

Shade Tree Garden Plans

By Bill Berdine

During the June 16th HOA Board meeting, the EE Gardeners were granted permission to proceed with their plan for establishing a shade tree garden. The plan includes planting shade trees and native shrubs, a ramada with support pillars matching the current architectural style of EE, and a hose deep watering system.

The garden will be situated in the EE common area property immediately east of the Tennis/Pickle-ball Courts and west of 1143 and 1167 Camino del Sur. The Texas Ebony tree and Texas Sage Cimarron shrub (*pictured below*) have been chosen by the Gardeners for use in the shade garden. Beginning in mid-to-late September 2014, six to seven 12-to-15 feet tall trees and eight shrubs will be purchased wholesale from area nurseries.

The EE Gardeners are soliciting donations from residents for the shade tree garden. Trees will cost approximately \$150 each and 15-gallon shrubs will cost \$45-\$55 each. Donations will be used to cover the cost of purchasing/planting the trees and shrubs, a water system (400 feet of commercial grade hoses) and gravel/stone to cover the area, including a walk/

drive-through.

Depending on the interest of donors, nameplates recognizing their contributions will be provided. For additional information, contact Bill Berdine via email (whberdine22@gmail.com) or telephone (520-344-7301) (859-691-0445).

Note: Bill has a very informative article on monsoon gardening that he'd be happy to email to anyone who requests it.





Upcoming Events



Independence Day Barbecue Friday, July 4th · 4:30 p.m. · Sunset Ramada

Hot dogs and hamburgers provided

Bring your favorite side dish (potluck to serve 6)

Wear red, white and blue

Hospitality meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Wed., July 2, at the Ramada to firm up plans for the 4th



Margarita Gathering Wed., July 16 · 4-6 p.m. · Sunset Ramada

Free margaritas and soft drinks hosted by the Cookes and the Millers.

Please bring an appetizer to share.

Calling All Nonagenarians!

The Periodico is planning an article about EE residents who are between 90 and 99 years old. If you are, or know someone who is, please let us know by contacting Cynthia Surprise at cjsurprise@verizon.net.

Board Meetings

No board meetings in July and August. Meetings resume on September 15, 2014 1:00 at the Ramada

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

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Yard Art

By Cynthia Surprise

There are people who decorate their front yards with cactus, flowers and perhaps a talavera pot or two tucked among the plantings.

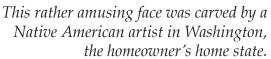
Then there are those who are a bit more individualistic and try to discreetly inject a bit of personality in what otherwise could be a sea of bland sameness.

Searching for this yard art enlivens my frequent walks through the neighborhood. Often the art has an interesting story behind it and tells me something about the homeowner. Many represent the homeowners' hobbies or interests or are a sentimental reminder of the home they left behind.

Here are a few of my favorites. Do you have something in your yard with a story behind it? Let us know.



These lions may not be desert creatures but they have been standing guard over these EE homes for many years.





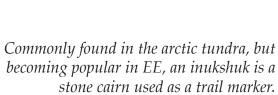
Artistically placed in the front yard of this EE home, this mower is a reminder of a weekly chore happily unnecessary in the desert.



After a lovely talavera piece was stolen from this niche, the owner replaced it with this metal cactus. She figures it's so unattractive, no one would want to take it.



A reminder of a beloved mesquite tree.







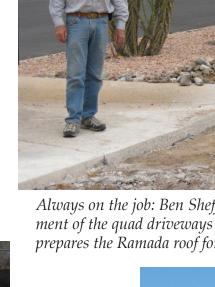
Around Esperanza



Bob Krantz, one of the Gardeners' summer watering crew members, waters the cactus in Mesquite Park by hand.



Pickleball players celebrate the new, easyto-move nets, which were installed by Kevin Welsh and Ken Adler.



Always on the job: Ben Sheffield oversees the replacement of the quad driveways on Nueva (above) and prepares the Ramada roof for recoating (below).





Aqua-izers enjoy a workout in the pool.



This beauty didn't quite make the cut for "yard art."

What's More Fun Than EE in the Summer?

Pool Party/Movie Nights...

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June Margarita Party

Hosted by the Liljegrens and the Sielkens



























On Wildlife Watch

By Mike Gerrard

It's clear from the photos sent in to the Periodico that the local wildlife is one of the things we all love about living in EE. Of course some of the wildlife—swarming bees, for example—has more of an "oh no" than an "ah" factor.



But whether it's baby hummingbirds in the nest, quail perched on back walls, bobcats or owls, we love our wildlife.

We decided it was time to learn more about the critters we share the neighborhood with, so we plan to periodically feature a different one.

People who are fairly new to EE might think it's pretty rich in wildlife, but it used to be richer still. Donna and I bought our house on Excelso about ten years ago from Donna's aunt Shirley Dailey and her room-mate Nancy Schwartzwalder. Shirley and Nancy had lived here for twenty years, and they would regale us with tales about the wildlife they encountered. This might be a hilarious account of chasing a giant millipede through the house with a baseball bat (it was after this they started pest control with Bill's Home Service), or close encounters with Gila monsters, tarantulas, snakes and even, on one occasion, a mountain lion.

Shirley was sitting in their Arizona Room one day when she saw a cat walking by. They'd left the garage door open and the cat had strolled in off Excelso, through the garage and into the back yard. Shirley thought to herself: "That's the biggest darn cat I've ever seen." She thought maybe it was a big bobcat, then spotted its long tail, almost sweeping the ground. She realised it was a young mountain lion. It walked down the garden and jumped over the wall into Esperanza Estates Park.

Shirley and Nancy told us that they would hear coyotes howling every single night, packs of them, and they would always all stop at the very same moment, like a choir. Today we only occasionally hear coyotes in the early hours of the morning, most memorably on the night of the last full moon when we heard a lone howl, just like in the movies.

Donna and Tom Buinicky were recently mapping the plants in Esperanza Estates Park for the EE Gardeners when they came across a Gila monster resting in the shade of an agave. It's the first time we've ever seen one of these reclusive creatures in EE (they spend 90% of their time underground), but they were much more common in Shirley and Nancy's day.

Also more common back then were tarantulas. Shirley told us they would see lots of them, especially in the spring during mating season when males would march along the streets looking for mates. It's not a sight we've ever seen in our ten years here, and we're not sure we want to!

But close encounters do still happen, as we experienced a couple of years ago. We were watching TV, about 8 o'clock at night, when we heard a loud noise on the roof. It sounded like a person running across the roof, and we were baffled as to what it could be. Maybe it was a big owl, catching something and dragging its prey along? It didn't seem likely but it was the best we could figure.

We went out with a flashlight to see if we could spot anything, but couldn't see a thing. I went up on the roof the next morning but there was nothing unusual up there. The experience remained a mystery until a few weeks ago. We were chatting about wildlife with our neighbor Shura Wallin, who used to be a docent at the Desert Museum. About two years ago, she told us, there was a mountain lion coming into EE in the evening. It was seen making its way through the neighborhood by jumping from roof to roof.

Donna and I looked at each other. Remember that night about two years ago...?

"And would a mountain lion attack a human?" I asked Shura. "Oh yes," she said.

Future Issue:

We plan to take a look at the bobcat. If you have any photos of the featured creature, send them in, but do still send in any other wildlife photos you take around Esperanza. Readers love them. And if you spot any wildlife in EE, share the story with us. It doesn't have to be a mountain lion.

Restaurant Reviews

Mountain View Cafe and Bakery

By Cynthia Surprise

Having heard that a new cafe opened recently on Duval Mine Road behind the Circle K, I was very eager to try it. So, when Lorna Kitchak, Barb McCalpin and I went out for lunch, it was the perfect opportunity to see what Mountain View Cafe and Bakery had to offer.

The Cafe is open for both breakfast and lunch, and a key part of its name is "bakery." Save room for dessert. I did not, and a peek into the pastry display case made me regret my miscalculation.



The menu is not very extensive, but there is a lot of variety. I had a BLT sandwich on homemade bread, and was impressed with the quantity of bacon. All sandwiches come with a choice of French fries, homemade potato salad, coldslaw or soup. I had the fries and they were excellent. Lorna's choice was the BBQ Beef Sandwich. Barb was good and ordered the Farmer's Market salad with blue cheese and cranberries. All ingredients were fresh and the portion allowed her to take some home.

In addition to soft drinks, iced tea and coffee, they serve margaritas, domestic and imported beers, sangria, and house wine by the glass. I won't mention who in our party had what.

The cafe is small but with a lot of natural light it was a bright and cheerful place. There is a separate meeting room, and it seems many groups gather there. You can dine al fresco on the patio, but as the temperature was over 100 the day I was there, it was understandably empty.

Lorna had been to the cafe before, and wisely suggested we wait until about 12:30 to arrive. That was a good decision because we didn't have a long wait to be seated. The restaurant was crowded and noisy for the first 30 minutes, but was much improved after that. The wait staff is friendly and prices are competitive.

Overall, I enjoyed the lunch and casual atmosphere and will go back again. But, this time I'll leave room for dessert.

Nevada Smith's Saloon

By Ken Adler

We went to Nevada Smith's Saloon (1175 W. Miracle Mile in Tucson) for BBQ ribs, the only thing on the menu for the evening. A hole in the wall place (a.k.a. a dive bar) with concrete floors and picnic tables out back to eat on and a bar in front to buy drinks. Salad, ribs, corn on the cob and beans for \$11.00 per person. The ribs were great. The menu is limited to only one item per evening so you have to call in advance to see what's cooking. No frills – my kind of place.

A Jeju Island Wedding Experience

By Kris Bean



Jeju Island, honeymoon destination for countless Asian newlyweds, was the only wedding venue choice for this couple. Lee Du-Hyeong, father of the bride, and Kang Seong-shin, mother of the bride, respected members of the island community, had been helping friends, neighbors and relatives with weddings, births, illnesses, business openings and memorial gatherings for decades. Now it was time to honor their only daughter, Lee Yuna, and the community was ready to support them.

Guests, some dressed in traditional Korean *hanbok*, were directed to the morning ceremony by a sign in the second floor lobby of the Robero Hotel. The three

names in English stood out: "Darren Bean," groom; "Del Bean," father of the groom; and "Kris Bean," mother of the groom.

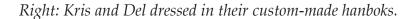
Outside the wedding room vertical floral arrangements bearing congratulatory banners lined the hall-way. Overhead chandeliers gleamed, and fresh flowers lined the center aisle. Red and blue candles at the ends of the altar, traditionally lit by the mothers of the bride and groom, signify their support of the union.

The bride's father, wearing a suit and tie, and the groom's father, sporting a custom-made *hanbok*, each spoke about their child and the marriage. A Christian lay preacher and friend of the bride's father, gave a homily. The bride, breathtakingly beautiful in a glittering white bridal gown, and the groom, joyously handsome in a gray dinner tux, each spoke about their relationship and the journey to marriage. Much to the delight of the audience, college classmates of the bride performed a Korean pop song—complete with choreographed dance routine.

The ceremony concluded as the mother of the bride and the mother of the groom, both wearing *han-bok*, lifted an engraved ceremonial saber and with one unified stroke split the top layer of the wedding cake in two. The three-layer cake was never seen again.

Following formal photographs, the bride and groom slipped away, donned traditional *hanbok* of their own, and joined the reception. Three dining rooms were set up to accommodate the constant turn-over of visitors throughout the afternoon and evening. Guests left their gift envelopes of cash for the bride and groom and for the bride's parents at a reception table and occupied seats as they were vacated.

More than four hundred friends, neighbors and relatives enjoyed the reception. Each diner was served an individual bowl of noodle soup and one of rice and was then presented with a traditional array of side-dishes to be shared with others at the table. Friends and family had contributed several of the side dishes and assisted the hotel wait staff in keeping each guest well supplied with an assortment that included seaweed, tofu, numerous versions of kimchi, pickled radish and black pig sausage.





In a corner of one room, Darren picked up an acoustic guitar and softly played the song he'd sung as a proposal. Yuna's lovely voice joined in and with loving smiles the newlyweds quietly sang to each other – delighting friends and family.

As guests left the celebration they received gift bags with practical gifts: aloe toothpaste from the bride and groom, toilet paper and dish detergent donated by friends and family.

At the end of the day, the newlyweds began to open the envelopes left by the guests. The amount and name of each giver was entered on a spreadsheet and the money would be deposited in the bank. Now that Darren and Yuna were a couple, they too had the responsibility of supporting the members of the community. They would now be expected to give a gift at each business opening, wedding, birth, illness and memorial gathering; and the gift should not be less than the amount they had received.

Donning the Hanbok

Attending a Korean ceremony dressed in style means wearing the traditional *hanbok*. For men the fit is loose and the process relatively simple. Pull on the *pagi* (trousers), wrap the ties from front to back, slip them through the race and tie them in whatever manner will keep your pants up. Fasten the frogs (not the hoppy kind – the braided knots) around the ankles and let the legs blouse out. Slip on the long-sleeved jacket, the *chigori*, fastening it at the front. The *tunumagi*, the sleeveless overcoat, goes over the *chigori*, of course and overlaps so that the embroidered emblem shows. Tying the ribbons correctly to form the *otkorum* is impossible for the uninitiated. Don't worry. Before you've walked down the hallway, at least four well-meaning "aunts" will shake their heads in dismay and tie it again. Slip on the white leather gloves, and you're ready to make an appearance.

The traditional dress for a woman requires a bit more time and effort. The first piece is a simple pair of knee length pantaloons – with a patch pocket in the back. Don't make the mistake of putting anything in the pocket that you might need in a hurry. Next is a shoulder-to-floor length petticoat tightly fitted across the chest. The *chima*, full-length skirt/petticoat combination, with bodice attached is the next layer. The slit goes at the back. The ties wrap around to the front, slip through the race and tie in some manner designed to keep your derriere from escaping. Now you can put on the short white piece with the three quarter-length sleeves – maybe it should be on underneath all this – but no way will you start this process again. Your *chigori* with its magnificently embroidered long sleeves, tops it all off. Tie the ribbons loosely so as not to crease them before the "aunts" make their series of improvements. The *norigae*, the decoration with the knotted cord and jade emblem will be pinned to the *otkorum* when it's tied for the last time.



Finally, it's all about the shoes. The heavy white socks are embroidered with flowers to match the boat-shaped shoes. A bit of tissue paper in the toes will keep your toes from curling up in the same manner as the toes of the shoes.

See you in September...

The Periodico goes on vacation in July and August. Watch for the next issue in late September.

If you have ideas for future stories or would like to write something for us, please contact Cynthia at cjsurprise@verizon.net. Photos are always welcome; send to Denise at droessle@mac.com.



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In Memoriam

Sherrod Wickwar 770 Calle Regalo May 24, 2014

Commemorative Bricks

Is there a friend or loved one you would like to honor or commemorate with an inscribed brick at the EE Ramada? Bricks are available for \$50 (including installation) by calling Tom Cooke, 399-0455.

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