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# Mt. Lemmon Echoes

*Serving the Homeowners of Mt. Lemmon*

*"You can overlook Tucson, but you can't overlook Mt Lemmon"*

## Message From The Pres.

by: Ross A. Quigley

I would have to say that the month of August will be as memorable to me as the month of June. In June I was devastated by the loss of our village, but in August I was allowed the honor of meeting our President! No matter what your political preference is, shaking hands with the Commander In Chief is a once in a lifetime opportunity. I happen to support George W. Bush and will remember this forever.

Following the President's visit to Mt. Lemmon, I met with Congressman Jim Kolbe and John Magee from the Forest Service. Mr. Kolbe pledged his support for our community and instructed the Forest Service folks to work toward an amended thinning plan for Mt. Lemmon. The Aspen fire has clearly altered their previous 5 year plan, and the Congressman has assured me that he will do all he can in Washington to put us higher up on the priority list for thinning funding. Even if the President's Healthy Forest Initiative is successful, Mt. Lemmon does not lend itself to commercial logging due to the steepness of our terrain. Increased funding for thinning may be our only hope. I will keep you posted when the new list comes out.



In light of all the progress that is being made with cleanup in our village, your Homeowner's Board has decided that we will continue with a Summerhaven favorite. We will hold a "Picnic-Potluck" at the Firehouse on September 14th (Sunday) at noon. The Mt. Lemmon Homeowners along with the Mt. Lemmon Women's Club will cosponsor the event and provide ham and bottled water. This is not a fund raiser so there is no cover charge, but we ask that each of you bring a dish of some kind. Since very few of us have a kitchen left to cook in, I suspect there will be a good many cold dishes. Not a problem, just come and visit your neighbors! Bring lawn chairs also, as there are not enough chairs at the Firehouse.

In case you are not already aware of it, I would like to remind all of you that the counties contract with the metal crusher and the concrete crusher runs out at the end of September. If you want to take advantage of these two disposal methods and save yourself some money, get busy. The cost of hauling this stuff to Tucson landfills is very high. Many of us have been hauling our own and saving money. I would hope that those of you using contractors are asking them to pass the savings on to you. You can rest assured it has been a great savings to them!!

I hope to see you all at the potluck on the 14th and I'll pass along any new information then.

## News From the Mountain

By Barb Eisele

### Important Recycling Information!

At this time, the recycling facilities offered by Pima County for metal, concrete/brick/mortar and burnt trees are scheduled to be available until September 30, 2003, as the County's existing contracts for the re-cycling expire on that date.. After that time, any property owner conducting cleanup will be responsible for transport of material off the mountain for appropriate disposal. When asked if the date could be extended, I was told that it may be possible to extend those contracts if necessary.

Homeowners need to contact cleanup contractors directly to obtain bids for property cleanup. The County has attempted to facilitate this effort by identifying interested contractors, by providing environmental sampling, and establishing recycling centers/efforts for metal/brick/mortar/concrete, and tree debris.

Feel free to contact, Ms. Kramer if you have any additional questions: Ursula Kramer, Director Pima County DEQ (520) 740-3352 [Ursula.Kramer@deq.pima.gov](mailto:Ursula.Kramer@deq.pima.gov)

**From Bob Molnar, County staff:**

We are expecting Solid Waste to take control of the metal recycling Sunday ( August 31st ) and retain those duties until a private manager is hired and in place. That will allow us to utilize our staff to man the rock crushing until we are done or until someone else assumes control

Starting Tuesday ( Sept.2, 2003 ) I plan on removing our gate monitor personnel from the road to the rock crushing site ( at the ski lodge parking lot ) and leaving the gate locked. The gate will be locked with a combination lock. (Homeowners will have access to the combination number through (Neighborwise) By then everyone needing access should know the combination to the lock and how to gain access. We had a large sign manufactured and will install it today (August 28th ) at the gate that provides notice that the area is closed to public access and the sign provides info about how to gain access by listing a phone # on the sign. We will continue to have a monitor at the actual crushing site until Sept. 30th or until someone else assume this responsibility.

### Important Tree Removal Information!

The county has coordinated tree removal efforts with Bob McDonald, a forester under contract to State Lands. Mr. McDonald has arranged for tree removal beginning Friday August 22, 2003. Property owners can move their burnt and downed trees to the edge of the roadway. Prison crews will remove the trees for disposal. Dept of Corrections crews began work on clearing the county roadway on that Friday.

### Debris Removal Estimates and Asbestos

It seems that many residents are being given unusually high estimates on cleanup for their property sites. In several cases, residents are being told that, because their debris contains asbestos, the cost for clean up is double or triple that of non-asbestos clean up. This is not true! The limited sampling being conducted by Kleinfelder is probably not sufficient to absolutely certify that no asbestos fibers existed anywhere within the ash. Therefore, they can not certify to a homeowner or contractor that a site is positively totally asbestos-free, nor can they certify to a landfill that debris being hauled there was asbestos-free. Their goal, however, has been to avoid excessive cleanup costs for the property owners.

In the interests of protecting their employees, the landfills eventually decided that ALL ash and small debris (whether or not it contains asbestos) sent to them should be double-bagged and taped. Large dumpster loads need to be "burrito-wrapped". This is why the debris inspection station at Sykes Knob Road was set up to save folks the heartache of getting all the way down the mountain to a landfill and then being turned away because the ash wasn't properly contained. This decision was made by the landfill operators so that there would be consistency across the board, on how the ash was to be picked up, contained or hauled by either homeowners or contractors.

The county is providing polyethylene bags and duct tape to property owners, free of charge. Kleinfelder is distributing the bags and tape at the inspection station, offering instruction on how to fill and seal the bags and inspecting the filled bags before they go down the mountain. They are also filling out and signing manifests for each load, which is a form that tells the landfill personnel that we have already inspected and approved the load of debris, saving the person hauling the debris considerable time at the landfill gate.

The Arizona Department of Occupational Safety and Health (ADOSH), recognizes the situation on Mt. Lemmon as a unique and emergency situation. ADOSH is asking that all sites should be assumed to be potentially contaminated with asbestos. However, ADOSH is providing substantial relief from state and federal asbestos abatement requirements specifically, those measures that would lead to high cleanup costs.

**Bottom line: The clean up cost should be NO DIFFERENT whether the property sample contains asbestos, OR NOT! All sites should be cleaned the same way. It is advisable for anyone cleaning up a site to: wear protective coveralls and respirators and to WET DOWN the ashes (something the recent rains have helped with).**

### Environmental Sampling

Pima County will be sending results of the environmental sampling to homeowners via regular mail. Homeowners may also call the County at 740-4058 to obtain such information.

All property owners who signed a Right of Entry agreement for environmental sampling will have their debris sampled for asbestos.

### **Crushing – Rock, Brick, Mortar, Concrete, etc.**

Pima County has a contract with Hunter Contracting to crush rock/brick/mortar/concrete on Mt. Lemmon. The facility will accept rock/brick/mortar (anything that poses a threat to public safety, like a wall, fireplace, or other vertical structure likely to fall down) at no charge. The facility will also accept concrete (material presumed to be from a foundation and not a threat of falling down) at \$8/cubic yard. Mixed loads (containing concrete and rock/brick/mortar) will be charged \$8/cubic yard. Any loads containing ash will be rejected.

Pima County will have on-site assistance to answer questions about materials and accept and prepare a manifest/invoice for the material. Pima County will bill, by mail, the appropriate party. The Pima County crushing representative can be reached at the crusher site or by phone at 254-378-9248 and 254-204-0732.

The crushing facility is located approximately 3 miles from Summerhaven. Take Ski Run Road to the end, go through the gates, and continue 1.5 miles to the site. The facility will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m., seven days a week. The gate will be locked with a combination lock. Access will be restricted to transporters of material to the crushing site (or others with appropriate authorization). To obtain the lock combination, contact Pima County representatives at the metal recycling site, at the crusher site, or by phone at 254-378-9248 and 254-204-0732.

Only materials described above that are free of ash debris will be accepted at this facility. No other materials will be accepted. The crushed material will be used by the County in future construction and maintenance activities within the Santa Catalina Mountains

### **Metal Recycling**

Tucson Iron and Metal is under contract to accept metal at the old General Store location for transport down the mountain for recycling. The site is open seven days a week from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Only metal free of ash debris will be accepted. There is no charge for this service.

### **Cleanup Contractors**

Additional contractors to contact, regarding cleanup:

Catclaw Contractors-760-0185  
Maverick Underground, Inc. – 682-2188  
Cozzetti Construction, Inc. -323-7700  
Native Environmental, LLC –602-254-0122

Custom Saw Cuts, Inc. – 624-2191  
The Providence Group – 760-0237  
Desert Oasis, Inc.-622-7759  
Ray Contracting Co. LLC – 807-0558  
Environmental Strategies, Inc. – 884-1114  
Sierrita Mining & Ranching Co. - 520-625-1204  
GenSpec Contracting- 602-257-8000  
HV West – 750-9454 (metal recycling)  
Knapp Construction, Inc. – 790-5413  
Terracon – 770-1789

These Contractors may be available to provide cleanup services on private sites at the Owner's expense. Owners or Insurers may contact the Contractors directly.

### **From the County Assessor's Office**

Most of us have received a Certified Letter in the mail from the Pima County Assessors Office. If on your Corrected assessment you see that there is still a value for improvements and your improvements were destroyed don't panic....they have prorated 2003 taxes for improvements and the 2004 assessment will show zero value. Here is an explanation from the Assessor's office:

First, current law allows the Assessor's office to make valuation adjustments for properties that are damaged or destroyed, and they have elected to make them for both 2003 and 2004. However, property owners need to remember that the tax year is the calendar year. Since the fire occurred in mid-year, the destroyed cabins remain taxable for the first five months of 2003, but the value will be removed entirely for 2004. With this background, the adjustments were made as follows:

2003: Since the value of the land was affected for everyone, whether their cabins were destroyed or not, they have made a reduction in the underlying land value for most properties. In addition, for those cabins that were destroyed, they prorated the value of the improvements (that is, the cabin) from June 1st. This means the new value is slightly less than half of what it was before the fire. For cabins that survived the fire, the improvement value was not adjusted. In addition, for those cabins that weren't rented, the classification remains Class 3, which is owner-occupied residential with a 10% Assessment Ratio.

2004: The land value adjustment will remain in place, as will the owner-occupied classification. However, 100% of the value of the destroyed cabins will be removed from the roll, and tax bills will be for the land only.

2005: They should have some sales data and will revalue these properties based on their analysis of this information.

## Insurance Information:

Some people are feeling pressure by their insurance companies to settle "quickly". They were unsure as to whether or not to accept a fast settlement and the following is what was suggested to one of our homeowners regarding that situation.

You can accept any money the ins. co. offers you as long as the check does not say "full and final payment" or something like in full settlement of Coverage A, etc. Make sure you document in writing that you are accepting partial payment of a disputed claim (meaning you are not agreeing yet with what they are offering). If the carrier is offering you policy limits (meaning the primary policy, trees, debris removal, etc. -- all the endorsements and inflation adjustment), then you have nothing left to quibble about -- but still don't "close" your claim. There may be issues that arise down the line that you may be able to get some more coverage on. There is no need to close your claim now -- but by all means, take the money under the conditions stated above.

## Before You Rebuild

It is so easy, in times of disaster and stress, to lose one's perspective concerning things many homeowners know very little about. Word to the wise: While many contractors are honest in their claims as to what they can or can not do, others, unfortunately, are taking advantage of our vulnerability and making empty promises that they may not be able to keep.

Here are some important general guidelines for you to follow when hiring a contractor to rebuild your home:

Get several bids and carefully investigate the background of any potential builder. Is the builder based out of state? Where will they be if/when a problem develops? Are they new to the mountain and its problems? Did they give you a list of their clients? Are they "disaster followers"? Did you check their names with the Contractors Registrar and the Better Business Bureau? Do they have a record of building in Arizona, specifically on rocky mountain terrain? Are they familiar with the new codes that affect building on the mountain?

## Plan Review and Permitting Protocol

The following services are offered by appointment. Call Jana Cota at 740-6490 for scheduling.

## Individual Property Consultation Services -

Property owners can meet with representatives from the department's Zoning, Building Codes, Environmental Quality/Wastewater, and Grading/Hillside/ Flood Control sections Monday - Friday between 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

## Building Plan Pre-submittal Review -

Property owners and their architects can meet with Building Codes staff to conduct a pre-submittal review of near-complete building plans and discuss building code requirements affecting the structure.

## Site Inspection and Assessment Assistance -

Property owners can meet on-site with Building Codes staff to conduct a site inspection and assessment of site conditions, including the condition and usability of any remaining structural elements and utilities.

## Priority Plan Review and Permit Processing -

Complete applications and building plan/site plan submittals, not requiring a development plan (commercial), will be reviewed and comments returned within 10 working days of receipt.

Additional information regarding these and other Aspen Fire topics is available on the website: [www.aspenfirerecovery.org](http://www.aspenfirerecovery.org) or by calling 740-6504 or at the Zimmerman school.

## What is the source of water for planting trees? Will we be allowed to use gray-water for this purpose?

Water availability for irrigation is limited in Summerhaven. Water is available through the Mount Lemmon Water Cooperative and storm water harvesting. There are potential health issues with the use of gray-water for irrigation. Gray-water reuse systems require approval of a separate gray-water system through building codes and approval from Pima County Environmental Quality. For more information contact 740-3340.

## Will TRICO clean up their slash?

TRICO can receive funding from FEMA for removal and disposal of slash and downed trees.

TRICO is responsible for cleaning up slash and downed trees in County right-of-way and private property. Contact TRICO at 744-2944 concerning clean up of their slash.

## What is happening with the Phoenix Rd. project, Section 5? People can't do erosion control b/c of the current work being done.

Vehicular access will be available through the construction zone late in the third week of September. Pima County anticipates full access to all properties by the end of September, barring significant weather problems. Access will be open first to the lower lots at the south end of the project. Schedule information will be posted on the County's Aspen Fire Recovery website <http://www.aspenfirerecovery.org/>

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Discounts for all Mt. Lemmon Homeowners

## Utility Update

By Larry Waldron

### Trico:

Each of you should have received a letter from Trico detailing the procedure for your service reconnection. Plan your connection wisely to minimize relocation after your cabin is rebuilt. Briefly the steps from the letter are:

Step 1: Call Trico at 744-2944 and talk to Nancy (ext. 1309) or to Alma (ext. 1364) about the necessary paperwork.

Step 2: When the application process is completed call Paul Unrast in the design department at 744-2944 (ext. 1334) to schedule a site meeting.

### Qwest:

1-800-507-0776 is the new number to call for restoration or telephone service. Make sure you identify yourself as an Aspen Fire victim. You can have the customer service representative call Paul Parisi for clarification at 869-1679. I have asked that the phone bank be kept for as long as possible in the village and a pay phone thereafter.

Cellular coverage - The probability of a cellular company investing large sums of money for cellular coverage is unclear at best, but we will try. A few suggestions from Qwest may help you in the interim. Have your telephone service reconnected if you are planning on rebuilding. This will benefit your contractor and yourself if you have a temporary RV or travel trailer. A telephone jack can be mounted at your temporary service for a removable handset. Long distance access can also be removed for added protection.

DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) is high speed Internet service and a telephone line (a second phone line is not needed with DSL). Qwest has indicated that they will consider upgrading the central office switch on Radio Ridge if 75 customers desire this service. Depending on the bandwidth available the price is between \$30 and \$40 per month. Normal dialup Internet connection is around 24 Kb on Mt. Lemmon where DSL is either 256 or 640 Kb (10 to 25 times faster and always connected). If you are interested please let me know at 743-3034 or Email me at [lawaldron2@comcast.net](mailto:lawaldron2@comcast.net)

Finally as a last resort Verizon pagers work quite well in and around the village.

## Trees for Mt Lemmon

by Barb Eisele

There are some very exciting developments in the works to give Mother Nature a hand in reforestation and revegetation on the mountain. Barbara Eisele is heading up the non-profit organization "Trees For Mount Lemmon". The intent of the organization is "To assist the Mount Lemmon community in recovering from the Aspen fire by protecting the remaining trees, provide educational materials for reforestation of public and private properties and to promote healthy forest policies." Many people have been working hard at getting this up and running in time to collect seeds from existing Ponderosa pines up on the mountain and have them germinate and grow into baby trees in time for this coming year's planting season. There are many other facets to the organization, such as what to do about dead trees, educating residents on what is appropriate to plant (see list below) and working to develop a forest management plan that will provide a safer village and a host of other things.

The project is drawing on the expertise of many groups, the NRCS, Forest Service, AZ State Land, U. of A., the Cooperative Extension service, and private individuals who have an abundance of expertise, coupled with "us regular folks" who love the mountain and want to see it GREEN once again.

Our first major project is to grow about 15,000 Ponderosa Pine and Doug Fir trees to be distributed to residents and replanted on private land. The first step is underway, identifying trees with pine cones. Our cone crop is very small this year so this is a challenge. Trico and TEP have offered their bucket trucks to harvest the cones that are along roadways. The cones will be harvested in mid to late September. The seedlings will be grown in Tucson and there will be plenty of volunteer opportunities - so stay tuned.

### Excerpt from Revegetation Handout:

Randall Smith provided us with the list of Native Invasive Species and Katy Brown and Susan Benson spent many hours putting together the following information. Thank you for your hours of work and your commitment to giving people the correct information. More information is posted on the Web Board under Re-forestaton and Re-vegetation.

When choosing the plants that you are going to plant on your site, think "native". Whether you are trying to recreate the vegetation look that existed before the fire, or would like to have some "introduced" accent plants near your cabin, consider the plants' potential impact on the natural native ecosystem. Non-local, non-native does not equal "bad". But, there are certain plants that experience shows should be avoided, either because they do not grow well in the long run or because they can damage the local ecology.

Mt. Lemmon is called a sky island. As such, plants on Mt. Lemmon are genetically distinct from other populations in Arizona and surrounding states. Mt. Graham and other nearby mountains are similar. The farther away you travel from the Mt. Lemmon range, the greater the difference.

We would like to try to protect the local Mt. Lemmon species as much as possible. These plants have evolved in the area and are adapted to the local climate and geology. This is especially true of our local species of Ponderosa Pine. Trees introduced from other areas could replace or hybridize with the currently unique local species. Besides being a threat to genetic diversity, studies show that trees which are grown from seed stock collected at lower elevations may not thrive long term at the higher, Mt. Lemmon elevation.

Trees are not the only plant types that you may want to plant. Wildflowers and shrubs provide color and shape to the landscape. But again, think "native". Some common wildflowers in northern Arizona have actually been introduced

from other areas and have become invasive plants that land managers would like to eradicate or better control. They may not yet be present on Mt. Lemmon. It would be a shame to introduce a pest plant when it is avoidable.

#### Native Species List:

Here is the list of Native Species as well as a partial list of the invasive species that we do not want to introduce to Mt Lemmon. We are looking for sources to make some of the trees readily available. We want to be sure they are coming from sources that will provide the greatest viability and be of the indigenous species of Mt Lemmon.

#### Trees

Ponderosa pine ( *Pinus arizonica* or *Pinus ponderosa* var. *arizonica*)  
 Southwestern white pine (*Pinus strobiformis*)  
 Quaking aspen (*Populus tremuloides*)  
 Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*)  
 White fir (*Abies concolor*)  
 Corkbark fir (*Abies lasiocarpa* var. *arizonica*)  
 Silver leaf oak (*Quercus hypoleucoides*)  
 Box elder (*Acer negundo*)  
 Arizona Alder (*Alnus oblongifolia*)  
 Gambel oak (*Quercus gambelii*)  
 New Mexican Locust (*Robinia neomexicana*)  
 Rocky Mountain Maple (*Acer glabrum*)  
 Big Tooth Maple (*Acer grandidentatum*)  
 Red osier dogwood (*Cornus stolonifera*)

#### Shrubs

Snowberry (*Symphoricarpos oreophilus*)  
 Raspberry (*Rubus strigosus*)  
 Gooseberry (*Ribes pinetorum*)  
 Mountain Spray (*Holodiscus dumosus*)  
 Fendler Ceanothus (*Ceanothus fendleri*)  
 Coyote or Narrowleaf Willow (*Salix exigua*)

#### Wildflower Sources:

Ted Voss, in Amado: (520)398-9128  
 Wildland Restoration: 882-0960  
 Wild Seed, in Tempe: (602) 276-3536

#### Transplanting Native Species:

This fall when the Aspen trees go dormant, late October or November, the Forest Service will grant permits to transplant Aspen root. If you are interested please contact Barbara Eisele at [beisele@earthlink.net](mailto:beisele@earthlink.net) or at 749-2695 and we will arrange for this to be done in such a way that it does not harm the Aspen that are standing.

There may also be some small conifer seedlings to transplant. If you are interested please contact Barbara Eisele at [beisele@earthlink.net](mailto:beisele@earthlink.net) or at 749-2695. If you see that you have a lot of seedlings on your lot please let Barbara know and they can be given to someone who wants them.



NeighborWise Section Leaders Alex Carrillo and Bill Piatkiewicz wrap straw bale with chicken wire as an NRCS worker helps Tom Alfonso begin another bale. These straw bales were used to construct erosion check dams in the demo project just south of Zimmerman Elementary School.



### **Invasive Species List – Plants to be avoided on Mt. Lemmon (Partial Listing)**

Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*)  
 Knapweed (*Centaurea diffusa* and *C. maculosa*)  
 Oxeye daisy (*Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*)  
 Teasel (*Dipsacus sylvestris*)  
 Russian olive (*Eleagnus angustifolia*)  
 Common St. Johnswort (*Hypericum perforatum*)  
 Kochia (*Kochia scoparia*)  
 Toadflax (*Linaria dalmatica* and *L. vulgaris*)  
 Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*)  
 Sulfur cinquefoil (*Potentilla recta*)  
 Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus procerus*)  
 Mediterranean sage (*Salvia aethiopsis*)  
 Common Mullein (*Verbascum thapsus*)

### **Mount Lemmon Memorial Quilt**

By Tina Hanks

The idea of a Quilt began with a Red Cross official when some of the community members were staying there shortly after the fire. The quilt will be composed of 12 1/2 inch (to be finished at 12 inch) squares of pre-washed, pre-shrunk cotton. The colors of the squares will be white, tan, ecru, beige, light brown or any shade of green.

Everyone (men, women and children) who has a connection with the mountain is invited to participate. They can make their squares by sewing, beading, dyeing, screen-printing, fabric marker or any medium they wish. People can provide their own squares or I can provide them, if they send me a stamped self addressed envelope to Tina Hanks PO Box 833, Mount Lemmon AZ 85619. If anyone needs help making their square just let me know and I or someone else will assist them. The finished squares are due on January 10th 2004. They need to be mailed to:

Mount Lemmon Memorial Quilt  
 PO Box 756  
 Mount Lemmon, AZ 85619

In January, we will start meeting, in times and places to be announced later, to do the piecing, quilting and finishing work. The Tucson Quilters Guild will help us with this part of the project (they are also giving us help now with organization, ideas, etc). Everyone who would like to, is invited to participate in this part of the project.

The finished quilt or quilts will be hung in our village. It is hoped that we can do this by the anniversary of the fire. Afterward, they will be given to the Arizona Historical Society to preserve and to display.

### **National Forest Homeowners**

By Hans Johnson

National Forest Homeowners will be holding an educational forum for cabin owners on Saturday, October 4, 2003, from 1 PM to 5:30 PM at the Hilton Phoenix Airport.

The event will bring in experts to discuss the recent fires and their impact on recreational residences as well as cabin fee legislation (CUFFA). The cost is \$10 per cabin.

Learn more about NFH at:

[www.nationalforesthomewoners.org](http://www.nationalforesthomewoners.org)

If you have questions about NFH or the forum, you can reach Executive Director Hans Johnson at 1-800-669-9971 or at [nfh2@earthlink.net](mailto:nfh2@earthlink.net) Thanks.

### **Spiders' Etc. (continued)**

By Barbara Welsh

Last month I told you about the spider we call Daddy-longlegs. I found one at the cabin and brought it home to check it out. As it was in fairly bad shape, I'm still not positive this is the one that is common on the mountain.

This spider has two distinct body parts joined by a narrow tube. He has very poisonous venom but his fangs are too short to pierce the skin of a human so he is not considered dangerous. He has very long legs and a small body. The front pair of legs is 5 1/2 times the length of the body and has long hairs that darken at the knee joint of the legs.

The other spider that is known as daddy longlegs is quite different in its habits. It spins a very messy web but does not use the web to capture prey. When the web gets messy it is abandoned and a new web is built. As with most spiders this one has eight legs and eight eyes two of which are very small. He lives inside of homes and cellars and is also called a cellar spider or vibrating spider. The nickname vibrating spider comes from the way he catches his prey at times. He goes to another web and vibrates it until the other spider thinks he is going to get a meal then our spider jumps on him and wraps him in silk threads until he is completely encased. He then injects the prey with venom that dissolves the internal organs so he can suck out the "goodies". This is the way he captures all of his prey. Usually they eat all kinds of insects like flies, beetles, and other kinds of spiders. Only when food is scarce do they eat their own kind.

The spider I brought home had what looked like "dirty knees" but the head and body did not appear to be separated by anything.

That is my story of two different spiders. Now we know they are not poisonous and probably help us by getting rid of other insects around the house. If you figure out which one shares our homes, let me know.

## OBITUARIES

F. Roger Crawford, a full time resident for the past 6 years and a cabin owner for 35 years, passed away August 25th at his home on Mt. Lemmon. Roger, because of his love of the mountain, chose to spend his last days surrounded by its beauty.

Roger graduated from Rutgers University in 1954. He worked for Arizona Portland Cement Company from 1956-1999. Roger and Dorothy were married 51 years. Roger is survived by his wife, 12 children, 21 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Words cannot describe how much he meant to his family and how much he will be missed.

Special thanks to the MLFD Paramedics and all those who have allowed him to enjoy his final years.

We send our Sincere Sympathy to the Crawford Family. May the energy and giving support this family has shared with the community be returned in Blessings in this time of sorrow.

The Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Assoc.

## LOVE OF A MOUNTAIN

By Gradi Thomson - 2003  
daughter of Kathy and Rod Shields

Lazy afternoons, sitting on the porch  
listening to the songs of the birds,  
watching squirrels scamper, chitter chattering

The peaceful rain, pitter patter.  
The scent of the damp forest floor,  
The coolness the rain brings and  
the feeling of serenity.

The first snowfall, in complete silence  
snowflakes fall so gracefully  
to cover the ground in a white blanket.  
Closing my eyes I feel enveloped in warmth  
even though it is cold.

Friends, who are really just an extension of family,  
the memories that have been created will never be forgotten,  
knowing that these people, no matter rain or shine,  
share an incredible bond.

I thank my Mom and Dad for giving me the first glimpse  
of a place I've come to love so passionately,  
with all my heart and soul.  
and even if I would have known the devastation and pain to  
come, I wouldn't have given up a single moment or memory  
of my favorite place.  
A place that tingles my very soul,

that holds me and comforts me like my mother's arms.  
When I feel complete from head to toe, I know I am home.  
That's how my mountain makes me feel,  
and no fire can take that away from me.  
I love my "home" and I'm here to stay.

Our buildings may have been burned, our homes destroyed  
and our hearts broken,  
but I know there is always light after darkness;  
and even though the wound is deep and will take quite some  
time to heal,  
our memories will pull us through and together we will build  
a brighter tomorrow.



## Donation to Mt Lemmon Fire District

Vista Restoration, Inc. extends its heartfelt sympathies to all who have lost homes and businesses in Summerhaven. To the owners of remaining structures Vista Restoration, Inc. can offer more assistance.

Our technician specialists will clean and deodorize smoke and soot damaged contents and interiors as well as repair damage to exteriors. We can provide a cost estimate of repairs to you and/or your insurance company.

Vista Restoration, Inc is committed to the revitalization of Mt Lemmon. To this end, the owners will donate 2% of the gross income generated from these contracts to the Mt Lemmon Fire District.

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