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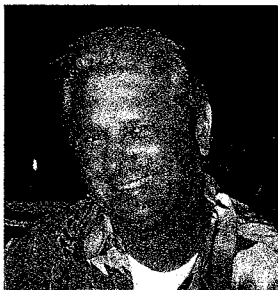
# Mt. Lemmon Echoes

*Serving the Homeowners of Mt. Lemmon*

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

## Message From The Pres.

By Ross Quigley



This time of year gives me severe "spring fever." I can't stand to be inside while the weather is so perfect. My thoughts turn to fishing about every ten minutes and I always remember my favorite poem. It goes like this:

"Spring is sprung  
The grass is riz  
I wonder where the birdies is"

I'm sure no one is enjoying tax time, but don't forget our annual homeowners Dinner falls on the first Tuesday after the tax deadline (This year it's Tuesday the 20th). I hope you will all come out and enjoy some good food, visit with many of your friends and neighbors you haven't seen for a while and hopefully get caught up on plans for this summer on the mountain. While the Governor has informed us that she will not be able to attend, we have arranged for the new District Ranger Larry Raley, to attend. Larry will bring us up to speed on his plans for the mountain and probably field some questions you may have. From what I have seen so far, he is a man who can and will make decisions to solve problems. I am optimistic that he will work better with the Summerhaven community than our past few rangers. In addition to Larry Raley, we will have my favorite past District Ranger (Steve Plevel) on hand to address our FireWise standing. As many of you know, Steve works as a consultant to State Lands and has been very active in working with them on our village Firewise program. We will have several other guests, as well, who have participated in various ways in the recovery of our community.

While I was glad that we didn't miss having our Forth of July Parade last year, even though the Aspen Fire kept us out of the village, I'm not sure Summerhaven could have been much hotter than McDonald Park! It will be a pleasure to have it back in our nice, cool, village. I urge all of you to

start planning your entry for the Parade and I hope this years is the largest ever. From what I have been told, Phil and Carol Mack plan on having their store open in time for the festivities. Pam's Cafe will be open for business as usual, so even if your cabin hasn't been rebuilt yet, you should plan on packing a picnic lunch (or eat at Pam's) and come on up to help us keep a tradition alive.

If you haven't sent in your reservation for the Annual Dinner yet, please try to do so soon. I hope to see you all on the 20th of April.

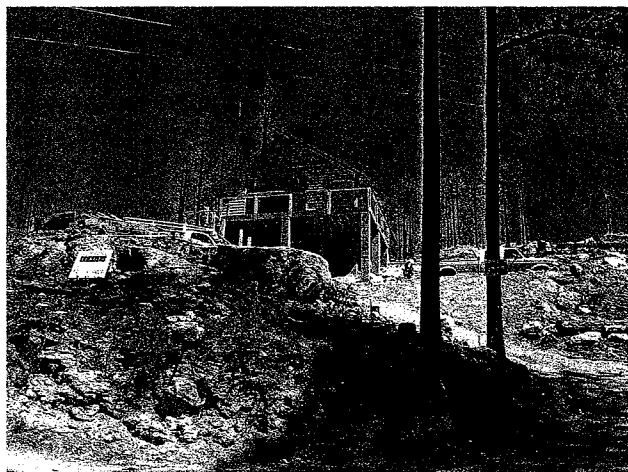
## Special Bond Election will help Mt. Lemmon May 18 th !!!!

The Board of Supervisors has approved Resolution No. 2004-18 calling for a special bond election on May 18, 2004. Please get out and vote in favor of these two items of interest to the Mt. Lemmon community.

Question 2 includes \$1,000,000 for the Mt. Lemmon Community Center.

Question 6 includes \$7,200,000 for the Mt. Lemmon Sewer System

Information on May 18th Pima County Bond Election is available at: <http://www.bondelection2004.pima.gov/>



New homes are beginning to rise from the ashes.

## Water Co Op/District

By Mike Stanley

It seems spring is upon us. The last snow melted quite quickly and the run off was wonderful. All of the waterfalls and creeks were running.

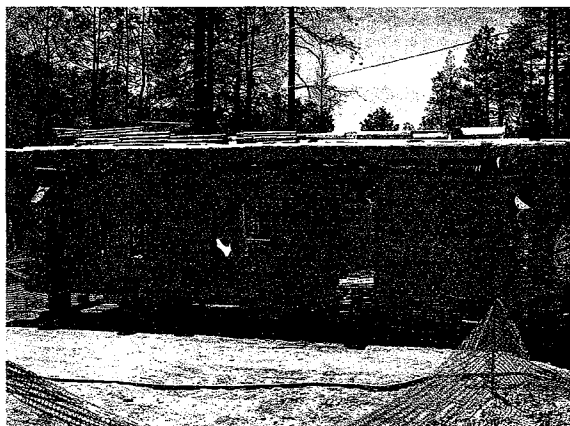
The water system is moving to the final stage of becoming a District. The engineers are working on the due diligence portion and hope to be in the final stage in a week or so.

We have obtained approval to start the work in Carter Canyon and remove the old burnt tank and start the installation of a new bigger tank. FEMA is still working on getting funding for a 6" main line down Carter Canyon Road. The Sabino Canyon work is on hold due to the Spotted Owl Season. That work will be on hold until the end of August.

There are more building permits being approved and some construction is getting started. The Store and Gift Shop work is moving at a quick pace. The log home in Upper Loma Linda is set and the finishing work is in progress. The cabin in Carter Canyon, the one on Phoenix Ave. the one on Loma Linda Extension and the one on Tucson Ave. are getting the finishing touches. Things are moving along and will probably pick up as spring and summer arrive.

We are working on getting our storage area set-up for the work that is scheduled. So far we have 2 storage buildings and will have a fenced area as soon as the weather permits. The main roadwork is making it difficult to schedule contractors to do bids on work. However the main roadwork is moving along much better than the last project. Hunter Construction is keeping up with their time line.

We are looking for a place to set up as an office. There are a few places we are asking for approval for use for a 2-year period. This will give the water company room to move as we get things a little more under control. Things are getting better and the mountain is greening up. We hope to see you up here soon. Remember to get to the Annual Homeowners Dinner. See you there.



The new Cabins & Cookies

## CAN YOU REACH THE END OF THE RAINBOW?

By Barbara Welsh

I hope all of you have been out to see the five planets that are visible just after sunset. This is not a common occurrence and we are fortunate to be able to see them for the next couple of weeks. Starting at the western horizon and arcing upward they are Mercury, Venus (very bright) Mars, Saturn and Jupiter (another bright one)

Another beautiful sight in the sky that we all take for granted is a rainbow. Did you know that the rainbow I see from my house is not the same one that you are seeing from your house? Although children draw a raindrop as oval nearly all raindrops are round. The sphere shaped drop reflects the sunlight like a prism. The angle the light exits the raindrop forms the colors we see. One drop may reflect blue and another red while someone else sees the blue drop as red and the red drop as another color. The colors are always in the same order just as in the reflection from a prism. If you try to follow a rainbow to its end you will never get there because as you move you are constantly seeing different rainbows formed from different sets of raindrops. All of us see the rainbow but it is never the same as the one our neighbor sees. We see rainbows in canyons at waterfalls, and if you have ever been lucky enough to see a rainbow from the air it will be circular. If the sun is low in the sky a rainbow will be high and more of the arc will be visible. If the sun is high then we only see a low smaller part of the arc. The most important thing is to just enjoy the beauty of the rainbow for itself and don't worry about finding the pot of gold.

We were at the mountain last week and all of the aspen trees we planted made it through the winter and were starting to bud. Also a new one came up where one had died several years ago. Hope to see you at the Homeowners dinner.



A new log home on Upper loma Linda

## MT LEMMON HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

Summer is approaching and soon it will be time for our annual membership dinner. This year we will again use the buffet serving style in an attempt to give you more time to eat and less time to wait. This also means that you don't have to make any choices until you have plate in hand at the dinner. The dinner meeting will be held at

### THE HIDDEN VALLEY INN on April 20, 2004.

The cash bar will begin at 6:00 P.M. with the buffet line opening at 7:00 P.M.

**Prime Rib Carving Station**  
**Baked Cod in dill sauce**  
**Portobello Mushroom Ravioli**  
**Chicken Asiago**  
**Baked Potato**  
**Steamed Seasonal Vegetable**  
**Fresh Fruit**  
**Vegetable Platter with Ranch Dip**  
**Garden Salad**  
**Chef's choice for Dessert**

The buffet price is 25.00 per person (includes-Coffee, Iced tea or Lemonade ,tax and gratuity).

Please, place your reservations no later than **April 13** using the form below. THE HIDDEN VALLEY INN needs an accurate count of attendees. Make Checks payable to MLHO and mail your reservations to MLHO Annual Dinner, c/o Carrie Reitz---PO Box 31705, Tucson, AZ 85752-1705

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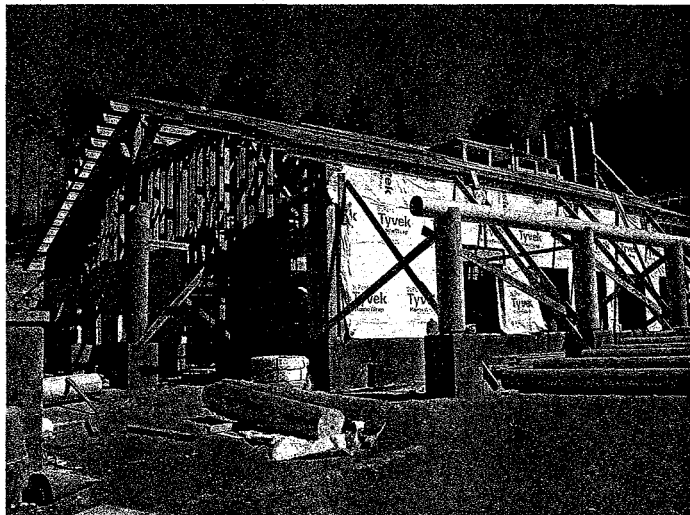
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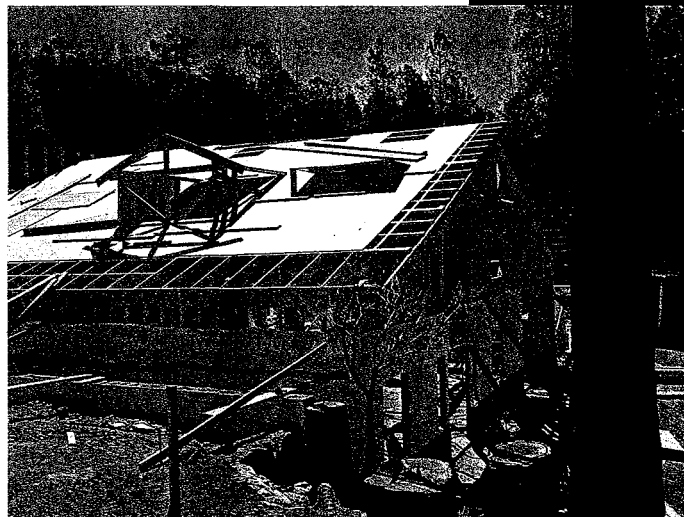
## Rebuilding the Mt. Lemmon General Store and Gift Shop

By Carol & Phil Mack



New General Store from the south

Carol and Phil Mack are pleased to announce the rebuilding of their Mt. Lemmon General Store and Gift Shop is going well. Footers, retaining walls and foundation were dug and set in place in January. In March the 60' log trusses from Montana that will support the roof were assembled and set on the framework. "Our contractor, Dennis Cozzetti of Cozzetti Construction is trying to get us into the building by the second week of June, and yes he does mean this year!" stated Phil Mack. "We will be selling something by June 19<sup>th</sup>, the one year anniversary the Aspen Fire came through the village. Hopefully it will include our famous fudge." The store will have a new and exciting look, definitely with mountain elegance. Look to the ECHOES for future updates.



New General Store from the North



A new home on Carter Canyon

Mail to:

**MLHO Annual Dinner**  
**c/o Carrie Reitz**  
**PO Box 31705**  
**Tucson, AZ 85751-1705**

## Trees for Mt Lemmon

By Barb Eisele  
Interim Project Director

Trees for Mt Lemmon plans many activities for the spring. If you have questions please feel free to contact me at 749-2695 or beisele@earthlink.net. Our website treesformtlemmon.org will be up in the next month. Contact me for a list of native and invasive plants.

### FireWise:

Spring (translated Fire Season!) is here and it's time to get into action "FireWising" your property. Since the fire we have very diverse conditions on the mountain. People with trees that did not burn should be looking at thinning out overcrowded trees. Slash and pine needles should be removed from your property, particularly those close to the cabin. Encourage your neighbor to do the same. We need to work together to protect each other. FireWise information that can help you is available at the Fire station, go by and pick it up.

If your property burned and you are rebuilding we have FireWise landscaping information for you as you consider planting around your cabin. We will also have the demonstration gardens available in a few months.

### Planting Time:

It's spring and we think of this as planting time. Trees for Mt. Lemmon has some recommendations that may have you delay planting until monsoon season.

1. If you have trees or slash to remove or if you are going to have building activity on your property it is wise to wait until you are sure that the new seedlings and plants won't be damaged by this work. We will have trees and plants available over the next five years.

2. Trees and shrubs planted at the monsoon season will have the natural moisture to support their early root establishment.

3. If you choose to plant this spring you must provide irrigation or the plants will not survive the coming dry spell.

### What plants to use:

The more we learn about our sky island environment the more we discover how unique it is. It is one of the few sky islands in the southwest, and preserving the unique species on the mountain is a goal of ours. We are working with several technical people to help us learn what plants and trees to use so they will not cross pollinate with the trees we have or become invasive and force out native shrubs and grasses. This is especially important when it comes to the conifers. As the Native American philosophy teaches, when making a decision think of its effect on the next seven generations.

## Native Plants recommended for 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*)

## Invasive Plants to avoid planting on Mt. Lemmon

### Trees

Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*)

Russian olive (*Eleagnus angustifolia*)

African sumac (*Rhus lancea*)

### Forbs

Knapweed (*Centaurea diffusa* and *C. maculosa*)

Oxeye daisy (*Leucanthemum vulgare*)

Fuller's Teasel (*Dipsacus sylvestris*)

Common St. Johnswort (*Hypericum perforatum*)

Kochia (*Kochia scoparia*)

Toadflax (*Linaria dalmatica* and *L. vulgaris*)

Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*)

Sulfur cinquefoil (*Potentilla recta*)

Mediterranean sage (*Salvia aethiops*)

Common Mullein (*Verbascum thapsus*)

### Shrubs

Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus procerus*)

### Vines

Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*)

English Ivy (*Hedera helix*)

Periwinkle (*Vinca major* and *V. minor*)

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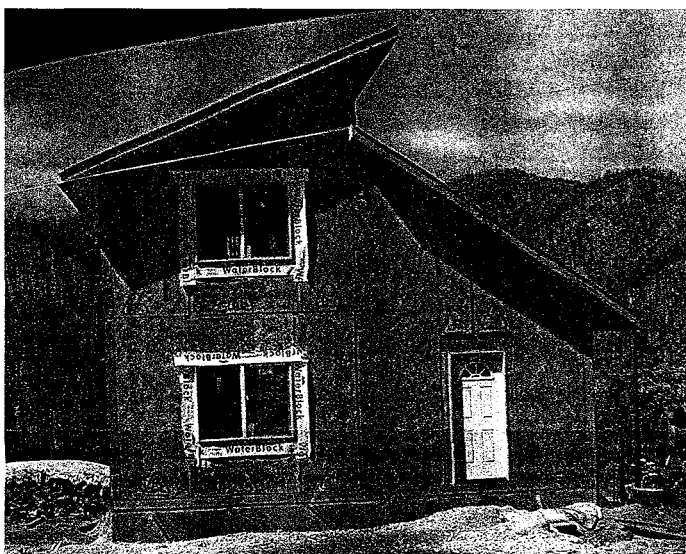
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**Ponderosa Propagation:**

The trees will be distributed in late June and early July. They are about 18 inches tall and look very healthy. Watch for the education class dates to be advertised in the next couple of weeks and in the next issue of the Echoes.

**Cooperative Relationship with Civano Nursery:**

Scott Calhoun of Civano Nursery has some perennials in the nursery that are on the recommended plant list for Mt Lemmon. He has large Gambel Oaks grown from seed collected in Marshall Gulch. He is compiling a list of plants and trees that he does not stock but can be ordered. These will be delivered to Mt Lemmon on a specified day, saving you from having to transport the plants and trees yourself.



Aqanother new home on Loma Linda Ext Rd.

**Mount Lemmon Memorial Quilt**

By Tina Hanks

On Sunday March 21, the tops of all three of our quilts were finished!! Rosie and I are going to be taking them to a professional quilter this weekend. I am not sure how long the quilting process will take but when they are done we will need LOTS of us to get together to hand sew on the binding. As soon as I know, when and where, I will let everyone know.

Does anyone know a good carpenter or someone to create a method for displaying the Quilts.? If so, please let me know. Gail is working on the picture and poster idea and Leigh Anne is working on getting everyone's stories together about the things that we found when we returned to our home that are spiritually important to us...so anyone who can help in those areas, please do!

Thank you everyone so very much for making this all so positive and the quilts so lovely!

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**NEW ADVERTISEMENT Space**

The ECHOES has had several requests for larger advertisement space than our typical business card space. In an attempt to fill this request we have established a new Ad space size of ¼ page (or a ½ column). This space can be purchased for \$50.00 per issue. We normally publish nine (9) issues a year which would be \$450.00 on a yearly basis. We are offering this Ad space at a yearly rate of \$400.00. You can provide your own artwork or we are willing to help you create your Ad.

2004 membership dues are past due. The Echoes is the publication of the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association for its membership. Membership dues are \$25 annually. Renters and "Friends of the Mountain" may obtain an association membership for \$20. Send your checks to MLHO, P.O. Box 699, Mt. Lemmon, AZ 85619. This Echoes is brought to you courtesy of the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association. It's one of the benefits of being a member.

Board members are Ross Quigley, Kathy Shields, Carrie Reitz, Fran Zimmerman, John Mulay, Pete Krauss, Tom Thomas, Don Underhill, Larry Waldron; David Ostapuk, Debbie Fagen, Chip DeLay, Bonnie Lohman and Gordon Hunter (editor of the Echoes). If you have any suggestions or comments, I can be reached at 298-5971 or by Email at gnhunter@mindspring.com.