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HERE IT IS! LA REUNIÓN de EL FUERTE, February 7, 2004

Once a year, the Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association delights in sharing the rich heritage of this historic area in the Festival of "La Reunion de El Fuerte." Neighbors, friends, Tucsonans, and visitors are invited to take a historic walking tour through time, accompanied by wonderful stories, delicious food, and a variety of entertaining music.

For local residents and friends the day begins with a Mariachi Mass at 10:30 am. The Walking Tour, open to the public, follows from 12:30 pm to 4 pm, and all of those who have worked on committees, projects, and events for OFLNA during the year are invited to a Fiesta beginning at 5pm at San Pedro Chapel.

Look for an article in the daily papers the weekend before February 7, and you may consult the OFLNA Website, www.oflna.org, for a full account of the day and any last-minute details. The main events are as follows:

The Mariachi Mass: 10:30 – 11:30 am.

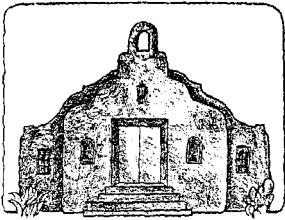
Once a year San Pedro Chapel goes back to its origins for the celebration of a special Mariachi Mass. The Mass honors Los Fuerteños — the builders of the chapel and the original residents of the village of El Fuerte. A special invitation is offered to all descendants of Los Fuerteños and to the Fort Lowell area neighbors and their friends. (Because the Chapel is small, the general public is not included in this special invitation). The Mass celebration begins with a blessing of the Capillita, followed by a procession to the main chapel. Father Christopher Corbally will be saying Mass, and the Trio Gala will provide the mariachi music. After Mass, a social hour will be held on the Chapel grounds.

Historic Sites Walking Tour: 12:30 – 4:30 pm.

The tour in the Old Fort Lowell Historic Neighborhood follows the footsteps of the Hohokam, the soldiers at Fort Lowell, settlers from Mexico whose descendants still live in the neighborhood, and the Mormon farmers and Anglos who moved into the old adobe houses built by Los Fuerteños.

Hosts will be on hand to explain the significance of each site. The 24 stops on the tour include not only buildings but also natural areas - an important aspect for understanding the early settlement of the Tucson. The tour starts at Cottonwood Lane in the Park or at San Pedro Chapel, and is open to the public free of charge.

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OFLNA CALENDAR

(Please refer to the articles for times of upcoming events in February)

OFLNA Council meetings are held on the 3rd 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.

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

The **OFLLAH Program's Board of Directors** meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. If you would like to attend, please call Kate Flasch (327-9392) for location.

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A map of the sites is free, and an informative tour guide can be purchased for \$1. Transportation is provided throughout the afternoon to return visitors to their cars at the starting point of the tour.

The tour is approximately a mile in length, and, if the day is warm, bring a hat, and extra water (also available for purchase en route). And you will want to bring your camera too!

The tour reviews 1700 years of human activity:

- ◆ 1700 years ago - The Hohokam people settled in the riparian sites.
- ◆ 131 years ago - Camp Lowell was established to serve in the Apache Wars.
- ◆ 113 years ago - The village of El Fuerte was settled.

Along the walking tour route there will be Mexican food booths, music, cavalry drills, period army re-enactments, and a bookstore:

- ◆ Mexican Food Booths on El Callejón and at San Pedro Chapel.
- ◆ Trio Gala, at San Pedro Chapel.
- ◆ Mariachi Chukson, on El Callejón.
- ◆ Old Time Fiddlers at the Commissary.
- ◆ 4th Cavalry Regimental Band at Fort Lowell Park.
- ◆ Fort Huachuca Cavalry performing drills at Fort Lowell Park.
- ◆ La Tiendita Book Store selling books and souvenirs of local interest near El Callejón.

The Fiesta! (by invitation only)

Everyone who has contributed to the work and success of OFLNA in the year 2003 will receive a personal invitation to this evening event, which includes dinner, music, and presentation of the famous "Truffle Awards" to those who have been chosen for their particular dedication, creativity, or excellence in the past year.

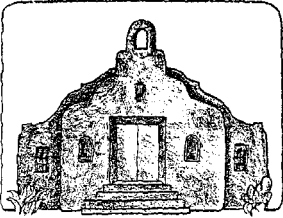
It's not too late to help!

If you would enjoy being a volunteer site host, putting up signs early on the day of February 7, taking them down at 4 pm, or assisting with any of the myriad La Reunión details, call Jeanne Turner (326-6042), Janet Marcus (327-1339), or Peggy Sackheim (327-4285). We would also appreciate (and need) donations of finger food for the "After Mass Social." Just bring these to the table before the 10:30 am Mass. The final History Lecture, scheduled for 3 pm on Sunday, February 15, is by Dr. Bob Hunter, who will present a special program on the practice of medicine at the Fort.

Major funding for La Reunión comes from the Antiques & Collectibles Sale held this past fall. The Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission provides a grant, and anonymous donors have generously contributed money. A heartfelt thanks to all those involved in making this year's event possible.

KIDS BAKE for LA REUNIÓN

Trisa Schorr is opening up her kitchen for neighborhood children aged 9 and up to bake cookies for La Reunión de El Fuerte on Saturday, January 31, from 2-5 pm. Give her a call (323-7457) to find out the details. We hope to get a photograph of the kids baking, along with a story about the La Reunión in the newspaper. The children would be joining Trisa's two children in contributing to the success of the event on Saturday, February 7.



**The Old Fort Lowell Live-At-Home Program will sponsor
THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL EL FUERTE FLEA MARKET**

At San Pedro Chapel, 5230 East Fort Lowell Road
 Thursday, March 11, 6 – 9 pm (OFLNA members only preview)
 Saturday, March 13, 9 am to 3 pm – open to the public
 Sunday, March 14, 12 noon to 3 pm – open to the public

OFFLLAH is extremely grateful to OFLNA for turning over the operation of the Flea Market to our program. It is a welcome way to raise funds, so that the program can continue to serve neighbors who need a bit of help continuing to live independently in their own homes.

Time to clean out those closets! Dig out the sporting goods you no longer use, the toys, books, gardening tools, kitchenware, dishes, office equipment, gadgets, jewelry, and furniture gathering dust and taking up storage space. **Please note that there will be two important changes in the Flea Market this year: no consignment items will be sold, and we will not accept donations of clothing or shoes.**

Donations can be brought to San Pedro Chapel on the following dates:

Sunday, February 29, 10 am – 2 pm	Thursday, March 4, 10 am – 2 pm
Monday, March 1, 5 – 8 pm	Friday, March 5, 10 am – 2pm, 5 – 8pm
Tuesday, March 2, 5 – 8 pm	Saturday, March 6, 10 am – 2 pm
Wednesday, March 3, 10 am – 2 pm	

If you are unable to bring your donations at any of these times – or if you need help with large items — please call Co-Chairs Judy Clinco in the evening (323-1843) or Kay Anderson (795-8662) to arrange another time.

If you would like to volunteer to make phone calls, work before the sale with sorting and/or pricing, or work a shift during the sale, please call one of the co-chairs. Those of you who have worked at past Flea Markets know it's hard work but lots of fun – and a great fund-raiser! People come from all over Tucson to buy; some have said it is the best flea market in town.

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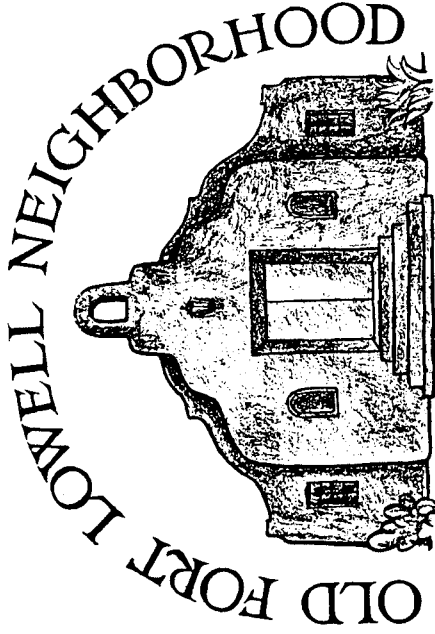
The FIESTA DE ARTE which was scheduled for the weekend of March 13,14,15, has been cancelled.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The producers of the Newsletter, together with the OFLNA Council, have elected to reduce the number of editions published to approximately six per year. Residents will be notified by postcard of important events in the months that no copy is to be published. Please note that the times for bringing donations for the Flea Market to the Chapel will be listed **ONLY** in this February edition, so it is suggested that you keep a copy for future reference.



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**LA REUNIÓN
DE
EL FUERTE**

**Saturday, February 7, 2004
12:30 ~ 4:00 p.m.**

Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Historic Sites Tours
from Hohokam to Twentieth Century
Admission is Free

Self-guided walking tours start at any of these locations:

- Cottonwood Lane, Fort Lowell Park Main Parking Lot
- Fort Lowell Museum in Fort Lowell Park
- San Pedro Chapel, 5230 East Fort Lowell Road

For information, call 318-0219, or www.oflna.org

**Fort Lowell Road between Craycroft and Beverly
will be closed between noon and 4:30 p.m.**

Mariachi Mass at 10:30 a.m.

for neighborhood residents & invited guests
at San Pedro Chapel, 5230 East Fort Lowell Road
After-Mass Social, 11:30 a.m.

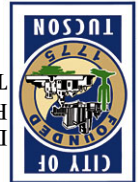
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