduce visibility into the house from outside.
17. If possible, turn off the water to your house completely; if not possible (e.g., an irrigation system requires the water to be left on), turn off the water at each toilet. In either case, add a small amount of bleach to each toilet bowl, then cover each one with plastic wrap to keep the water from evaporating.
18. Make sure your garage door is locked and can't open. Some burglars have numerous remotes and can open quite a few garage doors.
19. Leaving a car in a carport hooked up to a charger is a dead giveaway you are not there. Take your battery out and charge it on a back porch or out of sight.

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Addendum for EE residents:

Make sure your Neighborhood Watch block captain knows when you are leaving and has your updated contact information. They can call you or your emergency contact if anything happens to your home during your time away.

When cleaning out your pantry, consider donating unused items to the Food Bank. There is a bin at the Ramada, or you can drop off your donation at the Food Bank on Whitehouse Canyon Road. The Food Bank will accept unopened frozen food.

Consider donating your previously read books to the EE Book Exchange in the pool enclosure at the Ramada.

If you have a tall palm tree in your yard, arrange to have it trimmed in June.

Bienvenidos Committee

Please join us in welcoming Bill and Kathy Montony (Circulo del Norte) to Esperanza Estates.

Although Bill and Kathy are still spending most of their time at their 6-acre "mountain meadow" type home in Bailey, Colorado, they hope to spend more time here next fall or spring.

Bill spent 8 years in the Air Force, had an electronics business, a car business for 30 years, then became a landlord of an apartment complex in Colorado.

Kathy was at one time the only female VW master technician in the country! You can imagine how much better she had to be to compete with her male counterparts. She was so good that other VW repair shops sent her the tough repairs that they couldn't figure out.

Bill's interests fall into "work categories" such as auto repair, woodworking, redoing houses, etc. He had a number of hotrods he had worked on (Kathy fixed one up, too). When he drove his daughter to the prom in a 1954 Willy's Overland, all the couples in the limos craned their necks to see this great car as they pulled up.

Bill and Kathy have a large collection of indoor plants in their home in Colorado. One is a Christmas cactus that has been in Bill's family for five generations.

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Virtual Home Tour: Design on a Dime (Canadian)

By Cynthia Surprise

This is another in a series of articles on Esperanza Estates homes that we hope will give you some decorating inspiration. Visit our website, esperanzaestates.net, to view more photos of these homes as well as those from past EE Home Tours.

The “Small Change” sign in Penny and Lyle Huculak’s garage belies the rich southwest feel Penny has created in their EE home over the last several years. Because they view the house as a vacation retreat from the Canadian winters and are here only a couple of months each year, Penny allocated a “small change” budget to decorating.

Pulling that off successfully requires creativity and being a serious thrift store shopper and a garage sale devotee. “Sometimes I have to push myself to get out of bed before the sun is up to get to a promising yard sale,” Penny says. “But you have to get there early to get the best items.” Her diligence has really paid off.

Finding furniture was just the first step in Penny’s decorating adventure. Most of the pieces were nondescript, light wood before she worked her magic on them. Not afraid to try her hand at painting them, she transformed the bland furniture into striking pieces with a southwest vibe. Turquoise ties the rooms together, giving the house a cohesive feeling.

Penny’s first attempt was a coffee table which she painted reddish-orange. “It looked like a big pumpkin sitting in the middle of the room,” she explains. So she toned it down by applying black over the orange and wiping it down until she achieved an antiqued look she liked.

Penny’s pièce de résistance is her faux painted living room wall. “I get a lot of comments on it,” she says, laughingly. “People either love it or hate it.”



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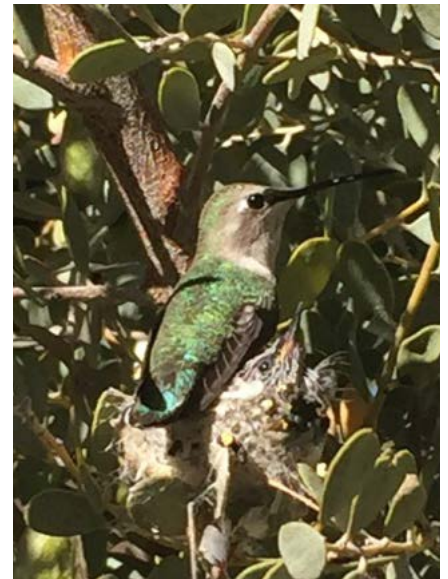
Around Esperanza



Dick Carver installing the irrigation system at Esperanza Park.



Pretty in Pink: A flowering plum at the shade tree park bursts forth for spring.



Mother and baby hummingbird, photographed by Mary Ferland.



Some EE Artisans admire the creative sweatshirt jackets at Joey Sourant's workshop.



Louise McCabe hung this colorful Ramada sale find to brighten up the women's shower room at the Ramada.

Ramada Kitchen Remodel

By Barb McCalpin

Wait until you see our remodeled kitchen! The project has been approved by our EE Board and will be completed during the week of April 4 – 8, under the direction of contractor, Miguel Elizalde. The plan was developed by a committee composed of representatives from the Artisans, Hospitality and Enhancement Committees, with a technical assist from Jim Copeland. We have addressed both the appearance and functionality of this heavily-used facility. One of our main objectives is to reduce clutter and to provide a cleaner looking, more attractive appearance.

The counter faces will be finished in a sanded stucco in our standard Travertine color. The counter tops will be finished in a brick-colored tile with cobalt blue accents. All cabinet doors will be replaced and will be locked by key. No more unwieldy cables!

The double sink will be replaced by a single, deep sink (to make it easier to clean all of those big pans and coffeepots). The small sink on the back wall will be removed, freeing up valuable counter space. A step wall will be added to shield our new refrigerator from the sun.

One of the most exciting additions will be two six-foot long rolling cabinets that can be used in many different configurations. They will feature industrial strength, locking wheels and adjustable shelves. The cabinets will be wired to plug in to existing electricity. They will be the same height as the existing cabinets and will utilize the same décor. We will start with one cabinet, with a second to follow. (Marla is practically doing cartwheels and is making big plans for future use!)

Financing has been provided by several sources: a donation from the Artisans, the proceeds from a raffle of mesquite items and sale of a mesquite table (all provided by Terry Shay and Jim Copeland), and a generous private donation, with the remaining, major portion being covered by the Enhancement Committee. There are several additional improvements that may be added in the future.

We plan on having the project completed in time for the next Hospitality event, Coney Island Night, on April 12. Hope to see you there for the celebration of our newly remodeled ramada kitchen! Save the date!



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

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2-D: Bailey/Vern Wise

3-E: Leo/Marla Ries

4-B: Oliver/Marilyn Meyer

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Book Corner

The Road to Mount Lemmon by Mary Ellen Barnes

Reviewed by Cindy Krantz

Winter visitors from northern states to southeastern Arizona often find fascination in the sight of Tucsonans flocking to Mount Lemmon when snow falls there. After all, they have traveled many miles to escape winter snows! But Mount Lemmon is more than a ski area as it also was a haven for summer cabins and several year-round communities.

Mary Ellen Barnes has a special interest in Mount Lemmon, as her father, Tony Zimmerman, abandoned his teaching career in 1943 to develop Summerhaven, a once thriving community on the mountain. Her book is both a tribute and memoir of the adventures her family experienced during the years of development of the Summerhaven community.

Zimmerman was born in Kansas in 1892, the eighth of thirteen children. He left Kansas for central Arizona in 1912. He had taken a teaching position at a higher salary than he would have earned in Kansas. He married and moved to Tucson and he and his wife had five children by 1935. With his summers work-free as a teacher, he took his family to Mount Lemmon where he sold real estate to supplement his income. At age 51, he resigned his teaching position and set out to develop a community he called Summerhaven in the Santa Catalina Mountains.

The book is a collection of short stories based on the author's personal research and memories as well as her father's diaries. It covers nearly 60 years of adventures. Thirty-six short chapters reveal not only personal stories of the Zimmerman family, but also the history and pioneer spirit of the people who made their homes on Mount Lemmon during over 50 years between 1951 and 2003.

In 2003 a fire destroyed much of the Summerhaven community as well as many surrounding acres, which makes this book of memories more special today. It is a rich collection of adventures by the families who enjoyed year-round living north of Tucson. Many photos throughout the 200 page book reveal a 60-year history of a special place in the mountain called Lemmon.



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