

## Enhancement Team Has Big Plans

*By Barb McCalpin*

We are happy to report that our HOA Board and the Enhancement Committee have agreed to split the cost of refinishing the painted, concrete portion of the ramada floor with an attractive, durable epoxy coating. The work will be done by Cruz Gamez of Sonomascape during the summer months when the demand for the ramada is at its lowest. Cruz will remove the existing paint down to the bare concrete. He will then apply a sealer coat, three coats of epoxy, and a final coat of sealer. The job will take close to a week to complete. During the work, there will still be access to the pool area and the remainder of the ramada by using the gate on the north side of the ramada. This enhancement will complement and complete the recent kitchen remodel.

We are making big plans for next year. In addition to our annual Ramada/Bake Sale (March 4th, the first Saturday in March), we are introducing a new event that should be lots of fun. We will hold a live auction to be conducted by professional auctioneer, Gary Lee, and his wife, Joan, with assistance from the Enhancement Committee. Gary and Joan are donating their time, supplies and expertise, so, as always, all proceeds will go toward the improvement of Esperanza Estates.

The auction will be held on Friday, January 20th. Mark your calendar; you won't want to miss it. You don't necessarily need to be a big spender to participate. There will be many different levels of items to bid on. You will be able to view the auction goods ahead of time so you can plan your strategies and decide which items are "must have." There will also be some specialty events at the auction that will be fun and entertaining. Stay tuned for more details in fall.

We need your help. We will need donations for both events, including (hopefully) some upscale items for the auction. This is a good way to make a contribution to our community. Don't wait! Start making donations NOW. Our goal is to fill up our soon-to-be completed storage facility (see photos on page 14). We are collecting!

### **Reminder: Change in Periodico Schedule**

*Beginning in September 2016, the Periodico will be published bimonthly (September, November, January, March and May). There will be monthly issues for the remainder of this season, through June. This change will not affect the Monday Morning Memo.*

# Upcoming Events



## Independence Day Party

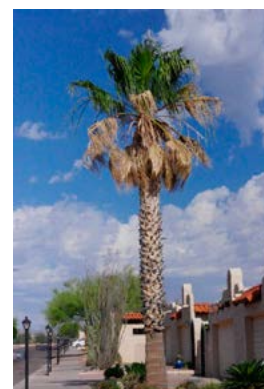
Monday, July 4th • 4:30 p.m. • Sunset Ramada  
Details to come...

If you'd like to help with the event, contact  
Linda Sielken at 908-240-1887.



## Reminder...

The EE HOA requires residents to trim palms on their property during June, prior to the monsoon/lightning storm season, during which dead and dry fronds present a substantial fire hazard. Common area trimming will begin around June 1. Monstrosity Tree Service offers residents the same rate for trimming palms on their property as the HOA gets (\$50 each) if the work is done while they are in the neighborhood trimming common area trees. To make arrangements, contact them at 625-8733.



## In Memoriam

*Sheila Bennen  
Long-time EE resident and  
former board member  
May 9, 2016*

## Board Meetings

*June 20 • 1:00 at the Ramada  
No Board Meetings during July & August*

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Esperanza Estates Homeowners Association  
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# GVC Report: April and May

*By Joe McCalpin*

The April Board of Representatives meeting featured an address by Chuck Huckelberry, the Pima County Administrator, on the future of our streets. In summation, the near future is bleak. There is no plan nor is there a method for raising the funds needed to maintain the streets. There is some hope that going forward four or five years funds will be available if the Legislature does not divert them.

Mr. Huckelberry talked about implementing a gas tax or sales tax, but that would require a unanimous vote of the five County Supervisors and a go ahead from the Legislature. Neither of these conditions appears likely.

On the other hand, there are positive things to report. The Household Hazardous Waste event in March was a success. The event would not have happened without the efforts of Esperanza Estates volunteers. Four people from EE were the core of the HHW team. Craig Surprise, Cynthia Surprise and Frank McCabe solicited volunteers, created a data base and organized the volunteers. Kevin Welsh designed and implemented the complex traffic flow for the event. Quite a few folks from EE volunteered for the event. Suffice it to say, the event would not have happened without the spirit of Esperanza Estates.

We had an increase of 33% in hazardous materials collected with the same number of cars going through. We feel that much of this increase is due to drivers bringing material from more than one household, increasing efficiency.

A concept evolved during the preparation for the event, that of "social value." It started with the declaration that latex paint is not a hazardous material. We collect more latex paint than any other material and it represents a considerable cost. We decided to quit accepting latex paint because our funds were limited. We were made aware of a program operated by the Beacon Group to repurpose latex paint. A total of 16,000 pounds of latex paint were collected and processed. Beacon hires people with special needs for processing the paint. Beacon gives the employees both job training and life training as well as a paycheck. Our waste provided social value for the community.

RISE electronic recycling of Tucson collects unwanted electronics at the event. RISE is part of the COPE organization. RISE hires people reentering society to collect and process our unwanted electronics. RISE completely filled a five-ton capacity truck. The value to society exceeded any commercial value.

The HHW program is a very expensive operation. As a matter of fact, all of the materials we collect can be dropped off at the County landfill site. However, would we use the landfill? Do we even know its location and the cost of using the site (\$15). For all practical purposes, most of these materials will find a way into our trash cans. To justify the program's existence, we need to go beyond the environmental advantages and include the total advantage to our society. I think we have done so.

## 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: 336-8844 or [melodye1@cox.net](mailto:melodye1@cox.net). If you've lost your magnet, replacements are available for \$1.

# My Thoughts on Road and Street Repairs

By Eric Ellingson

Over the past several years there have been a series of presentations by our County officials relative to the condition of our roads and streets. I have tried to attend these sessions because the condition of our streets and the potential cost to repair them is by far the most serious problem we face. By and large the sessions have been a waste of time. The County representatives simply complain about actions of the Legislature relative to allocation of the results of the gasoline tax (HURF funds) and discrimination against Pima County in favor of Maricopa County. The bottom line is “too bad folks, we just don’t have the money.”



On April 21, Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County Administrator, addressed the Green Valley Council. Basically his presentation was an extensive description of the actions of the Legislature and others that have made it impossible for the County to discharge its obligations to its constituents. The bottom line was “don’t expect any improvements in the next 4 or 5 years.” He also suggested that maybe the HOAs should fix the County streets themselves at their own expense. This is obviously a completely unsatisfactory situation!

The County basically has three major responsibilities:

1. Public safety
2. Enforcement of building codes and maintenance of property records
3. Maintenance of the County infrastructure

There are a variety of other contributions that county can provide such as building up the tax base, attracting jobs, improving transportation etc. but the three enumerated above are basic and need to be addressed with the highest priority. When Earl Wigham built our streets he built them to County specifications and they were accepted by the County. This acceptance carried with it a commitment to maintain these streets indefinitely. The commitment is the responsibility of the County and not the State Legislature. This is a fundamental obligation of the County and they are obligated to accomplish these repairs regardless of actions by the State. There is no question that actions of the legislature have made this problem more difficult but the current County attitude that because of the actions of the State we just can’t do our job is irresponsible and unsatisfactory. The County is currently not addressing the infrastructure maintenance with the required priority.

The solution to this problem is not terribly difficult! Chuck Huckelberry has suggested several ideas such as increasing the gas tax, increasing the sales tax, etc. but all of these suggestions require legislative action or voter approval and are not likely to happen in the near term. There are however three actions that could provide significant funding in the near term which can be taken unilaterally by the County. These actions provide annual revenues which are more appropriate for routine maintenance than bond issues. They are:

1. Re-examine and change priorities for the expenditure of funds. Over the years the County has wasted significant money on projects that are not associated with its major responsibilities enumerated above. These funds could have been used for street repair rather than other lower priority activ-

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ities. Two recent examples are the “Aerospace Parkway,” which was advertised as a mechanism to attract industrial development to County land south of TIA. Approximately \$12,700,000 was spent without any commitment from a potential industrial client. It now appears that Raytheon who was one of the principal objectives is moving some of their missile manufacturing to Huntsville Alabama as opposed to expanding their operations in Tucson. A second priority is the financing of a facility for a balloon oriented industry known as “World View” at a cost of \$15,000,000 and additional interest of \$4,000,000 for a total of \$19,000,000. If the company succeeds the County will recover it’s investment, but if the company fails the County is stuck with an abandoned facility. This is an unacceptable risk to the County taxpayers and is the subject of a pending law suit against the County for violation of the State Constitution. The sum of these two recent actions is equal to more than 10% of the estimated road fund repair requirements for the next 10 years. Unfortunately, Chuck Huckelberry seems to be a major force in these wasteful or high risk activities and successful priority revision may require his replacement.

2. Assessed valuations throughout the County are running about 80% of market value. This is done to avoid property owners contesting their assessment. As property values recover from the recent recession assessed values should go up. That increase could be imposed now and would result in an increase in property tax revenues without any change in the tax rate. This change could produce significant additional annual revenue which could be used for routine road repair and replacement.

3. If the change in assessed valuation is not sufficient, the tax rate could be increased as well. Both these latter two alternatives would result in higher property taxes, but the net result to the average HOA homeowner would be far less than the cost of the HOA underwriting the street repair costs.

These three alternatives are entirely within the prerogatives of the County Supervisors and it is time that they stop giving us excuses and start doing their job!



## 2016-2017 Book Discussion Group

Titles for the next season of the EE Book Discussion Group have been chosen and are listed below for those who enjoy summer reading! The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from October through May at 11 a.m. at the Ramada.

Join the group — all are welcome. If you have questions, contact Cindy Krantz @ [krantzcindys@yahoo.com](mailto:krantzcindys@yahoo.com). See you in October and enjoy your summer!

Oct. 4	Fiction	MY NAME IS LUCY BARTON — Elizabeth Strout
Nov. 1	Biog.	WEST WITH THE NIGHT — Beryl Markham
Dec. 6	Hist. Fict.	THE KITCHEN HOUSE — Kathleen Grissom
Jan. 3	Non-Fict.	ISSAC’S STORM — Erik Larson
Feb. 7	Classic	A TREE GROWS IN BROOKLYN — Betty Smith
Mar. 7	Non-Fict.	IN THE SANCTUARY OF OUTCASTS — Neil White
Apr. 4	Mystery	WHAT SHE KNEW — Gilly MacMillan
May 2	Memoir	THIS HOUSE OF SKY — Ivan Doig

*This month’s book review: page 12*

# Cinco de Mayo... EE Style







# Virtual Home Tour: Simply Southwest

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](http://esperanzaestates.net), to view more photos of these homes as well as those from past EE Home Tours.*

Paul and Kathy LaVanway have a vision for decorating their EE home, and they've managed to stick to it with every new purchase or project. "We love all the western cowboy culture, the Spanish/Mexican culture and the Native American culture that we've found here, and we've tried to reflect our appreciation for that in what we have," Kathy explains.



One of their first endeavors was to replace their flooring with Saltillo. This quintessential southwestern tile provides the perfect base for their furnishings. Kathy and Paul love mesquite furniture and have used it extensively throughout their home.

The LaVanway's southwestern vision begins in the living room. Kathy created her own cozy reading corner featuring a mesquite table and bookcase which were custom made for them by Tubac Territory.

Paul, a history buff, is fascinated by the history of west, which is reflected in the items displayed on the living room walls. Among his collection are a branding iron from Mexico, an authentic Durand felt sombrero and a "Mountain Time" sign which originally hung in the railroad station in West Yellowstone. Also part of his collection are two Arizona license plates from the 1930s. "During the depression from 1932-1934, Arizona made their license plates from copper," Paul explains. The small, unique mesquite chair next to the wall display is another custom made item.

The southwest ambiance continues into the bedrooms. The mesquite headboard and night table in the second bedroom were custom made for the LaVanways by La Cucaracha in Tubac and a 1892 Winchester rifle hangs over the bed. In the master bedroom, the quilt and pillow shams compliment the design in the Mexican rug. Kathy met a woman at a quilt show and gave her the general idea of the pattern she wanted and the woman designed and made the bedding. Covering the bed is a Pendleton blanket in the Grand Canyon pattern.

Rugs on both the floors and walls are a prominent decorative item adding warmth and color to the home and carrying the Mexican/Native American theme. Kathy and Paul acquired the Native American Tec Nos Pos rug on the living room wall during a trip to Gallup, New Mexico. In the second bedroom, the Mexican floor rugs by Felipe Hernandez are works of art, and were purchased in Tubac. Kathy and Paul purchased the wall rug in that room from the Adopt-A-Native-Elder Program, which exists to create a "Bridge of Hope" between Native Americans and other cultures. The weaver is Irene Littleben who is part of the program.

Overnight guests of the LaVanways are treated to a stay in the casita, which doubles as an office. The coffee table has an interesting history: according to the Barzans, the previous owners of the LaVanway's home, the table top was originally a shutter from the Historic Canoa Ranch. Paul is delighted to have a piece of local history, although he's quick to point out that he's never verified the story.

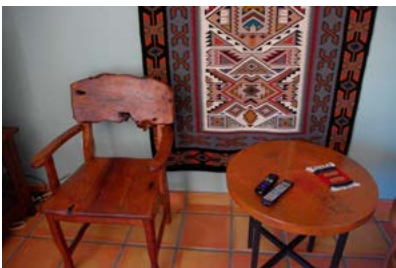
Both Kathy and Paul participate in the decorating process, and their combined efforts and visions have infused their home with a special personality.

*Photos on next three pages*





*Above: Dining Area. At right (top and bottom):  
Living Room. Below: Kathy's Reading Corner.*

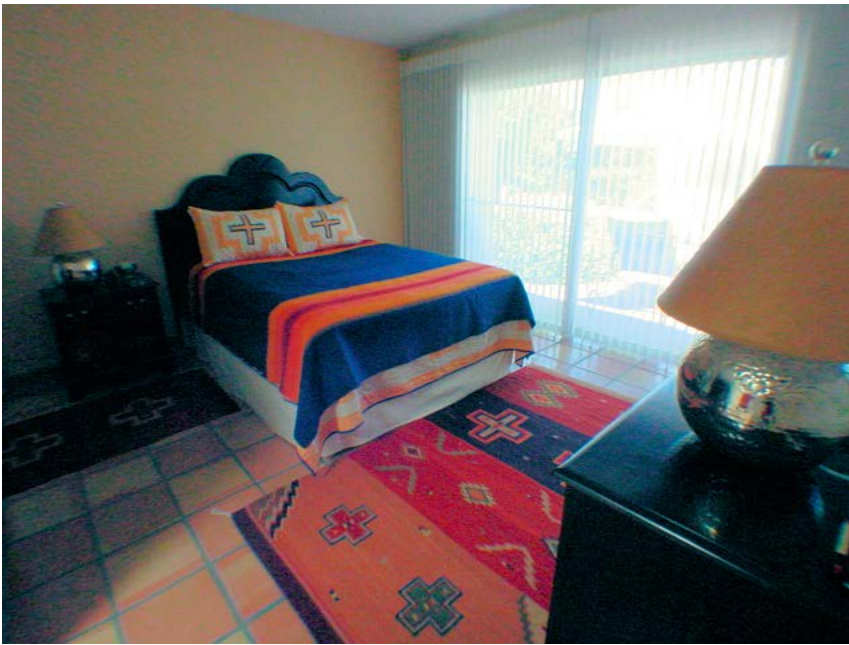


*Left: Mesquite Chair.  
Below: Whimsical Artwork.  
Right: History Wall Detail.*



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*Above, left: Master Bedroom. Above, right: Hall Bathroom. Below, left: Second Bedroom.*

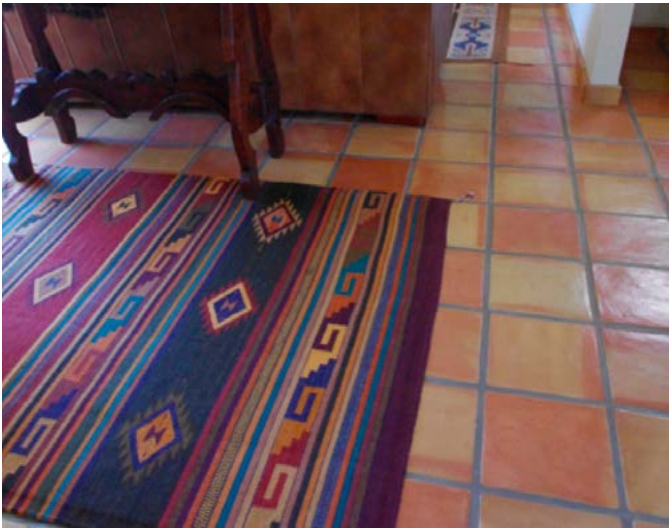


*Right: Casita  
Living Room  
and Bathroom.*



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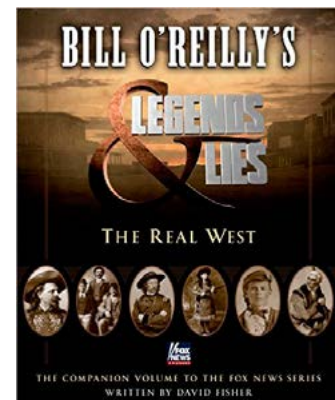
By Cindy Krantz

*Legends and Lies* by David Fisher and *Cowgirls* by Teresa Jordan

*Legends and Lies: the Real West*

Most of the 12 “legends” are quite well-known: Daniel Boone, Davy Crockett, Wild Bill Hickok, Jesse James and Billy the Kid are just a few. The story of each western “hero” is told from the perspective of separating the “lies” from the “legends” which surround the character. Did Davy Crockett really save President Andrew Jackson’s life? Who was Black Bart, the “gentleman bandit” who was one of the West’s most famous stagecoach robbers? Was Robert Ford, a 20-year-old who shot the unarmed Jesse James in the back of the head, a hero or coward?

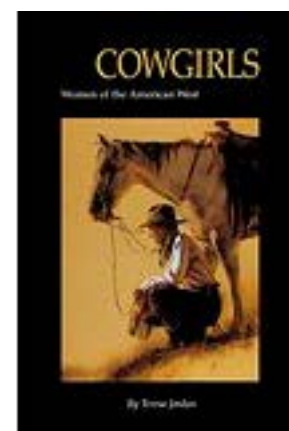
Each chapter reveals how the legends grew around these early Western characters. Many photos, documents and illustrations help the reader to picture the time period when these men claimed their “turf” west of the Mississippi River. Their adventures helped establish frontier America from Daniel Boone (1734-1820) to Butch Cassidy (1866-1908).



*Cowgirls*

This carefully researched book honors many of the women of the American West. Some came west married to cowboys and cattlemen; some hired out as cowhands while others joined Wild West shows and rodeos. Others were the more typical pioneer women who knew how to hold a rifle while wearing ankle length skirts. There were bandittas, dance-hall girls and women like Calamity Jane, who swore and “drank with abandon.”

Many photos of these strong women are found throughout the book, which is divided into 9 categories, covering years from the late 1880’s to more recent years. Teresa Jordan traveled 60,000 miles to interview and photograph more recent cowgirls. This book has a wealth of history and many good anecdotes of ranch life and the cowgirls of the American West.



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