

OLD FORT LOWELL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC. *NEWSLETTER*



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NEWS FROM THE FORT LOWELL HISTORIC DISTRICT

This is the first of what we hope will be an on-going column in the OFLNA Newsletter. Our goals are to keep you informed of Historic District Board business, share City Ordinance information on topics of local interest, and solicit input on various projects. Our minutes are posted on the OFLNA Website. Go to www.oflna.org and click on Fort Lowell Historic District. We encourage all area residents to read the minutes. They offer a comprehensive overview of the issues, votes, and reports covered at each meeting.

Who We Are and What We Do

The Fort Lowell Historic District is one of 16 historic districts within the City of Tucson. According to Planning Department records, 5,059 properties are contained within these districts. The County Historic District in our area was established in 1976. The City Historic District was organized in 1981. When the City annexed the Fort Lowell area in 1992, both districts were combined.

Board members are appointed by the City Council. There are 12 positions on the Board representing the following categories: one-third must be residents, one-third are property owners, and one-third are experts such as architects, lawyers, and artists. Current members include: Mike Bell, Minnette Burges, Bob Brisley, Carol Maywood, Jo McClure, Mary Lou Nuttall, Diana Osborne, Peggy Sackheim, and Larry Shades. We hope to recruit two new members in September. We meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The agenda is posted at the San Pedro Chapel 24 hours in advance.

Tucson City Ordinance charges the Board to review all new construction, additions, and demolition as well as exterior color changes, window and door changes. Increasingly, the City has asked us to review site utilization and to answer the questions "Is this the best use of the land?" and "Do the plans preserve the informal, rural, low density character of the neighborhood?" We are printing a new brochure with updated guidelines that will be available later this fall.

Sneak Preview

Street signs – you've seen them for the Sam Hughes, Pie Allen, El Encanto neighborhoods and elsewhere around town. We feel it's time we had street signs of our own. The new trail along Fort Lowell Road has inspired new thinking about street signs, both for the Historic District and the Fort Lowell neighborhood. The generic green and white signs look out-of-sync with the essential character of the neighborhood.

Mike Bell and Diana Osborne have offered to submit mock-ups for community feedback. They are working with silhouettes of San Pedro Chapel and the Fort Lowell Bugler. These would be metal cutouts that could be sleeved over existing signs or perhaps be of one piece. We also considered the idea of opening up a design competition and posting the submissions on the OFLNA Website for a community vote. Ideally, one design would be selected for the historic district and one for the Old Fort Lowell neighborhood. Mike estimates that 78 street signs would be needed.

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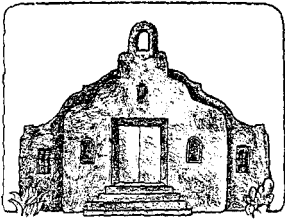
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Tell us what you think. Feel free to contact Mary Lou Nuttall (325-6907 or tsntrio@theriver.com) or Linda Whitaker (320-0749 or linda-whitaker@juno.com). Meanwhile, we'll be working closely with OFLNA to come up with a plan.

RESIDENT NOTES

Homer Bull fell at home on September 29 and fractured his hip, and, after a period of rehab at Devon Gables, is now recovering at home. One of our most treasured residents, Homer is best known as "Mr. San Pedro" for his work and care of the Chapel. "Mr. Fixit par excellence," maker of signs, trimmer of trees, as well as a great bean-cooker, Homer has been integral to the ongoing work of this neighborhood as Council Member, Committee Member, and generally useful person. Many of you will have encountered him in his role as unofficial 'sidewalk superintendent' of projects, new developments, goings on, through his long walks along the river and through the neighborhood.

Homer, sincere wishes for your speedy recovery come to you from your many friends at OFLNA.

OFLNA FALL CONCERT:

On Friday November 14TH at 8 pm, at the San Pedro Chapel, you can experience Irish music played on fiddle, bouzouki and guitar by two outstanding masters who play in the traditional style.

Randal Bays is an internationally recognized fiddler and finger style guitarist in the Irish tradition, whose taste, grace, and musical agility have won him wide praise both in Ireland and the U.S. Randal has performed all over the U.S., Europe, and Canada, including appearances at the San Francisco Celtic Music and Arts Festival, the Festival des Musiques-Vivantes in France, and the Willie Clancy Summer School and Festival in Ireland. He has performed and recorded with many great Irish musicians, including Martin Hayes, Dáithí Sproule, Kevin Burke, James Kelly, John Williams and Mícheál O Dómhnaill. He's also a noted album producer and composer, having created original scores for several award-winning documentary films.

Roger Landes is one of the premier players of the bouzouki in the United States, and a major creative force in pioneering its use in Celtic music. For the past two decades, Roger has helped introduce American audiences to the intricacies of Irish and Scots dance tunes and accompaniments played on this ancient instrument. In 1982, Roger helped form the popular Celtic group *Scartaglen*. With the group, he contributed to the best-selling *Narada* collection "Celtic Odyssey," which was on the Billboard charts for almost two year, and performed with the group *Glenfire* for several years. Roger performs regularly at festivals and events around the country, including ZoukFest, an annual festival he founded to celebrate bouzouki styles in a wide variety of musical traditions.

Working together, these two musicians create music with a sound that ranges from expressively subtle and sweet to compelling, driving and exhilarating. You won't want to miss it.

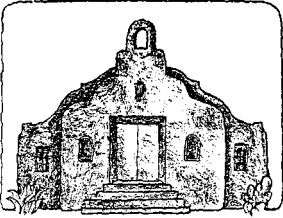
Tickets are \$15 for the general public, but TFTM and OFLNA members can purchase tickets at the discounted price of only \$12. For more information, or to reserve a ticket you may contact Sharon Goldwasser (298-3014 or azfiddle@mindspring.com) or Jean Turner (326-2628).

VOLUNTEERS WANTED TO WORK ON FORT LOWELL NEIGHBORHOOD TRAILS

Please meet at the San Pedro Chapel at 8AM on Saturday, November 15th. We are looking for volunteers to help take responsibility for the specific trails in your area—for example, Alamo Trail north of Fort Lowell or Alamo Trail south of Fort Lowell. We will spend a couple of hours walking trails and starting some cleanup. Please call Dave Olsen (319-8650) davidaolsen@msn.com or Ann Stevens at (319-8602) anntstevens@msn.com for any questions or suggestions.

IN MEMORIAM

OFLNA regrets to announce that Joan Hymas, long-time resident of Hill Farm, died of a massive stroke October 8. Her children (from New York and London) were able to travel to be with her in her last moments. Joan, always cheerful and upbeat, worked at the annual Flea Market every year and helped Betty Cochran at the La Tiendita Book Shop at La Reunión. She was deeply appreciative for the OFLLAH program, which allowed her to remain at home for as long as possible. Joan will be sorely missed.



LA REUNIÓN de EL FUERTE, 2004

Preparations are underway for the History Lecture series and festival of La Reunión de El Fuerte to be held in January and February 2004. The nicest thing about La Reunión is the opportunity it affords the residents of this neighborhood, old and new, to come together and get to know each other. For 22 years, this has been a popular event with our members, many of whom help to organize and host a variety of activities. La Reunión also strengthens the image of our neighborhood as an historic part of Tucson in the eyes of people from other parts of town, and it frequently draws more than a thousand visitors.

If you can volunteer a little of your time, we can certainly use your help. Call Jeanne (326-6042), Peggy (327-4285), or Janet (327-1339).

NEWS FROM OFLLAH

Celebrating the 5th year of the program

The Old Fort Lowell Live-At-Home Program will hold its annual meeting the first week in November. This will be the fifth annual meeting for OFLLAH. We're proud to see how the program has grown, from its beginning in 1998 with 8 recipients and 7 volunteers (coordinated by Betty Cochran and Ramona Brittain), to a present client population of between 35 and 40 and over 50 volunteers.

Our medical loan chest, launched in July 2000 with a gift of a wheelchair by Ruby Nielson, now has an inventory of over 60 items which are loaned free of charge to anyone in the Fort Lowell neighborhood. Thanks to start-up donations from two neighborhood residents, we will soon have a lending library available, containing a variety of books on problems of aging. We have quarterly continuing education seminars for OFLLAH volunteers and clients; most of these are also open to the Fort Lowell community. By the time you read this, we will have held our third flu shot clinic, under the auspices of Marie Sutton, RN, a former neighborhood resident.

We've received a "Good Neighbor" award from the City of Tucson, a "Peace Award" from the Church of Science and Mind, and a "Neighborhood Success" award from PRO Neighborhoods. The media have given us city wide publicity, with two stories in the Arizona Daily Star, one story each by KVOA-TV and KGUN-9, an interview broadcast on ACCESS Tucson, and a video that accompanied the PRO Neighborhoods award. Tucson Lifestyles will publish an article this fall.

The program coordinator was an invited speaker at the statewide Governor's Conference on Aging in 2002, and OFLLAH is now acting as a mentor to new programs being developed under a United Way grant. Truly, OFLLAH is fulfilling its mission of "Neighbors volunteering to assist neighbors in maintaining their independence, thereby strengthening a sense of community and belonging for all."

If you want to be a part of this special program, call Ann Branham, 275-6757.

HOLIDAY CONCERT AT THE SAN PEDRO CHAPEL

Join a small ensemble from the renowned Arizona Repertory Singers on **Friday, December 19th at 7:30 pm**, for an hour-long feast of musical holiday delights. From the Renaissance era through the twenty-first century, enjoy fresh, new settings of traditional carols, contemporary carols, and the best of the Christmas choral music repertoire. The Arizona Repertory Singers are celebrating their 20th year of spectacular choral performance in Tucson and Southern Arizona. Under the direction of Dr. Jeffrey Jahn, ARS has enjoyed critical acclaim for its "delightfully eclectic" concerts that present choral music for every taste and interest.

Admission is \$10 regular, \$8 for seniors and students, and tickets will be available at the door only. For further information call OFLNA (298-3019) or the Arizona Repertory Singers (792-8141) or consult the Website: <http://arsingers.org/>

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OFLNA FALL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Antiques & Collectibles:

Antiques & Collectibles Sale
Thursday, November 6, 6 - 8 pm,
Preview Sale for OFLNA members
only
Fri., November 7, 11 am - 2 pm
Sat., November 8, 10 am - 3 pm
Sun., November 9, noon - 2 pm

Fall Concert: Traditional Irish Music

Fri., November 14, 8 pm

Council Meeting:

Tues., November 18, 7 pm at 4949
E. Glenn

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Tues., December 16, 7 pm at
the Adobe House **Holiday Party:**
Sun., December 14, 5pm

Holiday Concert:

Fri., December 19, 7:30 pm
Arizona Repertory Singers

Please note that OFLNA Council meetings have been changed to the third Tuesday of the month. Call Janet Marcus (327-1339) if you'd like to attend. Council meetings are always open to residents and members of the neighborhood.



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Meetings of FLHDB (the Fort Lowell Historic District Board) are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Contact Mary Lou Nuttall for location of next meeting place (325-6907), MarylouF@theriver.com or Peggy Sackheim (327-4285). All residents of the neighborhood are welcome to attend.

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