

# WELLSPRING NEWS

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## From the President:

Most of the Friends have had a relatively quiet summer. Both Pete Filiatrault and Dick Watts had surgery. Pete endured his third bypass operation and has been happily improving with less heart pain. Dick had eye surgery and has been cleared to drive again. I understand that Amy Loughner has been out with pneumonia. We're glad everyone is on the mend.

I just spoke with Linda Mayro about the status of the listing on the National Register of Historic Places. It seems that the final tweaking of the ap-

plication is just about complete. It will then be submitted to Washington. There the process takes about 45 days. She expects smooth sailing in Washington.

Kerry Baldwin is the new Natural Resource Division Superintendent. He came from Phoenix where he was the State Game and Fish Education Branch Chief. Wendy Burroughs has a new Environmental Education Specialist, Steve Russell, who used to work at the Biosphere. Welcome to you both.

With the advent of fall, the Friends are ready to

start fund-raising again. We're still substantially shy of a new bridge to the island. This is an on-going project and we need help. We all have helping hands at the end of our arms. They're useful in two ways: join our organization. With lots of helping hands volunteering, the task will be spread around and we'll build a bridge much sooner. Volunteers are needed in areas other than fundraising. Contact Sally Danielson at 749-2184 for a list of projects that can use your helping hand.

The Tucson Audubon Society is awaiting a con-

tract for their nature shop. They have funding for five days a week and plan on being open Thursday through Monday. I met Vivian MacKinnon last week. She will be running the shop with the help of volunteers.

The 2004 Tucson River of Words has art work and poetry by Tucson elementary children on display at Agua Caliente Park. Wendy has a wonderfully successful summer nature study program for children 8 - 12. Mary Karrels taught the children to make masks from palm fronds. The children thought it was one of

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## Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee of FOAC met in August and has selected their slate of members to be considered for inclusion on the Board of Directors. The following three have met the qualification and are submitted for consideration.

They are: Sally Danielson, Audrey Watts, and Dick Watts.

This notification, through the newsletter, shall serve as official notification to the membership of the nominations. Any member may make an addi-

tional nomination from the floor at the regular November Board Meeting. If nominations are made from the floor, a ballot will be mailed to all members and all members can vote by mail. If no new nominations are made,

the slate shall be declared official and will be seated at the Annual Meeting in January. The Nominations Committee shall also provide the Board with a slate of officers for the new year to be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

## Upcoming Pima County Events at Agua Caliente Park

Interested in getting more involved with events at the Park or with Pima County Natural Resources Parks and Recreation? Here is your chance to expand your horizons and have fun at the same time!!

**Oct 2 (8 a.m.—12 p.m.) and Oct 3 (1 p.m.—5 p.m.)**. Volunteer Naturalist Training for Agua Caliente Park. Volunteers will be trained to assist with school field trips and special events, lead nature walks

and interpret a unique desert riparian habitat. Volunteers are asked for an annual commitment of 40 hours.

Sonoran Desert Kids activities at Agua Caliente Park.

Gold panning with “Big John” Duhanic (**Nov 20, 9-11 a.m.**).

“Peek into the Past” with Mary Karrels (**Jan 22, 9 a.m.-noon**).

History Celebration @ Agua Cali-

ente Park (**Feb 19, 1-3 p.m.**).

Other activities abound for kids of all ages. Contact Barb Kuelbs at 877-6157 or [barb.kuelbs@parks.pima.gov](mailto:barb.kuelbs@parks.pima.gov) for more information.

## Membership/Volunteer Committee

**Membership:** As an organization, we are a small, but mighty force. Currently we have thirty five 2004 memberships consisting of 10 new memberships and 26 renewed memberships. This gives us 59 voting members. In 2004 we welcomed the following new members: Mr. and Mrs. Don (Nanette) Brobst; Ms. Ruth Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Pat) Carlson; Ms. Susan Degro; Mr. Charles Ford; Mr. and Mrs. James (Judy) Gray; Mr. and Mrs. John (Jeanne) Kersey; Mr. and Mrs. Dean (Jane) Lucal; Mr. and Mrs. Dave (Mary) Parnell and; Mr. George Sellinger & Ms. Maureen Mylander. An annual membership

drive is planned for October. If you know of anyone that we should contract regarding membership, please contact Sally Danielson, Membership Chairman, [Sawynd@aol.com](mailto:Sawynd@aol.com) or (520) 749-2184. **Time to Renew!!!**

**Individual Membership: \$15.00**

**Family Membership: \$25.00**

Send check or credit card number to FOAC, PO Box 32005, Tucson 85751-2005

**Volunteer:** Remember the call that went out in the January Newsletter to “get down and get dirty?” Well, at the February 21st membership meeting, seven members signed up

to be on cleaning teams to clean the Ranch House, Rose Cottage, and Bunkhouse. The first cleaning was Sat. March 20. Six members volunteered their time and “sweat” to make the renovated buildings ready for the Apr 17 dedication celebration. Thanks to Mike Deal, Judy Gray, Francie Hilkemeyer, Marilyn McCrindle, Maureen Mylander, and Sally Danielson for making the buildings shine. All together the team put in 35 hours in 2004 to keep our park presentable. Hurrah for the “Vacuum and Dust Rag Squad!” Come join us. Contact Sally Danielson (see above) for details.

## From the Bunkhouse: Coyotes

When we first moved into Agua Caliente, no one had lived there on a regular basis for some time. We found that we had a problem with coyotes in our front yard. They came right up to the house and seemed unafraid of humans. This happened every night. As we had both dogs and cats, we felt that it

was dangerous to have coyotes so close to the house. When we found that yelling at them did not seem to scare them, we had to find another way to discourage them. We found that by going out in the front yard and firing a shotgun in the air scared the coyotes out of the yard. We did this for two months and

soon the coyotes did not come up to the house anymore.

Pete Filiatrault



## Fundraising Committee

The Friends of Agua Caliente are continuing their efforts to raise funds to help rebuild the pedestrian bridge at the Roy P. Drachman Agua Caliente Park, as well as to cover incidental expenses incurred. Following is a list of events currently planned.

**October 31, 2004**—Country crafts fair at Lew Sorensen Community Center, 11100 E. Tanque Verde Road, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. FOAC will have a table with handmade items for sale and information

about the Friends and upcoming events. Anyone who would like to donate handmade items to be included in the sale may call Audrey at 529-4637 or bring the items to the event with a suggested price. The Fair is free to the public.

**December 30, 2004**—“SCROOGE” at Gaslight Theatre, 7010 E. Broadway Blvd. Have you ever wondered how Gaslight Theatre would present Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol”? Well, this should give you a good idea. Show

at 7:00 p.m. A limited number of seats are available at the following prices:

Adults: \$24.50 (\$7.34 tax deductible)

Seniors, Students, Military: \$22.50 (\$7.49 tax deductible)

Children: \$11.00 (\$3.52 tax deductible)

Deadline for reservations: December 1, 2004. For reservations or information call Audrey at 529-4637.

## Tucson Audubon Society

The Tucson Audubon Society continues to pursue the possibility of opening a small nature shop in the Ranch House. For the past year, the Society has been in conversation with Pima County Parks and Recreation to discuss the shop. It is their hope that, this fall, the dream will become a reality. The shop will provide a variety of birding and natural history information and equipment. It will largely be “staffed” by volunteers who are knowledgeable about the area’s birds. If you are interested in more information about the Tucson

Audubon Society Nature Shop at Agua Caliente, or about becoming a volunteer, please contact Vivian MacKinnon, at [vivianmackinnon@qwest.net](mailto:vivianmackinnon@qwest.net) or 622-2230 (Mondays & Tuesdays only).

## Special Thanks

Maria Carroll, daughter of Ray Carroll, County Supervisor, was the Parks and Recs student intern for five weeks this summer. Maria provided lots of support in computer data, inventory, wildlife research and on a whim created an *Animals of Agua Caliente Park Coloring Book*.

## From the President:

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The highlights of the program. Wendy is now gearing up for school programs for grades K through 12.

The well drilling was a success. They hit water at somewhere around 800 feet. The well is now undergoing testing for dissolved O<sub>2</sub>, dissolved solids and Ph. Hopefully it will be in use soon.

Join us for our next meeting on September 27, 7 p.m. at the Bunkhouse.

Sandy

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## September Board Meeting

The September Board Meeting will be held Mon, Sep 27, 2004 at 7 p.m. at the Bunkhouse. All Members are Welcome to Attend.

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## Fundraising Ideas?

We'd like your feedback for future fundraising ideas. Please indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices and if you would be interested in participating.

- Live Theatre Workshop presents (located at Speedway & Beverly—across Beverly from Office Depot):
  - "The Taming of the Shrew" (Oct 7-Nov 7, 2004) ( )
  - "The Importance of Being Earnest" (Dec 30, 2004-Feb 6, 2005) ( )
  - "Dial 'M' for Murder" (Feb 10-Mar 20, 2005) ( )
  - "The Glass Menagerie" (Mar 24-May 1, 2005) ( )

Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Theatre has a rectangular stage with seating on four sides. Seating is limited to 102.
- Corona Ranch — Tucson (located on Snyder Road off Sabino Canyon Road):
  - Cowboy supper and Western Warehouse fashions ( )
- Other Suggestions?

Please send your inputs to FOAC, c/o Audrey Watts, 5457 N. Via Del Arbolito, Tucson AZ 85750 or call Audrey at 529-4637

## FOAC Contributions

Did you know contributions to the Friends of Agua Caliente, Inc. are tax deductible? FOAC is a 503(c)3 organization. FOAC contributions may be sent to:

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## Newsletter Inputs.

Please send any inputs or suggestions for future newsletters to Jim Knoll at [jsknoll@earthlink.net](mailto:jsknoll@earthlink.net).