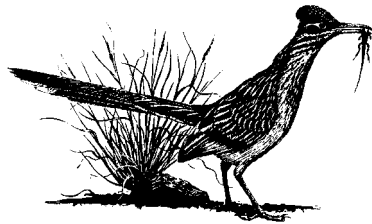




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EL FUERTE FLEA MARKET 2002

San Pedro Chapel, 5230 East Fort Lowell Road

Friday, October 25, 6 pm - 9 pm, Members Preview

Saturday, October 26, 9 am - 3 pm

Sunday, October 27, Noon - 3 pm

Bring your donations and consignment items to the San Pedro Chapel on:

Sunday, October 13, 10am-2pm

Thursday, October 17, 10am-2pm

Monday, October 14, 5pm-8pm

Friday, October 18, 10am-2pm, 5-8pm

Tuesday, October 15, 5pm-8pm

Saturday, October 19, 10am-2pm

Wednesday, October 16, 10am-2pm

Sunday, October 20, 10am-2pm

You may e-mail or call Peggy to arrange another time to make your delivery or for pickup or for more information. Peggy can be reached at 327-4285 or sackheim@theriver.com.

Members of OFLNA may sell items on consignment. You will receive 70% of the sale price (you set the price); the Association will receive 30%. All consignment items need to be received by Sunday, October 20th, 2pm.

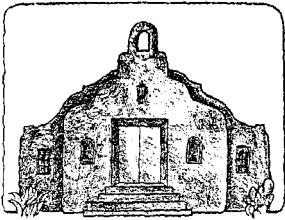
Contact Peggy to help with phone calling, volunteer a couple of hours at the sale, help before the sale with sorting and/or pricing. Planning meeting for the sale is Thursday, at 6:00 pm, on October 10th, at Peggy Sackheim's, 5425 E. Fort Lowell Rd. Please come if you'd like to help. It's work - it's fun - and it's with friends!

Join the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association (OFLNA)! Meet your neighbors. Come shop Friday evening. Get first choice. Share some cheese, crackers and beverages with us and avoid the Saturday morning crush.

CITY BUYS THE COMMISSARY!

On Monday, September 16, 2002 the Mayor and City Council voted to buy the Commissary for \$1,250,000, rescuing this historic treasure in our neighborhood. The owner of the property had an approved plan to build an additional 9 homes on the property. At a time when the City's budget is strained, Council Member Carol West made the deal possible by utilizing Back to Basics Neighborhood Improvement money and Parks & Recreation bonds committed to Ward II. Please thank the Mayor and Council for preserving this important piece of Tucson history.

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How to communicate with the Mayor and Council Members:

Letters may be sent to Mayor Robert Walkup and Council Members Carol West, Jose Ibarra, Kathleen Dunbar, Shirley Scott, Steve Leal, and Fred Ronstadt at the following address: P.O. Box 27210, Tucson, AZ 85726-7210.

Their phone numbers and email addresses areas as follows:

Mayor Bob Walkup	791-4201	mayor@ci.tucson.az.us
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Jose Ibarra	791-4040	jibarra1@ci.tucson.az.us
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Steve Leal	791-4231	ward5@azstarnet.com
Fred Ronstadt	791-4601	ward6@mail.ci.tucson.az.us

EL DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS: November 1 & 2

For centuries Mexicans have celebrated the days of November 1 & 2 as days of remembrance of the souls of the dead, when departed loved ones are welcomed back to partake of special foods, colorful gifts, and other pleasures they enjoyed in life. In the United States El Día de Los Muertos is observed wherever Hispanic populations live and is a joyful remembrance (in contrast to our eerie Halloween festivities), with feasts and festivities to entice the dead to return.

La Capillita, the small shrine on the northeast corner of the San Pedro Chapel complex, is the center of our neighborhood celebration of El Día de Los Muertos. La Capillita, the original chapel for the village of El Fuerte was lovingly rebuilt by neighborhood residents in 1998.

Residents are invited to remember loved ones there on November 1 & 2. Everyone is welcome to join in this celebration. You may leave flowers, pictures, or a simple object (non-returnable); or you may write you loved ones' names on 'recuerdos' (memory cards) that will be available at La Capillita, and which we will add each day to the altar display.

ART SHOW & SALE: Artists and Volunteers wanted!

The Fiesta de Arte will be held on Friday, March 14 and Saturday, March 15, 2003 at Plaza Palomino. The Antique and Collectibles Sale will run the same weekend at the San Pedro Chapel. We consider this a collective draw to the Old Fort Lowell neighborhood.

This year's show will include folk, religious, and Hispanic art, as well as neighborhood scenes. It will be a juried show and our goal is to attract fifty artists. We anticipate advertising for artists both locally and in New Mexico. We plan to make applications available on line by November 1, 2002.

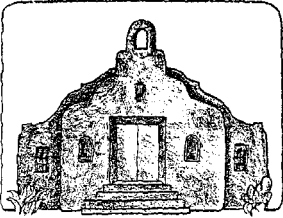
We are eager to include as many volunteers as possible in this project so we encourage you to contact us. Help will be needed with ticket sales, PR, logistics, artist applications, invitations to the schools, and the set-up and takedown of booths. Please contact Sue Adams at 326-8936 or Kim Crooks at 881-3580 (co-chairs of the Art Show)

FALL CONCERT: Sunday November 10, 3:30pm ROUND THE HOUSE – Irish traditional Music and Song

OFLNA is thrilled to present the group "Round the House" for the Fall Concert at San Pedro Chapel (see accompanying flyer). Tickets are \$12 may be purchased from all Council Members, and by calling 991-5908. Get them early! This one will be a sell-out.

THE ART OF MAKING MEXICAN PAPER FLOWERS

The beautiful bright paper flowers we decorate with at La Reunión de El Fuerte are not only impressive, they're incredibly easy to make. Join a class and help us make the ones we need for this year. Bring scissors, a pencil and a piece of cardboard (8" by 8"); all other materials will be supplied. Sign up for **Saturday morning, October 12** at 9:00 am by calling Ann Branham, 323-1734. The class will be held in the Adobe House.



SIGN PAINTING

We need a hard-working (and fun-loving) crew to come paint the twenty-five A-frame signs we use at La Reunión! **Sunday afternoon, November 3rd**; 2:00 pm is the time; the Adobe House is the place. Please let Ann Branham know if you can be there: 323-1734.

MAIL BOX ALERT – a note from Jeanne Turner

The mailbox thieves have been at it again. My neighbor on Fort Lowell Road received a letter from the Post Master saying that 'documents believed to be mail...delivered to your mail box (but not yet received by you) have been found with other stolen mail in a vehicle and a motel room.' Outgoing mail had also been recovered and the signature of my neighbor had been forged on checks and cashed from her account. This reinforces the precaution for those of us who have unlocked mailboxes to:

- ◆ Never leave delivered mail in the box overnight, and
- ◆ Never leave outgoing mail in your mailbox.

THE ONGOING SAGA OF THE FT. LOWELL ROAD ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

On its second advertisement for bids, which were due September 9th, the City received two responses. The lowest bid, at \$444,000, was still 50% over the City Engineer's cost estimate. OFLNA won approximately \$200,000 of federal transportation money in a competitive process at the state level several years ago, so the City is obligated to add the remainder needed in order for the project to be completed. Two weeks after opening the bids, we heard from Jim Glock, the Acting Director of Transportation, that he would not go out to bid again but would find the money needed at the regional level. By the time we go to press for the November newsletter we hope to be able to report that he was successful and give you a construction time-line

NEW PEDESTRIAN TURNSTILE AT 'EL CAMPO SANTO'

Next time you go by the Fort Lowell Cemetery, *El Campo Santo de El Fuerte*, try out the new pedestrian turnstile gate. Roy Villa, Ramón Díaz and Roy García designed, constructed, and donated the materials and installed it. It is really fine. The improvement was completed in time for Mother's Day last spring, one of the traditional days to visit the graves and to decorate them with flowers and mementos. Visits and picnics at *El Campo Santo* are typical of this and other special memorial days, such as *El Día de Los Muertos*.

The interment use of the historic cemetery, owned by the OFLNA is, by tradition, for the descendants of the people of the village of *El Fuerte*. The cemetery is managed and maintained by those descendants.

NEWS FROM OFLLAH

Do you know that?

- ◆ The Old Fort Lowell Live-At-Home Program (OFLLAH) is completely independent of the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association (OFLNA)? Each is incorporated as a separate non-profit entity, with their own boards of directors and officers.
- ◆ The idea for OFLLAH originated in the neighborhood association, but from the time of incorporation OFLLAH has been independent of OFLNA.
- ◆ Funding for the two organizations is totally separate: your annual neighborhood dues go only to OFLNA; any contribution you make to OFLLAH supports only the work of the Live-At-Home Program.
- ◆ OFLNA made a one-time donation of start-up monies to OFLLAH.
- ◆ OFLNA continues to support the concept of the Old Fort Lowell Live-At-Home Program, giving OFLLAH approval, moral support and the opportunity for a monthly Newsletter column – but no money!
- ◆ OFLLAH's mission is to be an independent organization, based in and serving all of the Old Fort Lowell neighborhood.
- ◆ OFLLAH's part-time, paid coordinator is Ann Branham a neighborhood resident

OFLNA WEBSITE: <http://oflna.org>

Liz Walter, OFLNA's intrepid Website manager, continues to expand and develop the site as a comprehensive and up-to-date source of information about the neighborhood and the association. You can read the minutes of recent OFLNA council meetings, research neighborhood history, choose a walking path, check the current Newsletter, and find out how to contact council members. Check it out!

OFLNA CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2002

Mexican Flower Workshop	Saturday, October 12, 9am
El Fuerte Flea Market Sale	Friday October 25, 6pm – OFLNA Members only. Sat. & Sun., October 26, 27 – open to the public Sunday, November 3, 2pm
Sign Painting	
Fall Concert	Round the House – Irish traditional music/song Sunday November 10, 3:30pm
Holiday Potluck and Caroling	Sunday, December 15, 5pm
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History Lecture Series	Sundays, January 12,19,26, February 2 nd at 3pm
La ReuniÓn de El Fuerte	Saturday, February 8
Antiques & Collectibles Sale	Weekend of March 12-15
Art Show and Sale	Weekend of March 13-15
Spring Concert	Saturday April 19
Annual Meeting	May – date to be announced

All events are held at the San Pedro Chapel or the adjacent Adobe House; the Art Show and Sale may include other venues and La Reunión de El Fuerte includes a neighborhood tour of historic sites.

OFLNA Council meetings are the fourth Wednesday of the month and are usually held at the Adobe House next to San Pedro Chapel except when it's too hot or too cold. Construction activities may result in our becoming vagabonds, so call Janet Marcus at 327-1339 if you'd like to attend. Council meetings are always open to residents and members of the neighborhood.

Meetings of FLHDB (the Fort Lowell Historic District Board) are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Contact Mary Lou Nuttall for location of next meeting place: 325-6907, tsntrio@theriver.com. All residents of the neighborhood are welcome to attend.

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