

periodico de Esperanza



April 2013

2013 Volunteer of the Year: Ben Sheffield

Few can claim to have been as involved in EE as this year's Volunteer of the Year Ben Sheffield. Ben has been an active contributor to our community in so many capacities, it's hard to name them all.

As a member of the Concerned Volunteers (a predecessor of the Enhancement Team) Ben helped remove the defunct putting green where the Ramada garden is now located. He also helped build and wire the Ramada kitchen, restrooms at the pool and the storage facilities. Next time you are at the Ramada, notice Ben's cleverly designed cabinet at the end of the counter to store the ice chest. This man thinks of everything.

Ben has continued to head up construction projects around EE. Most recently, he was our general contractor for construction of the restrooms

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April Photo of the Month Congratulations to John Meek!



John Meek (del Sur) enthralled the judges with this lovely composition: "Twilight of the Old West." Next month's deadline: May 17. Details on page 13.

Rules and Regulations: A Reminder from the Board

The CC&Rs (Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions) spell out the responsibilities of the homeowners and the Board of Directors relative to the conduct of day-to-day operations of the Esperanza Estates Homeowners Association.

At the time of purchase each homeowner agreed to abide by these rules. Because we are a very closely knit community, actions taken by one individual can have a significant negative impact on his neighbors or even on the entire community. For that reason, the CC&Rs require homeowners to obtain approval from the Board before any exterior architectural (including painting) or landscaping changes which involve structural additions are undertaken. The Board reviews such proposals with the objective of maintaining the architectural integrity of the entire subdivision, which is one of the major distinguishing features of Esperanza Estates. Your cooperation in abiding by these rules is essential. Failure to obtain the necessary approval could result in a requirement to restore any modifications to their original condition.

A special situation applies to owners of units known as “quads.” At the time the EEHOA was created as a legal entity, the area outside the patio and house walls of a quad was deeded to the HOA rather than the homeowner, unlike non-quad homes. The reason for this is not entirely clear, but appears to be an attempt to relieve the quad owner, particularly those having long driveways serving the rear units, from the responsibility and cost of maintaining those driveways. In any event, be advised that if you live in a quad, the land outside your masonry walls belongs to the HOA and not to you. Requests to add plantings, shrubs, trees, or any other landscaping changes should be coordinated with the Director of Common Area Maintenance, which is currently Dean Hess (398-4829). Again, failure to obtain the necessary approval could result in a requirement to restore any modifications to their original condition.

This reminder is issued as a result of several recent violations of these rules. Your ongoing willingness to understand and abide by the CC&Rs will be appreciated and will help us to maintain our unique character within Green Valley.

Board Meetings

May 20

June 17

*No meetings in
July & August*

Meetings resume on
Sept. 16

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

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Green Valley, AZ 85622-0181



Show your pride in EE

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

Notes from the EE Weed Patrol

By Tom Cooke and Boyd Morse

Esperanza Estates homeowners are reminded that in May of 2011, your Board of Directors enacted the following resolution:

VOTED: That the EEHOA Board of Directors is authorized to add a discretionary surcharge of up to 50 percent of the cost of corrective work, to be billed to the homeowner, if, after giving notice to a homeowner and allowing a reasonable time for completion of the work, the homeowner has not taken action to bring their yard or tree[s] into compliance with the CC&Rs.

This was primarily directed to the issue of people who leave for the summer without making arrangements for their yardcare over the summer months. Your HOA volunteers work all summer to make sure our common areas are pristine and weed-free, and ask that all homeowners help us by arranging to have their yards taken care of when not in residence. We all owe this courtesy to our neighbors who spend their summers here.

Please be mindful of the language of the above mentioned resolution, and your HOA thanks you for your cooperation.

Green Valley Council Activities for March

By Joe McCalpin

The Household Hazardous Waste event on the 23rd of March was an overwhelming success. There were records set everywhere. Individual categories experienced increases of 11-16 percent. When the event opened, the line was backed up on Camino del Sol clear back to the Lutheran Church, close to a mile. By the time the event closed, the line was gone and no one was turned away. The traffic flow was enhanced by the use of GVR's Desert Hills lot. The volunteer staff was double that of the last event. In that regard, the volunteers from Esperanza Estates were the largest number of any HOA in Green Valley. Why am I not surprised? These folks deserve our gratitude; they include Del Bean, Jim Lindberg, Bruce and Judy Moulton, Pat Sharpe, Ben Sheffield, Craig Surprise, Kevin Welsh and yours truly.

Over 35,000 lbs. of household waste, electronics, medicines, and shredded paper will, for the most part, be recycled and not become part of our local landfills or worse seep into the aquifer. You guys make a fella proud.

On an entirely different topic, I received a note asking about the Esperanza Blvd repair. The work will be on the stretch between Abrego and La Canada. That stretch is pretty bad and AZDOT will, in the same timeframe, be reworking the Esperanza Blvd interchange. As you exit Southbound I-10, the off ramp will be redesigned to eliminate the yield lane, making traffic stop in all three lanes. One left-hand turn lane on west bound Esperanza will be eliminated. A bike lane will be added.

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.

Upcoming Events



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

Bring your favorite Mexican dish to share and join your neighbors for this annual fiesta!
Soda, water, and margaritas will be provided.



Independence Day Party Thurs., July 4th • 4:30 Sunset Ramada \$6.00 per person

Includes grilled sausages with onions and peppers, potato salad, and baked beans. Wine, beer, sodas, water and mixers will be provided.

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.



“Wednesday night at the movies, who cares what picture we see?”

Terry and Donna Shay hosted a showing of the latest 007 movie, Skyfall, in their driveway last month.

Weekly movie nights at the Ramada will resume in May.



Volunteer of the Year

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at the tennis/pickleball courts. Not only could you find him working on the roof in May, but he was often seen in county offices trying to get our permits. In his spare moments last year, he designed and installed a special latch on the pool gate to facilitate access for all residents. He's also the guy who made the colorful oilcloth tablecloths we enjoy using at the Ramada.

In addition to wielding a hammer for the HOA, he also wielded a gavel, serving on the Board as President and Secretary. For many years, he has served as the teller responsible for supervising the ballot count for the annual HOA meeting. He has the process down to a science and the count goes like clockwork.

One of Ben's long-time interests has been understanding and refining our CC&Rs. It's not one of the sexier volunteer jobs in EE, but Ben has become our resident expert and can quote sections of the CC&Rs in his sleep.

Ben and his wife, Mona, purchased their first property in EE in 1993. Their second home was one of the biggest homes, and before the construction of the Ramada they threw open their doors to host several of EE's social events needing a large space. Long-time residents will recall the Enhancement Team's silent auctions that were held in the Sheffield home. Last December, they graciously hosted the EE Christmas Carolers at an apres-carolling gathering. Ben's belief in the quality of life and people who live in EE is evidenced by the purchase of a third home here several months ago.

Ben is a native of the West, having been born and raised in Montana. While these days we see him riding around on his golf cart, he spent his early years riding horses as a guide on the dude ranch his parents owned in Montana.

Prior to his retirement in July 2002, Ben worked for Nesbitt Contracting Co. in Tempe, Arizona. The company is a general engineering company that builds roads, installs water, sewer and drainage facilities in the greater Phoenix area. Ben was CFO responsible for the accounting functions, banking relationships, contract administration and legal intermediary of corporate matters. Prior to moving to Arizona in 1983, Ben worked extensively with construction materials supplies in accounting and other management areas. He was also employed at a CPA firm in Spokane.

Ben's professional experience has certainly served our HOA well, and we truly appreciate all he has done and continues to do for us.

The reason Ben was chosen as Volunteer of the Year is abundantly clear to those who know him. He's someone you can count on to step up when a job needs to be done. And you know it will be done the right way. As Vince and Bev Brow aptly put it: "You call him, and here's right there. He's the best."



Tom Cooke presents Ben Sheffield with the Volunteer of the Year award.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner





Our EE Volunteers

By Tom Cooke

This last article in our series recognizing our Esperanza Estates volunteers will cover our newest group of volunteers—EE Arts Club—and also those very important volunteers who help our HOA in so many ways, but who are not members of an organized group.

Our Arts Club dates from only 2012. It was formed by a group interested in improving our common areas by the strategic placement of thoughtful and appropriate works of art that will enhance our enjoyment of our neighborhood. Those involved in the Committee's activities are: Kevin Welsh (Chairman), Barb McCalpin, Barbara Carver, Bill and Dagmar Duncan, Cathy Sick, Jane Ellingson, Karyn Grob, Linda Welsh, Marian Mundale, Pat Flowers, Scottie Blum, Stacie Meyer, Donna Shay, Joey Sourant, and Barbara Copeland.

The Club's first effort was the design and placement of a stylized desert tortoise in Mountain View Park—a very imaginative, colorful, and delightful object which has already endeared itself to all who have seen it. We look forward to much more from this group in the future.

We are fortunate to have so many individuals in Esperanza Estates who are willing to help out with the many miscellaneous tasks that need to be done to keep our HOA functioning so well—and who do it as neighbors with no purpose of receiving recognition for their efforts. Many of these people also belong to our regular committees as well (and have been previously recognized) and in the spirit of service, take care of other unrelated jobs too. We wish to thank all of them, because without their efforts, Esperanza Estates as we know and enjoy it, would not exist. These people, as known to the author, are Ben Sheffield (2013 Volunteer of the Year) Richard Magnuson, Jim Sourant, Greg Walker, Greg Gramstad, Barb Cottrell, Bruce Liljegren, Gary Thompson, Kevin Welsh, Del Bean, Kris Bean, Judy Lang, Don and Pam Bjorkman, Ken and Kay Miller, Bill Pratt, Al Prado, Dick Carver, Melodye Cooke, Craig Surprise, Paul Lavanway, Bruce and Judy Moulton, Emil Ziemer, Max Perry, and Pat Sharpe. No doubt we have others as well, whose names I have not been able to learn, but whom we thank just as much.

Volunteers—you are our most important asset. Please accept our thanks and our appreciation. Esperanza Estates wouldn't be the same without you.



2013 EE Home Tour Delights Residents

By Cynthia Surprise

It was a perfect spring day, and approximately one hundred EE residents and their guests spent a delightful afternoon visiting the seven homes and three gardens on the 2013 Home & Garden Tour. Gardens were a new addition to the popular biennial tour, and they did not disappoint.

Each home and garden was unique and revealed a bit about the personalities of the homeowners. It was hard to miss the fact that many of the homeowners are artists, and all of them have a great eye for design. Fitting right in with EE's casual living style, many touches of whimsy were found here and there among the lovely furnishings or in the gardens.

We appreciate the generosity of all the homeowners who opened their homes and gardens and gave us some inspiration for our own. They included: Randy and Carolyn Acher, Ken and Patty Adler, Bill Berdine/Stacie Meyer, Tom and Melodye Cooke, Jim and Barb Copeland, Bill and Dagmar Duncan, Thomas Hurley/Joanna Wood, Paul and Kathy LaVanway, Terry and Donna Shay, and Kevin and Linda Welsh.

Thanks also to the hard work of the Enhancement Team and other volunteers who made this a wildly successful event.

Pictured here are some of the gems of the tour.



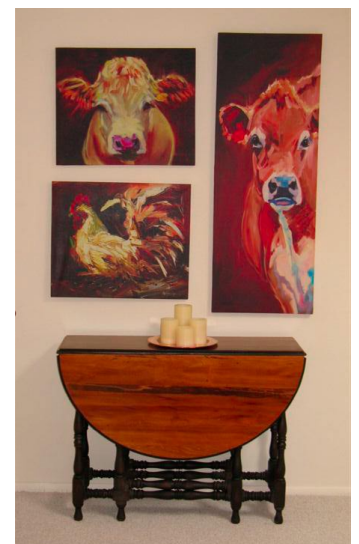
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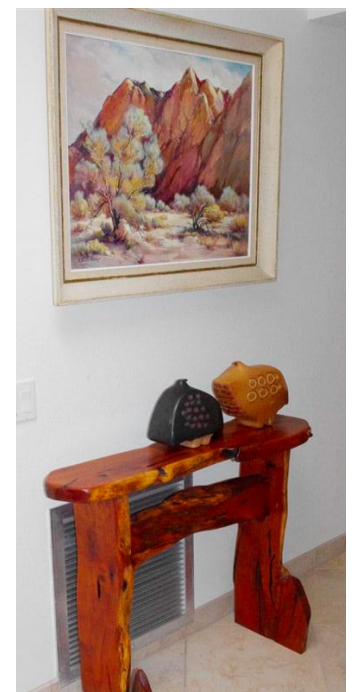
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Shay Home



Cooke Home

What we liked about the tour...

Many residents went on the 2013 Home & Garden Tour hoping to pick up ideas for their own homes and gardens and from their reactions it's clear the tour succeeded in providing the inspiration they were looking for.

Here is what a few of them liked and learned.

Penny Huculak: "I now know for sure that I want to do a stained concrete floor like the one I saw at the Achters' home."

Pat Flowers: "I was inspired by the faux flagstone walkways."

Mary Furrhman: "I loved the cactus garden and think turning a bedroom closet into a desk area is a great idea. I was also happy to see that you can decorate a house with White Elephant and yard sale finds without it looking like a thrift store."

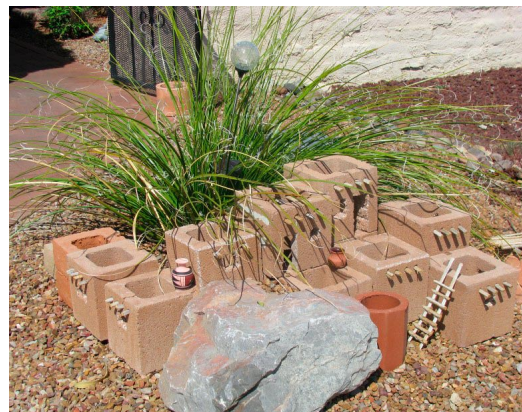
Antje Lear: "I really liked seeing how different the same model house can look."

Dick Johnston: "I was interested in seeing you could overlay the bathroom counter top with tiles rather than removing it."

Sharon Rowe: "I'm going to paint the inside of my patio walls a color."

Denise Roessle: "I was especially interested in what people had done with their yards and got some great ideas from the Shay's, Welsh's and Berdine/Meyer's gardens."

Carol Hinterthuer: "The faux painted walls and stained concrete floors were great." [Note: Carol has volunteered to have her home on the next tour.]



Enhancement Team Report

By Barb McCalpin

The Team pizza and ice cream party put a fun finishing note on this season's activities. Our next regular meeting will be in November. Improvement projects, however, will continue throughout the summer.

As a reminder, we have accumulated quite a few items that are available to all EE residents on loan. You may check out large folding tables, white plastic lawn chairs, or a sturdy, lightweight four-wheeled platform cart (with folding handle). Baby/youth equipment includes: car seats, booster seats, feeding chairs, an umbrella stroller, and a pack 'n play (described to me as similar to a portable playpen). If you would like to check out any of these items, call Lorna Kitchak (838-0653), Geri Lindberg (777-4972) or Barb McCalpin (867-8067).

We have begun collecting donations in anticipation of another outstanding Ramada Sale next March. If you have some nice items to donate, please call Kraylen Miholer (393-8133), Bev Hebib (648-1338) or Barb McCalpin (867-8067). Incidentally, Kraylen was responsible for the beautiful drawing featuring EE architecture on the front of the Home and Garden Tour program/tickets. Must be nice to have talent!

To those of you who are packing up and heading out soon, safe travels; and to all, have a happy summer.

EE History: Original Home Models and Prices

By Cynthia Surprise

EE leaped off Earl Whigham's drawing board in 1976 and became a reality when construction began in 1977. Originally, buyers could choose from seven models: 210, 182, 200, 300, 321, 263, 199. But as people began to modify the designs, the number of floor plans grew to thirteen, several of which are one-of-a-kind.

According to EE's sales literature, each floor plan was "carefully planned for comfortable, carefree living with the accent on roominess and convenience." In 1984, a survey was taken of the 320 homes constructed by that year. The results showed the model 263, a two-bedroom home with about 1500 square feet, to be the top seller. The model 300 put in a close second place showing, having three bedrooms and slightly over 1750 square feet of living area. The model 321 placed third and the model 200, found in quads, placed fourth on the 1984 sales list.

Some of the standard features included in the base price of the homes were: refrigerated air conditioning, water softener connection, dishwasher and disposal, double oven, cold water line to refrigerator, garage door and opener, ceramic window sills, colonial door package, custom cabinets, recessed garbage cans, double glazed windows, cultured marble lavatory counter tops, cultured marble or tile tub surrounds, Amerock hardware, skylights in kitchens and baths, sidewalks and street curbs.

Common optional features included: beehive fireplace (\$1,000), sunken bath tub (\$300, but standard in model 300), bell towers (\$950), and garage door and opener for models 199 and 200 (\$900).

The standard prices for the seven original models in 1979 and 1984, respectively, were:

Model Number	1979	1984
200	\$42,900.00	\$72,400.00
199	\$45,900.00	\$80,500.00
210	\$50,900.00	\$83,000.00
321	\$42,900.00	\$76,000.00
300	\$55,400.00	\$99,900.00
263	\$45,900.00	\$81,000.00
182	\$46,900.00	\$92,600.00

The 300 and 199 are three-bedroom models; the others have two bedrooms.

EE's 1976 sales literature invited buyers to "discover the stimulating world of Esperanza Estates," promising it would be "a move you'll never regret." Thirty-seven years later, those words still hold true.

We Love Esperanza Estates: The Proof is in the Purchase

Good news for our subdivision. In the last few months, four current homeowners purchased new homes in EE and relatives of two homeowners purchased homes here too. A great indication that we are doing something right.



In Memoriam

Harry Fuhrman
1041 Calle del Regalo
April 8, 2013

Bienvenidos

Please join us in welcoming Terra and Gary Williams (Circulo del Norte) to the EE community. Born and raised in Portland, Oregon, over the last ten years the Williams found their way down to the desert Southwest and fell in love with it. Although fond of the Pacific Northwest, they both needed a little more sunshine around them. So, when Gary was offered a job in Tucson, they jumped on the chance to move to the area. They lived in Vail for three years before moving a few miles south to Green Valley.

Interested in learning about desert plants, Terra participated in a program through the Desert Botanical Gardens in Scottsdale, and traveled there every Saturday for nine months. She is now a Certified Desert Landscaper with an ever growing knowledge of native plants.

Terra and Barkly, her ten-year old Border Collie / Spaniel mix, are a Therapy Dog Team and visit a grade school a couple of days a week. The fourth graders improve their reading skills by reading to Barkly, and Barkly loves being schmoozed by all the children.

Welcome New Owners

*Frances Anderson (from 1011 Regalo)
163 S. Camino Holgado*

*Cornelia Bayley
1093 Circulo del Sur*

*Mary Beth Wallace (from 280 Circulo Napa)
160 S. Circulo Napa*

*Kenneth (Ken) & Terry Van Apeldoorn
950 W. Calle del Regalo*

EE's Dirty Little Secret

By Cynthia Surprise

It's not really a secret that the dirt in EE is naturally dry, hard and not nutrient rich. Not ideal for some of the plants the Gardeners have added to our common areas and many people have in their yards.

Plantings benefit from a layer of mulch around them, but what type to use? After researching the organic mulch versus rock mulch issue, EE's chief gardener, Bill Berdine, recently opted to use an organic mulch (specifically, pecan hulls) as the mulch of choice in our common areas. Here's why.

Advantages of organic mulch:

Retains moisture

Slows run-off, but depending upon the slope/intensity could wash away during monsoon rains

Breaks down over time providing nutrients

Cools soil

Disadvantages of organic mulch:

Light weight and can blow away with wind / wash away with heavy rains

Can contain seed -- best to obtain sterilized mulch but adds to cost

Bill explained: "I chose the pecan hulls because they are readily available and inexpensive. If we had a ready, cheap source of ponderosa pine shavings, I would have used them because a 2008 research study in Phoenix (Effect of Landscape Mulches on Desert Landscape Microclimates, Arboculture & Urban Forestry) clearly identified that as the most effective for both soil temperature and moisture control."

Sierrita Mine — An Interesting Scientific Factoid

By Paul LaVanway

Our “neighbor” to the west, Freeport-McMoRan’s Sierrita operation, is the sixth largest copper mine in the United States, producing about 175 million pounds of copper and 25 million pounds of molybdenum annually. What is less well known is that Sierrita Mine is the only U.S. source for rhenium (Re), a rare and highly valued metal.

First discovered in 1925 and named after the Rhine River in Europe, rhenium is dense and silvery-white. The metal has the third highest melting point and the highest boiling point of any element; it is a critical component in the production of high-temperature super alloys. The use of rhenium is essential in the manufacture of turbine blades for jet aircraft engines. In addition, the use of platinum-rhenium catalysts by the petroleum refining industry is vital in the production of lead-free, high-octane gasoline.

Although the Sierrita Mine produces only about 8,000 pounds of rhenium annually, what the operation may lack in terms volume, they make-up in terms of price. Last year, the average selling price of rhenium was about \$5,000 a kilogram, down from an all-time high of \$10,550/Kg in 2008.

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 or one of the decorative pots made by members of the EE Arts Club.

Deadline for this month: Friday, May 17. 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 Denise at 801 Napa.

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Big Bertha's Story

If you see a small group of people gathered in front of Tom and Valerie Palacios' home on Napa, you know Big Bertha's spectacular show is on.

Big Bertha is a *Trichocereus* and opens at night. Each bloom only lasts for one day, but Bertha produces enough blooms for several shows each spring. We try to alert residents to them in the Monday Morning Memo.

How Bertha came to EE is an interesting story. In 1993, the Palacios were visiting friends in Surprise, Arizona and they gave Val a cutting from Bertha. Tom rolled it up in a pair of his pants and put it in their truck to transport back to their RV home in Yuma. They planted it in front of the RV and when it was ready to bloom, people sat around at night watching it open.

When Tom and Val moved to EE in 2000, they brought a piece of the cactus with them and planted it next to the mesquite tree in front of their home. The Palacios were told by someone who knows these things that the mesquite tree, which is still standing although it is no longer alive, is approximately 300 years old.



Plant of the Month: Crape Myrtle

By Cynthia Surprise

Last May, as I was walking down Ensalmio I saw a large shrub so gorgeous that it stopped me in my tracks. The owners of this beautiful specimen weren't home, but fortunately Carolyn Lilgejren came to the rescue and identified it for me as Crape Myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*).

A native of China, the crape myrtle can be used as a shrub or trained as a tree. Its long lasting summer color gives it great value in the landscape. Flowers come in white, pink, lavender, red hues, and the plant blooms from early summer until fall.

Crape Myrtles love the hot Arizona sun and will easily stand up to our brief cold periods. The tree is deciduous, but its bark exfoliates to create a smooth, lightly mottled look and provide winter interest.

Crape Myrtles are ideal if you're looking for a vibrant and recognizable splash of color. But, you may have to put up with people like me stopping by to ask what it is.





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