



The Mt. Lemmon Echoes

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

**October message from Carrie Reitz
President, Mt. Lemmon Home Owners Assoc.**

Happy Fall days to you all. Autumn/Winter is finally on its way. The changing colors in Bear Wallow will attest to that fact. The nighttime temperatures on the mountain have cooled off...making you think that draining the cabin water lines wouldn't be such a bad idea. The events on the mountain have taken on a fall note also. October fest at the Ski Lift, Village clean up on Saturday, October 13th, and the annual Halloween Community Event at the Fire Station on October 28th. The October fest runs every weekend throughout the month of October.

Admission fee for the Halloween Community Event is 10.00 with prior reservation required with the party beginning at 1:00 P.M. and ending at 6:00 P.M. Included are a hayride, pumpkin carving and costume contest for the kids. No charge for adults who bring chili to be judged at the cook-off and shared afterwards. Hotdogs will be available for the kids. Adult volunteers are needed for the hayride stops, set-up and clean up. Preparations will begin at 9:00 A.M. with coffee and bagels provided. Please call DeAnna at 576-1201 to volunteer or if you have questions. Flyers concerning the Halloween Event are being distributed throughout the village businesses and are available at the firehouse. We had a great time last year even though my witch green grease paint rubbed off on everything including my hotdog bun. I always wanted green buns.

The village clean up is a bi-annual task. The village didn't look too bad after all of the summer activity and had much more trash after the winter visitors get through with their snow fun. Dennis Cozzetti is kind enough to provide his trucks to haul off the junk that is collected. Thank you Dennis, all of the volunteers and to Phil and Carol Mack for providing the morning snacks.

There is an effort to form a Mt. Lemmon Artisans Society. The intent is to have a monthly show in the MLCC. The first fair was held on October 13th. There were quite a few exhibitors despite the fact that permission to hold such an event wasn't received in time for most exhibitors to prepare a display. Please read more about this effort in this issue.

At the last board meeting of the MLHOA, Mark Shomo suggested sending out a questionnaire to all of the MLHOA members. The questionnaire will explore the concerns of the association members regarding the current events and the future direction of our village. The board feels that this will give us a better idea on how to best represent the majority on issues. Mark Shomo is putting together a skeleton questionnaire that will be revised by the whole board. The final product will then be mailed in an issue of the ECHOS. Please use this tool to let us know what your concerns are.

You all take care and stay cool.

**Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club
Linda Mulay, President**

September 1st meeting at the Mt Lemmon Community Center was very informative. Kendall Kroesen from the Tucson Audubon Society talked to us about the birds of Mt Lemmon. There is a new bird book just being released that is available at the Audubon Nature Shop if you are interested.

The Mt Lemmon artists are forming a group. If you are interested in joining let Kat Romine know.

We are working on the 2007 scrapbook and would like help, so let me know if you are interested. We will be working the first week of November on the mountain.

Eden Hackney is sending information to the GFWC Woman's History and Resource Center, so our club will be mentioned in a book detailing the long history of the federation.

Carol Niehoff is working on a pamphlet about our club that can be put at the Community Center as information about our group.

The fifth Mt Lemmon Woman's Club cabin tour was held September 22nd. We want to thank the following for opening up their homes: Carol Niehoff & Michael Stanley, who also hosted the wonderful party after the tour; Pam & Larry Johnson; Nance Crosby & Jerry Laney; Veronica & Michael Mayo; Margie & Dean Woodard; Mary & Tony Mazzara; Marty & Jim Herde.

Thank-you Sally Crawford for arranging this wonderful event for us.

September 29th, Linda Mulay, Fran Zimmerman, Ginny Durham and Helen Quigley attended the Southern District Fall Conference in Bisbee.

Thank-you to all of you who have volunteered and are continuing to at our new Community Center. We need year round help on the weekends and Holidays. Please call me or Chuck Hanks if you can help with the coverage.

Our next meeting is Saturday November 10th, 1:00 pm at the Mt Lemmon Community Center.

Perdita Andrews will be demonstrating her Fine Art.

Calendar of Events

Oct 28	Halloween Party @ Fire Station
Sep 22-Oct 14	Oktoberfest @ Ski Valley
Nov 22	Thanksgiving @ Ski Valley
Dec 1	White Elephant Party @ MLCC

Trees for Mt. Lemmon**By Linda Benziger**

The Board of Directors of Trees for Mt. Lemmon is sorry to announce that Sally Crawford is stepping down from the Board after several years of exceptional service. No matter what task Sally cheerfully took on: from communications, to the Aspen Ball, to collaborating on the memorial DVD, to the Demonstration Gardens, she brought us her can-do attitude, and the job got done. And Bob was often by her side. Sally, you'll always be a part of us as we continue our many community projects.

The community's Halloween celebration will be Sunday, October 28th, at the Mt. Lemmon Fire Station. Trees for Mt. Lemmon will sponsor the Pumpkin Patch at this year's event. Look for more information on our website: www.treesformountlemmon.org under "Events."

The Annual Aspen Harvest is scheduled for Saturday, November 17th. This has proven to be a very successful way of transplanting Aspen saplings to burned and bare areas. Prepare your 12" deep x 12" across holes for planting ahead of time, since the trees must be put in the ground immediately. Be prepared to water the trees weekly until the snows arrive. Meet in the parking lot across from the Community Center at 10:00 a.m. Bring shovels (sharpened, if possible), gloves, and plastic grocery bags. In case of inclement weather, check our website for last-minute updates.

Upcoming Events will include: the continuation of plant distributions next summer (contact any of the board members if you have specific requests for plants you would like us to propagate); the LemmonFest celebration on the 4th of July; and, because so many of you have asked for it, a 5th year Aspen Ball fundraising event. We hope to hold this year's ball on the mountain in June. More details will follow!

If you would like to receive information on community events and updates, select the "sign me up" option on the home page of our website.

Feel free to contact any of the Board members with your questions, comments, and ideas!

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Halloween Party

When: on Sunday, October 28th
Where: the Mt. Lemmon Fire station
Time: all activities begin at 1:00 p.m.

Activities include: Hayrides, with haunted stops along the way! Pumpkin carving and decorating, costume contests, and a Chili Cook-Off!

Fees for entry: \$10.00 per person, this covers all activities
Entry is **free** for all adults who bring chili and/or fixings to share!

Thanksgiving Dinner Buffet At Ski Valley

The Iron Door Restaurant is serving turkey, ham, and all the traditional trimmings from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$17.00 per person, and \$8.00 for children. Reservations are recommended, please call 576-1321.

Happy Holidays!

White Elephant Party 2007

Saturday December 1st at the Mt. Lemmon Community Center 6-8 p.m.

Bring White Elephant gift

Main course provided so please bring side dish or dessert

Last names A-M Vegetable dish

Last names N-Z Dessert

Please RSVP with Debbie Edgell at 576-1033

ARTS FESTIVALS

If you build it, they will come.

And they did.

The first Arts and Crafts Fair that was held in the Mount Lemmon Community Center had a steady stream of visitors all day Saturday Oct. 6.

Despite fall winds, very short notice and relatively little publicity, the show went on. There were over 18 different artists displaying varied kinds of work and literally 100s of shoppers who came through to view the displays.

Now members of the Mount Lemmon community, members of the public and many artists want to know when the next events will be. This was the first event other than community meetings that has been held in the center. It was very successful.

Various forms of artwork were represented including fabric art, painting; wood-burning, wood carving, jewelry, glass work, embroidery, and photography were displayed. The items available for sale ranged from painted canvases to painted greeting cards to photographs to jewelry to hand made Christening gowns to Mount Lemmon sweatshirts to wood carvings to painted gourds to hand carved walking sticks and beyond.

The newly formed Summerhaven Artisans Society, have scheduled monthly fairs.

The next will be held on Saturday, November 3.

Future dates are: November 3
 December 8
 Jan 12
 Feb 2
 March 1

Future dates will be determined as thing progress.

We currently have 5 tables or 10 1/2 tables still available for the November show. Please contact Cathie Logan at 576-1028 if you wish to reserve some space. Reservations are made on a first come first serve basis. All participants give 10% of their earnings to the community center for the use of the facility. Please forward any observations that you may have to help us. To contact us via e-mail please send to summerhavenartsociety@yahoo.com. Kat Romine is the chair and can be reached at that email address.

The Summerhaven Artisan Society

Fine Art Photography

Images by Melba

Melba Cope, 520-744-5095
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My photos can be purchased at
The Living Rainbow

MLHO

The Mt. Lemmon Homeowners' Association (MLHO) was formed in 1969 to protect the welfare of the Mt. Lemmon community and to be involved in all aspects of its improvement. The concerns of the organization are not limited to private property owners. Full membership with voting rights, is accorded to private owners and leased land holders upon payment of yearly dues.

The most visible product of the MLHO is the **ECHOES**; a newsletter published eight to nine times a year. The Association organizes social events such as potlucks, pancake breakfasts, ice cream socials and raffles enabling owners to mingle while at the same time raising funds for various community causes. This group has always depended upon volunteer support and found strength in numbers. An elected board acts on behalf of and for the benefit of the membership. Board members are Carrie Reitz, President; Tom Thomas, vice-President; Bonnie Lohman, Treasurer; Jeanne Mayer, Secretary; John Mulay; Pete Krauss; Tom Thomas; Larry Waldron; Ross Quigley; Mark Shomo; Jerry Sparks, Gordon Hunter; Ginny Durham; Debbie Fagan; Karen Shunk; Gary Slocum and Dean Barnella (editor of the Echoes). If you have any suggestions or comments about the ECHOES, Dean can be reached at 576-1201 or by Email at dean@mountlemmonfire.com.

Being organized, having a legal fund and having active **LOCAL** voice participation enables the Association to accomplish most of its goals. Pima County has said the MLHO is the strongest and most respected homeowners' organization in the entire county. The Annual Dinner and Meeting is held each year on the first Tuesday after taxes.

Advertising in the Echoes is \$10 per issue for 2x3 inch business card and \$50 per issue for a 1/4 page ad.

Dues are \$25 per year payable in January. Renters and friends of the Mountain may obtain membership for \$20 a year. Membership fees are prorated quarterly. To join the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association in 2007; call or Email Dean.

Mt. Lemmon General Store & Gift Shop Fall/ Winter Hours

Effective immediately, hours for the General Store & Gift Shop for the Fall & Winter season will be as follows:

Sun 10-5
Mon 10-6
Tue 10-6
Wed CLOSED
Thur 10-6
Fri 10-6
Sat 10-6

We will resume daily operations in the Spring! Keep your eyes open for the Pumpkin Pie Fudge as well as the Carmel Apple Pie Fudge, two flavors you do not want to miss. Next, Divinity will be right around the corner.....

MT. LEMMON COMMUNITY CENTER (MLCC) NEWS*by Larry Waldron***501(C)(3) Update and management:**

The process is well underway in forming our tax exempt corporation. We have received approval from the State of Arizona and will soon apply for Federal tax exempt status with the IRS. After completing the 501(C)(3) we enter into negotiations with Pima County for visitor center operation of the MLCC for 1 year, with 3 additional option years.

Incidentally, Pima County's 3-year strategy for the MLCC is to have the Mt. Lemmon Community Center, INC. lease the facility from Pima County and take responsibility for all facets of the center. This is a major challenge for the board and the Mt. Lemmon community.

Volunteers and Donations:

We sincerely thank all who have volunteered in the visitor's center or have donated cash or needed items. Also the organizations of Mt. Lemmon have been very supportive in donating to our fledgling organization. Many of the volunteers find it very rewarding and continue to volunteer regularly. If you enjoy meeting, visiting and helping our mountain guests please consider volunteering. Help is always needed. To get on the volunteer schedule; drop in during open hours; call the center on weekends between 10-4; or contact Linda Mulay at 327-4615 or 576-1417.

The visitor center has remained busy. Many of the visitor's questions were expected but it is not uncommon to get some thought-provoking questions; ones that test our knowledge of the mountain. It is interesting to look at the guest registry and find that visitors have come from all parts of the U.S., Canada, Mexico and even overseas.

For those interested in donating cash, Pima County has arranged a tax deductible donation through the Parklands Foundation until our 501(C)(3) is completed. Checks should be made out to the **Parklands Foundation with Mt. Lemmon Community Center** in the memo field. Please mail your donations to the MLCC address (see below).

Community Center operations and meeting room rates:

Chuck Hanks was chosen by Pima County to operate the community center on a part-time basis. Chuck will be handling the meeting room calendar, facility access and other duties as assigned by the County. Lacey Gould (877-6114) is our Pima County coordinator and primary contact for reservations, maintenance requests, needed improvements and operational decisions.

Many people have requested information regarding room rental rates and how are they determined. At this point Pima County has set "temporary rates" until further negotiations take place with our management board.

Interim meeting room rental rates as set forth by Pima County are as follows:

Mt. Lemmon Community Organizations -	no rental fee
Governmental information meetings -	no rental fee
Mt. Lemmon public socials & fund raisers -	no rental fee
Non-profit organizations -	\$50 per hour
Private Parties -	\$50 per hour
For-profit groups -	\$100 per hour

Mt. Lemmon Community Center, INC.
PO Box 583
Mt. Lemmon, AZ. 85619
Telephone 520-576-9614 or 9618
FAX 520-576-9607

A separate deposit check maybe required.

Other news:

Obviously those who have been in the meeting room with a group recognize there is an echo problem. The County and architect are working to resolve this issue. The meeting room floor is not acceptable and solutions are being studied. Timed locks for the outside door to the restrooms are being looked at.

Several enhancements are being planned to improve the facility: a drop-down video screen and projector for the meeting room; an indoor bulletin board for community postings and outdoor patio furniture. The PC based Kiosk is operational in the visitor's center. Some of the categories on the menu are not fully functional. The hiking trail and Echoes portions are complete.

There are several committees active at the MLCC. The Volunteer Committee is headed by Linda Mulay, the Fund Raising Committee is headed by Fran Zimmerman, the Educational Committee is headed by Pam Winston and the Arts and Decorations Committee is headed by Steve Brigham. Please contact the committee chairs for assistance, guidance or an interest in helping out.

HIKE

This is the third in a series of hikes in the high country of the Catalina Mountain Range described by Rumson Framboise. I am reproducing this with his permission for your hiking pleasure. Carrie Reitz

U of A Observatory—on the Bigelow Road

Just east of the observatory an access road drops down (north) into a pretty little meadow frequently used for picnicking. Two nifty trails leave this area>

I Heading almost due north there is a short, nasty, steep but direct connection down the ridge into Bear Wallow at the road by the old toboggan run.

II Heading east just under the Bigelow road is a level, easy old road leading to a spring. The spring isn't much. The crazy part is that you are only about 25 yards from the Bear Wallow—Bigelow Trail when you get there! Some creative soul should take an hour or so to craft a connecting link. The pussycat walk along this road trace is through lovely shady old growth fir trees.

A complete collection of these hikes can be found at the Rainbow Gift Shop