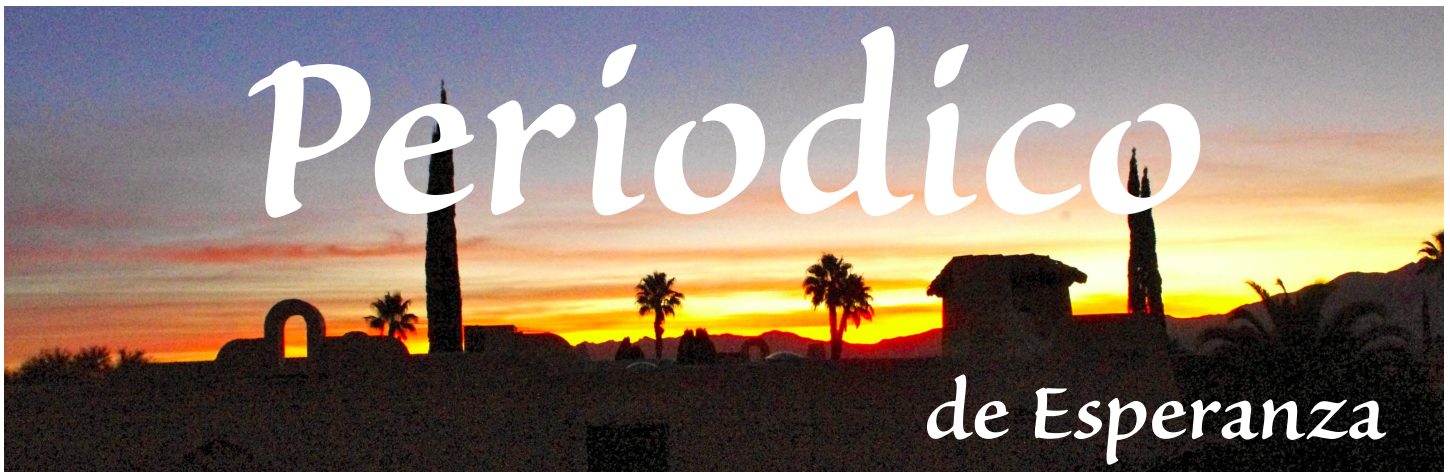


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We're Baaacccck...

The Periodico, that is. And we look forward to all of our winter neighbors being back among us in the coming months. As you can see, we have a new Periodico banner. Thanks to Craig Surprise for providing this photo of an EE sunrise.

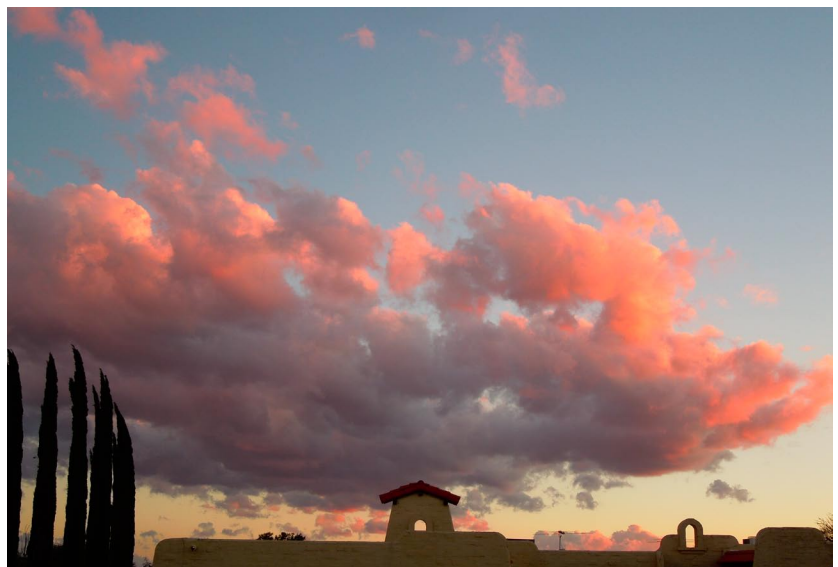
There was a lot going on in EE over the summer, as you will see inside. And lots more coming up.

Congratualtions to both Del Bean and Cheri Day, who tied in the Photo-of-the-Year contest, among many worthy competitors. Each will receive a \$25 gift card at the local business of their choice. We will no longer hold a monthly contest, but will continue our call for photos on various themes (see September's "EE After Dark" photos on page 6). We hope that all of you photographers will continue to send us your best work.

Photos of the Year



Del Bean, November 2012 Winner



Cheri Day, December 2012 Winner

Upcoming Events



Halloween Party Thursday, October 31 Sunset Ramada Potluck



4:30 Cocktails • 5:00 Potluck
Soda, beer, wine & cocktails provided
Karaoke
Costume & Door Prizes



Hamburger Night Tuesday, November 12

Sunset Ramada • 4:30 Cocktails, 5:00 Grilling Begins
\$6.00 per person includes a hamburger, cheeseburger or veggie burger
and chips. Sodas, beer and mixers supplied.

Board Meetings

Sept. 16, Oct. 21,
Nov. 18, Dec. 16,
Annual Meeting: Jan. 20
Feb. 17, March 17,
April 21, May 19,
June 16

At the Ramada, 1:00

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

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Hospitality Committee seeking new chair

Scottie Blum, who has chaired the Hospitality Committee for many years, is looking to "retire." She's willing to train! To explore this opportunity and find out what's involved, contact Scottie at 399-0955.

Volunteers Needed for the Household Hazardous Waste Drive Sat., October 19

The Green Valley Council needs volunteers to staff its fall Hazardous Waste Drive, held in the Valley Presbyterian Church parking lot. Volunteers log in vehicles, unload and sort items, and direct traffic. Shifts are three hours long and a two-hour training session at the library is required. If you're interested in helping with this important event, please call Pat Sharpe (625-7716) or Joe McCalpin (867-8067).





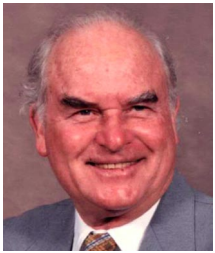
In Memoriam

*Diane Carlson
Formerly 715 Ensalmó
July 24, 2013*

*Edwin (Bud) Perkins
880 W. Círculo Napa
August 7, 2013*

*Jan Harvey
1091 Calle Excelso
August 31, 2013*

Earl Whigham



Esperanza Estates designer and builder Earl Whigham passed away on August 14, at the age of 90. Mr. Whigham designed over 2000 homes in Tucson and Green Valley, but EE was the only one of his subdivisions in which he lived. Whigham Wash on Circulo Napa is named for him.

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.

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



Neighborhood Watch Block Captains Needed

Mary Beth Wallace reports that Neighborhood Watch needs two volunteers to be Block Captains. The zones are 15 (which includes the north side of Regalo and a quad on Portillo) and 2 (two quads and seven homes on the north side of Nueva). This is not a time-consuming job. It involves delivering a packet to new residents and getting their emergency contact information, and reconfirming the information for all homes in your zone every two years. It's also a great way to meet your new neighbors. Please contact Mary Beth at 399-0299 or merrymary7@q.com, if you're interested.

Welcome New Owners

*Elizabeth A. & Mark S. Gibson
917 Calle del Regalo*

*Robert J. & Carol S. Harrison
751 Placita Nueva*

*James Frazier
721 Calle Del Ensalmó*

*Gregory & Dorothea Winston
1186 Circulo Del Sur*

*Larry & Joan McCormick
840 Vereda Calma*

*Ronald & Heather Walker
618 Placita Nueva*

Reminder:
**Pets are not allowed
inside the pool enclosure.**

Around Esperanza



The Enhancement Team's latest project was tiling the arches leading into the pool area.



The Eads' cat, Sam, alerted them to the presence of a diamondback snake just outside of their slider.



Bill Berdine encountered this gila monster during a walk along the EE trail, near the tennis courts.

Green Valley had a major monsoon storm in mid-July that flooded the washes and caused major damage in EE and the West Villas. Thanks to all who provided photos.



Left: Linda Hoy's patio furniture got re-arranged during the storm.



The Krantz's palo verde tree came down and took out 12 feet of their outer wall, at the corner of Regalo and Portillo. Below, several homes on upper and lower Napa had damage to their garage doors, most likely from a micro-burst.



Around Esperanza

Margarita Night in May, hosted by the Cookes and Millers.



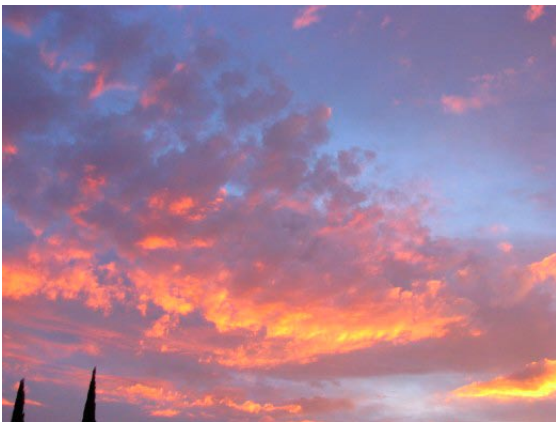
Hospitality's July 4th BBQ



EE After Dark



The recent full moon and the sunset after July's storm, by Denise Roessle



Colleen Simonsen



An oldie but a goodie (and former photo of the month winner), by John Isgrigg

Robin DeWan



Calling All EE Photographers! **A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words**

October's photo theme will be: "A Day in the Life." Send us your pictures that illustrate life in Esperanza Estates. We always welcome photos for the "Around Esperanza" page each month, so please feel free to snap pictures of residents working and playing. Submissions should be sent to droessle@mac.com or delivered to 801 Circulo Napa by October 18.

How They Spent The Summer

Many EE residents lead very busy lives during most of the year. Even those who are retired find their schedules very full. So, summer with its slower pace is a welcome respite. Without a myriad of commitments or social activities on our schedules, summer is the perfect time to make some headway on that stack of unread books, do some traveling or work uninterrupted on a project or two.

Here's how a few Esperanzans spent the summer.



Colleen Simonsen visited relatives in Duluth, Minnesota. While there she went on a two-hour narrated Segway tour. "It was scary at first, but after a few minutes we went zipping around like pros. I haven't had as much fun since the 8th grade picnic," Colleen says of her adventure.

Rosella Bjornson spent some time flying around in her 1952 Cessna 170B. It's the very plane in which she learned to fly many years ago.



Bill Pratt never lacks a project. If you peek into his hanger, you can see the Wittman Tailwind airplane he's been building from a kit. He doesn't plan to fly it down to Green Valley.



Jim Kitchak created an interesting garage floor to showcase his red Corvette. After all, when it's your pride and joy you can't let it sit on a boring old floor. Checkers, anyone?



Blanco had a wonderful summer traveling with his faithful companions Steve and Cheri Day. Highlights of their trip included Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and Arches National Park in Moab, Utah.

Patty Adler spent a week fiddling around at the Rocky Mountain Fiddle Camp outside of Denver. The camp is staffed with world class musicians who are highly-regarded for their superb playing as well as excellent teaching. Patty especially enjoyed learning to play Gu-Achi fiddle band music, which is unique to Southern Arizona.



In The Spotlight: The EE Book Club

By Cynthia Surprise

For avid readers, there's nothing like finding a great book you can't put down. Book clubs take your enjoyment to the next level and give you an opportunity to have a lively discussion with people who share your enthusiasm.

With so many voracious readers here in EE, the idea of a community book club had wide appeal, and we are grateful to Kathy LaVanway (pictured at right) and Cindy Krantz (pictured below) for organizing one. The book club will start its second season in October, and, if last year's experience is any indication of what is to come, this club will prove to be one of EE's most popular activities.



Meetings are very informal and relaxed. Kathy and Cindy lead the discussions and do a wonderful job making sure we cover all the key points of the book.

Our goal is to have fun and enjoy ourselves. Last year one of the books we talked about was *The Language of Flowers*. Kathy brought a bouquet of flowers to the meeting and asked everyone to select two flowers and look up their meanings. Now I know a white chrysanthemum means "truth" and eucalyptus means "protection."

Members set up some guidelines for how meetings run. We agreed that everyone should read the assigned book before coming to a meeting, rather than just listening to the discussion. Everyone has a chance to speak and express their opinions, but we aren't under any pressure to defend our ideas. We are a very courteous group and respect different opinions.

Cindy and Kathy compiled a list of potential book selections, and we voted to select the seven books we will read this year (see page 9). The choices included a number of genres, but we decided to stay away from fantasy, romance, and science fiction, as well as books that focus on politics or religion.

This is my first experience as a book club member, and I'm enjoying it for a few reasons. First, it's broadened my reading selection. We've read a couple of books I wouldn't have chosen on my own, but I'm very glad to have read them. Also, other members bring up points I hadn't considered, so I get more from the book. The club's discussions are a wonderful way to contemplate deeper issues and learn more about yourself.

Another benefit of our club is that you meet interesting people. The members come from different parts of the country and have a wide range of experiences, which gives them distinct takes on the books. While we are pretty good at sticking with the topic at hand, there's always time at the end of the meeting to simply chat. It's a pleasant way to make new friends.

If you love reading and discussing books, this may be just the group for you. The club meets monthly (except for December) from October through May, on the third Tuesday of the month at 2:00. Meetings are held at the Ramada. If the weather is very cold we may meet at a member's home. We welcome new members.

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Here are the books for the upcoming year:

October 15th: *Elsewhere: A Memoir* by Richard Russo (author of *Empire Falls* and *Nobody's Fool*)

November 19th: *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain

January 21st: *Benediction* by Kent Haruf (final volume of the Holt Trilogy – *Plainson* and *Eventide*)

February 18th: *The Devil's Highway* by Luis Alberto Urrea and/or *The Death of Josseline: Immigration Stories from the Arizona Borderlands* by Margaret Regan

March 18th: *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini (author of *The Kite Runner* and *A Thousand Splendid Suns*)

April 15th: *Going Back to Bisbee* by Richard Shelton

May 20th: *The Burgess Boys: A Novel* by Elizabeth Strout (author of *Amy and Isabelle* and *Olive Kitteridge*)

Who Ya Gonna Call?

IF YOU...

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Jim Lindberg, 777-4972

Notice common areas that need attention: Dean Hess, 398-4829

Have questions about EE HOA finances: Joan Moreaux, 648-7515

Have questions about the pool, tennis/pickleball courts or ramada:

Tom Cooke, 399-0455

Need a light bulb for your lamp post: Tom Cooke, 399-0455; Dean Hess, 398-4829;

or Joe McCalpin, 867-8067

Need help dealing with a neighbor: Stacie Meyer, 344-7301

Notice suspicious activity or something is awry at a neighbor's home: Mary Beth Wallace, 399-0299

Need to make changes to your emergency contact information:

Mary Beth Wallace, 399-0299 or your Neighborhood Watch block captain

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Neighborhood Watch — Mary Beth Wallace 399-0299

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Arts Club — Kevin Welsh, 231-838-6851



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.

Home is Where You Park It

By Cynthia Surprise

Would you sell your home, pack up your belongings and start living life on the road full time in an RV? Thousands of people have chosen this unconventional lifestyle, but it's hardly the norm. Three EE couples share their experiences about their grand adventure. Their excitement is contagious.

Barb and Rich Thompson

Living full time on the road in an RV in retirement seemed a very natural thing to do for Barb and Rich Thompson. They had many friends who adopted that lifestyle and had years of part-time experience before becoming full-timers. Both their families frequently moved when they were growing up and the couple lived in many different places during Rich's military career, which meant they didn't have deep roots in any particular place.

The Thompsons' last house near Sacramento California was over 2000 square feet and they downsized to a 400 sq. foot RV. At first they put all their belongings in storage, but ultimately they got rid of a lot of items. "Downsizing is liberating, and it's nice not to have to worry about a lot of stuff," Barb says.

Rich and Barb agree that to enjoy the RV lifestyle you need a spirit of adventure and some mechanical aptitude. Teamwork as a couple is also a key component in making this lifestyle work.

Each of them had specific jobs to do when they arrived at and left a campground. Although spending so much time together in a small space might challenge many couples, for the Thompsons, after 47 years of marriage, it was never an issue. "It helps being married to your best friend," Rich explains.

The Thompsons mapped out a travel plan for an entire year at a time, but always remained flexible. Much of their time during the summers was spent volunteering for a church group in various campgrounds on the West Coast. They kept in touch with friends and family by sending travelogs recounting their adventures.

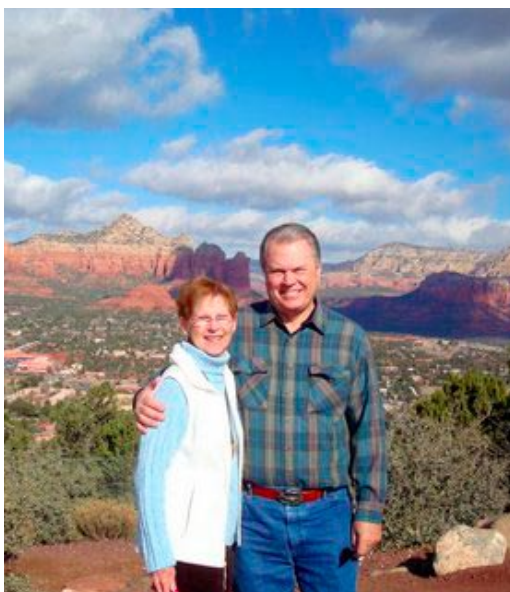
Barb has observed an interesting phenomenon about constant traveling. "Moving around so much, I often think in terms of a location rather than a date when it comes to certain milestones. I remember my son was born when we were in North Carolina, rather than just the year of his birth."

Although they had several bad experiences with maintenance problems and a blown tire while on the road, they loved the freedom of the lifestyle and found the experience extremely positive. "There is a real sense of community among RVers," Rich says. The couple made many friends during their years on the road, including Mauri and Dianne Walker, who now live in EE.

Planning ahead for a time when they were no longer able to do a lot of RVing, Rich and Barb purchased their home in EE several years ago. Yet they continue to travel in the summer so they have the best of both worlds.



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Mauri and Dianne Walker

The Walkers spent 15 years as full time-RVers, starting when Dianne retired in 1997. Before that, they would go off for weekends in a rented trailer and spent a week in Yosemite.

Their children thought their parents' plan was a great idea until the "for sale" sign went up on their childhood home. At first, Dianne's mother conjured up some negative visions of what her daughter's new "trailer lifestyle" would be like, but later came around when she saw the size and comfort of their actual fifth-wheel RV.

For their first major trip, the Walkers joined an RV caravan to Alaska. "It was like a rolling party for two months," Mauri recalls. "There were 16 couples in the caravan and we really meshed. We had yearly reunions for ten years after the trip."

In the beginning, the couple enjoyed traveling, but after two years they became somewhat bored by constant vacationing. So, for the next few years they volunteered with a church-affiliated group and worked at various sites in exchange for camping facilities. Mauri primarily did outside maintenance work and Dianne ran the office.

The Walkers especially enjoyed the social aspects of RV life. It reminded them of life in the 1950s when people sat on their front porches in the evenings and knew their neighbors. "Entertaining in RV campgrounds isn't formal. It's casual and spontaneous, with a lot of potluck suppers," Dianne explains.

Mauri enjoyed spending time chatting with other RVers and had a trick for starting and ending a conversation. "All I had to do was raise the hood of my truck, and some guy was bound to come over to see what was going on. We'd chat for a while and when I wanted the conversation to be over, I'd just close the hood." He also appreciated the fact that conversations among RVers focused on shared interests and travels. "There isn't so much emphasis on what someone did for a living," he explains.

Mauri's most memorable adventure was their stop at the annual Buffalo Roundup in Custer, South Dakota. "It was just like you see in the movies, but we could feel the thunder of the herd as they passed very close to where we stood," he recalled about watching over 1,000 buffalo being driven to the buffalo corrals.

Dianne's best experience was a little calmer. During a stop at Abraham Lincoln's law library in Lincoln, Illinois, Dianne had the opportunity of meeting former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

The Walkers had made a pact at the outset of their adventure. If one of them wanted to give up the lifestyle, they would. After fifteen years, the Walkers agreed it was time to start looking for a place to settle down. In 2012 while visiting their RV friends Barb and Rich Thompson in EE, they stopped in at an "open house," and immediately decided it was their next home. While they still do some traveling, they are very content to live here full time.

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Barb and Joe McCalpin

Literally the day after Barb retired, she and Joe hooked up their camper and hit the road in search of adventure. Their odyssey lasted for eight years.

The McCalpins sold their home near Silicon Valley and put all their possessions in storage. They discovered they could be happy with very little. Then they set out to see the country. "Our children told people their parents had run away from home," Joe says.



"Being on the road gave us a great sense of freedom, and we could be footloose and fancy free," Barb explains. "We wanted to wander like nomads for a few years," Joe adds.

Eschewing big cities, they stuck mainly to back roads and stopped when they stumbled on some place of interest. The McCalpins especially liked discovering little museums and out of the way places like the Tabasco factory, which peaked their interest. Being outdoors and seeing wildlife up close was another appealing aspect of their new lifestyle.

Often without a detailed plan on where to go, they generally followed pleasant weather, spending winters fishing and shelling in Florida and then meandering out to the San Francisco bay area when the weather warmed up. Joe especially liked Florida for fishing and golf.

When Barb contracted pneumonia in Maine and then broke her leg while fishing in Florida, the McCalpins remained undeterred. "We aren't worrywarts," Barb says.

During one of their passes through the Southwest, Barb and Joe saw a sign for the Rock Hound State Park in Deming, New Mexico. It sounded like fun, so they stopped and spent a few hours collecting rocks. They thought they had found real treasures and were surprised when the ranger told them their finds were very common rocks.

That initial experience hooked them on rock hounding, and they looked for other places to pursue their new passion. They now have quite a gem and mineral collection. During one of their sojourns in Georgia, they discovered a school that offered classes and they learned lapidary and basketry.

After a few years on the road, the McCalpins started looking around for a place to retire. Although Barb would have liked to stay on the road much longer, Joe thought it would be good to put down roots while they were still young enough to become actively involved in a community.

Joe was partial to the Florida Keys where he could spend time fishing, but there wasn't much for Barb to do there, so they decided to look elsewhere. While staying in Mesa, Joe signed up for some golf lessons in Green Valley, and they were impressed with what they saw. After making several trips back to the area, they found their home in Esperanza. And, as Joe planned, they have certainly become active in the community.

Although they have sold their RV, the McCalpins still seek adventure. But now they pursue it in their car.



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Talavera Pottery

By Cynthia Surprise

I'm fairly certain that almost everyone in Esperanza Estates owns at least one piece of Talavera. This ubiquitous pottery is colorful and easy to incorporate into a southwest decorating scheme. I have been drawn to Talavera ever since I acquired my first pieces in 1976 near Toledo (Spain, not Ohio) although I didn't know the history of this type of pottery at that time.



So what exactly is Talavera and what distinguishes it from other types of pottery?

Talavera falls within a larger category of ceramics called Majolica (a decorated earthenware pottery with an opaque white glaze) and was developed in the city of Talavera de la Reina in Spain.

Majolica was introduced in Mexico in the 16th century when Spanish monks brought craftsmen from Talavera de La Reina to teach native artisans living in the Puebla region how to craft pieces comparable to the ones produced in Spain. The Mexican craftsmen blended the majolica process with their own art forms and colors, and their product became known as Talavera.

Today, Talavera ceramics are made in several parts of Mexico, but only certain workshops in Puebla are officially recognized and protected by the Government of Mexico and permitted to call their work "Talavera." These Talavera manufacturers must follow a complex and strict technical fabrication process dating from the 16th century and use only clay from a few approved clay sites in Puebla.

All pieces of authentic Talavera are hand-thrown on a potter's wheel. The glazes contain tin and lead, craze (a glaze shows crack-like lines), and are slightly porous and milky-white, but not pure white. There are only six permitted colors: blue, yellow, black, green, orange, and mauve, and these colors must be made from natural pigments. The base is not glazed but exposes the terra cotta underneath. An inscription is required on the bottom that contains the logo of the manufacturer, the initials of the artist and the location of the manufacturer in Puebla.

The process to create Talavera pottery is lengthy and takes from three to six months. The first step is to mix black sand from the city of Amozoc and white sand from Tecali. It is then washed and filtered. Next the piece is shaped by hand on a potter's wheel, then left to dry for a number of days. Then comes the first firing, done at 1,560 °F. The initial glazing, which creates the milky-white background, is applied. After this, the design is hand painted. Finally, a second firing is applied to harden the glaze.

Talavera's history, tradition and enduring beauty are hallmarks of Mexico's age-old art form.

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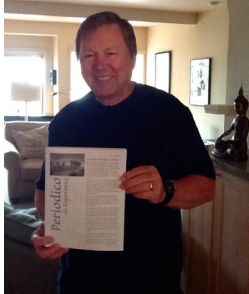
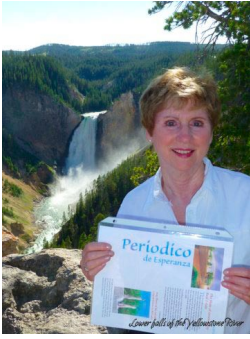
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On the Road With the Periodico



Top left: Colleen and Stein Simonsen visited Yellowstone in July. Here's the Periodico at the lower falls of the Yellowstone River.

Bottom left: Tom and Melodye Cooke vacationed with Lisa and Max Perry on the Oregon coast. Here's Tom reading the Periodico at their rented villa in Depot Bay.

Center: Donna and Terry Shay visited Al and Judy Prato in Michigan this summer to celebrate Judy and Terry's common date birthdays. They aren't revealing their ages.

Right: Pat Sharpe spent a week in Los Angeles. She enjoyed the trip, but not driving in LA traffic. She posed with a familiar celeb in front of Miceli's.

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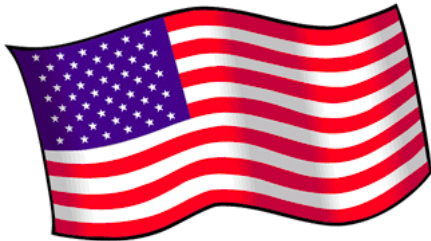
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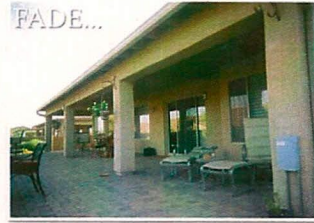
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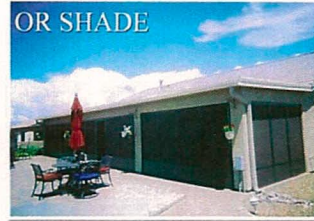
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