

EE Volunteer Appreciation Event

By Cynthia Surprise

Volunteering is said to be doing more than you have to do because you want to, for a cause you consider good. That sentiment sums up why so many EE residents spend countless hours helping out around our community. And, the EEHOA doesn't take their efforts for granted. Each year we show our gratitude for their work by holding a special event to honor them.

This year, the committee organizing the event broke with tradition and did not name a volunteer of the year. With all of the outstanding contributions by so many volunteers, the committee decided it would be impossible to single out one or two individuals for special distinction.

What a wonderful problem to have – an HOA with so many volunteers! Of course, more are always welcome, and seeing a lot of our new residents jumping right in and getting involved is a good sign that our volunteer spirit will continue into the future.

We thank Kay Miller and her committee for organizing the event. Kay has served as the committee chair for a number of years, but has firmly decided that this is her last year in that role.

Not all of the invited volunteers were able to attend the event, but the pictures below and on subsequent pages should give you a fairly good idea of who does what around EE.

Thanks to everyone for what you do for EE. You make us what we are.

*Left: Enhancement Team and Ramada Sale assistants;
below left: Ramada Sale security; below right: Gardeners.*

More volunteer photos on page 3...



Upcoming Events



Cinco de Mayo Potluck

Monday, May 5th • 4:30

Sunset Ramada

Bring your favorite dish (especially Mexican) to share and join your neighbors for this annual fiesta!

Margaritas and other beverages will be provided.



Coffee & Donuts

Third Wednesdays

8:30 a.m. at the Ramada

Join your neighbors for complimentary coffee and donuts.

Hosted by the Cookes
& the Millers

Independence Day Party

Friday, July 4th

Stay tuned for details...



Tom Cooke and Ken Miller
sporting their special
"Coffee Time" socks at
the last coffee and donuts
event.



Coming Soon to a Median Near EE...

The MedianGreen Project

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Board Meetings

May 19, June 16
At the Ramada, 1:00

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

Esperanza Estates Homeowners Association
P.O. Box 181, Green Valley, AZ 85622-0181



More Volunteer Photos...



EE Board of Directors



Left, Cheri Day, Database administrator; above: Monday Morning Memo editors, Kris Bean & Cynthia Surprise



Hospitality volunteers, past and present



Above, Periodico staff; right, webmaster Craig Surprise



Neighborhood Watch Block Captains



Ramada ceiling volunteers



Bienvenidos Committee



Left: Greg Gramstad, general handyman; Judith Lang, and Richard Magnuson, pool assistants



Volunteer Appreciation Committee



Coffee & Donuts Hosts: Kay and Ken Miller, Melodye and Tom Cooke

On the road again!

The EE Adventure Group toured the Tucson Museum of Art with docent Linda Hoy.



Around Esperanza



The leaning saguaro on the corner of Portillo and Esperanza Blvd. is gone, but the cap was saved and replanted for future generations to enjoy.

At right: Henry and Denise Roessle named this prickly pear cactus in their backyard "Mickey," for obvious reasons. Who says snakes can't climb? Ron and Ole McLaughlin returned home to find this bull snake near their front door. They got it into a bucket and set it loose in the wash. Another beautiful sunrise, captured by Cheri Day in February.



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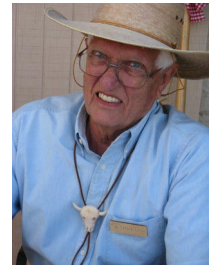
*Charles & Kay Bonham
1071 Excelso*



It's A Hoedown, EE Style



Hoedown-appropriate attire: (above) Joey Sourant and Stacie Meyer; (at right) Dick Lilja wearing his steer head bolo, which he carved especially for the event.



What's A Sonoran Sonitasaurus?

Walkers on the EE Trail who are relatively new to Esperanza may be curious about the memorial marker at the southeastern corner of our subdivision. The sign reads "Sonoran Sonitasaurus RIP 2008-2013."

The prehistoric skeleton depicted in the photo at right was the creation of former EE resident Steve "Stoney" Brown. Steve enjoyed developing the rock art along the trail and, in a moment of whimsy, built the Sonoran Sonitasaurus out of materials he picked up around his home on South Circulo Napa. He gave the creature its impressive name to suggest it was specifically found in our Sonoran desert.



Sonoran Sonitasaurus stood behind Steve and Nancy Brown's house (directly opposite the site of the memorial) from its creation in 2008 until its demise in 2013 when it began showing indications of significant deterioration. Steve's original sign was saved, and a few residents fixed it up and placed it in its current location as a perpetual reminder of his work.

MedianGreen Project

By Barb McCalpin

Take a look at the plan for the MedianGreen project on Esperanza Boulevard near Portillo (page 2). The plan was prepared by the MedianGreen organization for this particular median. It shows the location of recommended plants, boulders and rock arrangements. We can change the plants used, as long as the replacements are on the list approved by Pima County. The list contains plants that are hardy, well adapted to our region and have low water requirements.

Materials to be used may be donated or will be purchased from local vendors at a discount through MedianGreen. We will supply the labor to do the planting after taking a short safety training class. We will need to provide water to the plants for the first two years. By that time, the plants should be well established and able to survive on their own. In order to minimize the amount of physical labor required, we are looking into installing a drip water system. There will be some up-front labor, but then we will only need to attach a hose and turn the water on for an appropriate amount of time. There will be only a minimal amount of additional maintenance required.

I'd like to say THANK YOU! to the people who have either volunteered to help or who have made a donation. We will need approximately \$2,000 to complete the project, including the drip system. Because of the generosity of our donors, we are better than half way to that goal. (If we get more, we can purchase more spectacular plants and boulders.) We are making preparations now so that we will be ready to roll in the fall. We still need both volunteers and donations. Donations are tax free. Checks should be made out to MedianGreen with NW47 (our project number) in the memo section of your check. Checks should be sent or given to Barb McCalpin. If you have any questions, please call me at 867-8067. Soon we'll have an attractive median at the entry of our subdivision. Thanks for helping make that happen!

Pool Pelican

The pelican at the Ramada pool is looking spiffier these days thanks to a makeover by artist Joan Hanley. The Arts Club encourages residents to outfit the pelican seasonally with small hats (a rubber band will secure the hat under its beak) and other adornments. You may have noticed it wearing a cowboy hat and red scarf for the hoedown in March.

While visiting EE as a guest of Karen O'Brien, Joan Hanley also assisted Karen in painting the bench donated to EE by Dick and Eileen Vincent.

Joan is an accomplished sculptor and painter exhibiting in a variety of galleries nationwide. She has studied art at the American Academy of Art in Chicago, the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Dartmouth College, University of Colorado, Honolulu Academy of Art and the University of Hawaii. She also owns an art gallery in Colorado.



In Memoriam

Paul Riggert
1125 Circulo del Sur
April 20, 2014

Southwest Shopping

By Cynthia Surprise

The following article was published in a Periodico issue several years ago. With so many new folks moving into EE, we decided to republish it especially for their benefit. I've also updated it with several places I recently discovered.

Looking for home décor to reflect your Arizona lifestyle? There are a great number of places in Tucson to look for furniture and accessories with southwestern flair. Here are my favorites. Let me know yours.

The Lost Barrio. This is Tucson's historic warehouse shopping district and includes a number of fascinating shops selling rustic furniture, Talavera, lighting, fine custom furniture, art, accessories, rugs, etc. After you shop, have lunch at Tooley's Cafe. 200 S. Park Ave. (south of Broadway). lostbarriotucson.com.

Borderlands Outlet Store. Everything you can imagine for Mexican decor: rustic pine, mesquite and painted wood furniture, Talavera pottery, lighting, folk art, mirrors, glassware and a lot more. A fun store to visit and the prices are good. This is the retail store for an online business called Direct From Mexico. 6020 N. Oracle Rd. borderlandstrading.com.

HomeStyle Galleries. A fabulous consignment store that carries a large variety of furniture styles. Two locations in Tucson: 1010 S. Wilmot Rd. (Wilmot & 22nd Street) and 2950 W Ina Rd. (Ina & Shannon). homestylegalleries.com.

Southwest Canyon Creations. This store offers furniture in a variety of different Southwestern, Mexican, Western, and rustic styles. They will also do custom design work if you don't find what you want in the showroom. 5458 E. Pima St. (corner of Pima & Craycroft). swcanyoncreations.com.

Tres Amigos. Probably the best known store for rustic pine, southwest and Spanish Colonial style furniture and accessories. Three locations in Tucson: 5975 East Broadway, 4443 East Speedway and 6431 North Thornydale Rd. tresamigosworldimports.com.

Picante Designs. A small shop with a large selection of oilcloth, paper flowers, home furnishings, mirrors, nichos, ceramic figures, clothing and jewelry. 2932 East Broadway. picantetucson.com.

Hacienda d'Mexico. This store carries a large inventory of unique pieces, many of which are made of old doors, recycled wood, and unique hardware. If you do not find what you are looking for, they can make it. 4380 East Grant Road. hacienda3tucson.com

Que Bonita. The name means "how beautiful" and fits the items they carry. It's a local family-owned furniture and clothing store featuring handcrafts from Mexico, Guatemala and South American. Here you'll find Mexican tin, glassware, pottery, art work and furniture. 6934 East Tanque Verde. quebonita-furniture.com.

Zocalo. This shop is a destination for fine Mexican imports especially if you like Spanish colonial furniture. The store features an extensive collection of mesquite & alder furnishings, unique decorative pieces, a wide selection of handmade textiles from Mexico and Guatemala, antiques, artifacts and fine iron chandeliers. 3016 East Broadway. zocalomexicanimports.com.

Want To See My Etchings?

By Mary Hess

Many curious twists and turns make up the story of EE's town printing press, housed in the art studio of Stephen Day on del Sur. Go to view his etchings, and you will come face to face with the fascinating steel structure. And though Stephen officially owns the device, several local men have an emotional investment: they helped to move the 1500 pound press from Tucson.



"I am grateful to Kevin Welsh, Terry Shay, Tom Buinicky and Al Prato for what they did to get the press up and running. We rented a U-Haul trailer to transport it. We took it apart, hauled the components using hand carts, and reassembled it. Terry borrowed an engine hoist from Mr. Automotive to lift the press into place." Stephen added that all phases of the operation were undertaken with attention to protecting backs from injury. "The bed plate alone is solid steel and weighs about 350 pounds," he added.

"Kevin said the materials are the stuff battle ships are made of," Stephen said, "It was built to last."

Stephen found the press on eBay, and was pleasantly surprised to locate one so close to home. "It was built in Florence, Italy in the 1950's, and was designed by a man named Andrew Rush, who founded the print making department at the University of Arizona." He was and is a well known artist who saw an opportunity to fill a void. Presses were in short supply after World War II, so Rush oversaw the manufacture of forty or fifty presses in Italy that were sold around the globe," he explained.

"The man I bought it from is George Wheeler-Brownlee (who had been a graduate assistant for Andrew Rush) who had taught at several colleges around the country. He was also a well-known print maker. I feel honored to have this historic piece of equipment for my studio," Stephen said.

The process of producing etchings involves multiple steps, beginning with an original hand drawn design. "I etch my plates using a non-toxic method. The image is transferred using UV light from the sun and water. Older methods involved acid baths," he said.

When a copper plate is ready, it is coated with a layer of ink. The process of removing the excess ink from the plate is a painstaking process. He wipes the plate with material called tarlatan, a coarse rag that resembles cheesecloth. "Telephone book pages are ideal for wiping plates," Stephen added. He uses paper wipes to clean the plate edges. Every step is critical to the outcome.

"Each print ends up being an individual work of art, depending on how you ink them," Stephen said. He produces about 25 prints per plate.

When the press is in use, it is equipped with three blankets. The first blanket soaks up water that emerges from the soaking wet paper. The second cushions the first blanket, and the third blanket protects the second one from the press roller. Stephen centers the plate on the press, then manually turns the wheel to transfer the image from the plate to the paper. There is a sanctity about his deliberate, fluid motion. What emerges are ghostly images of black/grey or sepia, which are set to dry under heavy books to prevent curling.

He is currently working on a series of 20 historic adobe churches located in northern New Mexico. A traditional painter most of his thirty-year career, Stephen says he can produce more inventory in less time by producing etchings. "I started using this medium after attending a workshop in Tucson this winter," he explained.

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Etchings, continued

His greatest inspiration for etchings is Rembrandt, who was actually more famous for his prints during his lifetime. Widespread appreciation for his paintings came after his death. Other artists Stephen admires are the Russian painter Zahkarov and American Clyde Asperig.

You can find Stephen's landscape paintings in books titled "Art of the National Parks" and "Art Journey New Mexico." A hotel in Denver acquired rights to decorate over 500 rooms with prints from Stephen's work. "Actually, the framer makes out well on a big job like that," he laughs. His paintings are sold in galleries in Santa Fe, Taos, Cheyenne, Sedona, and Breckenridge, CO. He will be working in his studio in New Mexico this summer.

Stephen and his wife, Cheri, are parents of a daughter who is a physician specializing as a hospitalist in Lancaster, PA.

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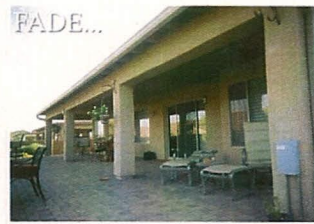
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