



Activities Calendar

Apr 5th 10:00am-2:00pm
AZ-Sonora Desert Museum
(Evasive plants lecture)
@MLCC

Apr 12th 1:00pm
Woman's Club meeting
@MLCC

April 12th 4:30pm
Mount Lemmon Artisans
@MLCC

Apr 22nd 6:00pm
Annual Homeowners Dinner
@ Hilton East

Apr 24th
MLCC Board Mtg
@MLCC

Apr 27th
Firewise Meeting
@MLFD

May 3rd
Cheatgrass Eradication Day

May 25th
Memorial Day Potluck
@MLFD

June 22nd
Artisan Fair
@MLCC

from President Carrie Reitz

Hi Friends!

Last weekend, after our board meeting, I walked around a bit and it sure looked like spring was about to happen. So what's with this white stuff!!! I thought we were done with it but I guess Mother Nature had other plans for the mountain. The first day of spring is 3/20 but you'd never know it.



Reservations for our annual membership dinner on April 22, are a little slow in coming in. We want to see all of you there...you won't want to miss the good food, good company and those sought after door prizes that Tom Thomas has been so busy soliciting. We will also have some short (they promised), talks by many of the entities important to the mountain such as TRICO, The Water District, The Fire District, The County Board of Supervisors and the Pima County Sheriff's Dept. I have also invited the Forest Service to send a representative. So please get your reservations in...we do have to give the Hilton East an accurate head count two weeks before the dinner.

If you've been on the mountain lately, you will undoubtedly notice that little has been done to rectify the damage created by the flood this winter. Our Water District has been working diligently toward getting the county to help fill in some of the impassable chasms created on Turkey Run and Carter Canyon but we are three to four weeks since the flood and nothing has been done. We still hold out hope that Pima County will come through soon. After all, summer is just around the corner and many can't access their places and the Water District workers can't access some of their equipment for repair or service. Not to mention, MLFD couldn't get to a great many in the event of an emergency.

The Memorial Day Potluck is planned for Sunday, May 25th at the Firehouse. The MLHOA will provide the meat dish, plates, napkins, eating utensils, coffee, water and soft drinks. We ask the attending members to bring a salad, pasta dish or dessert to share. There will be more about this event in the next issue of the ECHOES.

Don't forget to get those dinner reservations in soon. See you on the mountain!!!

Trees for Mt Lemmon

by Linda Benziger

NOTE NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS:

www.treesformountlemmon.net [changed from .org]

As we move into the typically driest months of the year and after the last of the winter snows have melted, it is a good idea to treat your trees and plants to a little extra water to keep them from drying out completely before the onset of the monsoon season.

The spring and summer of 2008 promises to be busy but exciting! We're ready to continue our program aimed at eradicating cheatgrass as it begins to emerge this season. As you may have read, this annual invasive grass becomes an extreme fire hazard as it dries in late spring. The goal of Trees for Mt. Lemmon is to identify its locations in and around the community and join forces with our neighbors and any interested visitors to eradicate as much of it as possible before it gets a stronghold.

Be sure to plan on attending the following events:

Saturday, April 5th 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Volunteers with the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum will be available at the Mt. Lemmon Community Center to answer your questions about cheatgrass and other invasive plants of the region. They will provide detailed information you can use to identify plants in our neighborhood, when you might start seeing them emerge, and the best way to dispose of the plant once it's been pulled.

Saturday, May 3rd will be a community-wide Cheatgrass Eradication Day. There will be much more information available as we approach this event.

Trees for Mt. Lemmon will continue to arrange 'pulling parties' throughout the season, so please send an e-mail to info@treesformountlemmon.net to join our volunteer list and receive updates of these events. You can always find the latest on our website at www.treesformountlemmon.net.

Mt. Lemmon Fairy Mother Story Hour Coming Soon!

Hey Kids! Starting in Mid May, The Mt. Lemmon Fairy Mother will be having a story hour on Sundays at Noon (after Church services) throughout the summer at the Mount Lemmon Community Center! Watch next months Echoes for the exact schedule. (Parents are requested to stay within close range for the younger ones.) For further questions, parents can call Karen after April 15th at 576-1529.

Hope to see you all there!

You can also learn more at the April 27th 5th Annual FireWise meeting, 'Surviving the Fire.' In fact, as you work to make your property **FIREWISE** before the dry season arrives, you can begin to be on the lookout for emerging cheatgrass at the same time!

Erosion Control and Management

The damage from recent flooding underscores the need to be mindful of the trees, shrubs and groundcovers we use on our properties. The more we can reintroduce native flora that was lost in the fire, the better protection we have against major erosion that has resulted from the Aspen fire. Below is a list, compiled by Lindy Brigham, of native plants that are available through a local nursery, Desert Survivors. You can visit their nursery at 1020 W. Starr Pass; phone number 791-9309.

Grasses – they are the best for erosion control

Festuca arizonica	Arizona Fescue
Deschampsia elongate	Slender Hairgrass
Koeleria macrantha	Prarie June Grass
Elymus elymoides	Longleaf Squirreltail

Other plants that are good for ground cover

Geranium caespitosum	Wild Geranium
Fragaria vesca subsp. Bracteata	Wood Strawberry
Potentilla fruticosa	Cinquoil

Here is the full list of what Desert Survivor has

Fragaria vesca subsp. Bracteata	Wood Strawberry
Aquilegia chrysantha	Yellow or Golden Columbine
Rosa fendleri	Arizona Rose
Rosa arizonica	Arizona Rose
Mimulus cardinalis	Red Monkey Flower
Potentilla fruticosa	Cinquoil
Monarda mentheafolia	Horsemint
Fallugia paradoxa	Apache Plume
Achillea millefolium	Western Yarrow
Erigeron speciosus	Fleabane
Penstemon barbatus	Beardlip Penstemon
Geranium caespitosum	Wild Geranium
Robinia neomexicana	New Mexico Locust
Rubus arizonensis	Arizona Raspberry

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LemmonFest 2008

Be sure to check out the **LemmonFest** tents at this year's 4th of July parade! We will have free live music, free eegees and cotton candy, as well as sandwiches and drinks for sale. We'll also have games for the kids, and a fun raffle or two!

**MT. LEMMON HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL DINNER**

The dinner will be held at

**HILTON TUCSON EAST
7600 E. BROADWAY
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2008**

The Cash Bar will begin at 6:00pm with the Buffet at 7:00pm and Program at 8:00pm.

SALADS

**Caesar Salad with Foccacia Croutons and Classic Caesar Salad Dressing
Field Greens with Shaved Fennel, Red Onion, Arugula and Gorgonzola
Pasta Salad - Chef's Choice**

VEGETABLES

**Asparagus or Squash Zucchini Blend
Oven Roasted Potatoes with Shaved Parmesan and Italian Parsley**

ENTREES

**Oven Roasted Pork Loin featuring Washington Cherry/Port Relish
Grilled Chicken featuring a Madeira/Mushroom Jus**

DESSERT

Cheesecake with Fresh Blueberry, Raspberry, and Strawberry Sauces (Reception Style)

The price of the Buffet is \$30.00 per person. This includes tax and gratuity.

Please place your reservation no later then April 8th using the form below. Hilton Tucson needs an accurate count of attendees. Make checks payable to MLHOA and mail your reservation to MLHOA Annual Dinner, P.O. Box 699, Mt Lemmon, Arizona 85619

MLHOA ANNUAL DINNER 2008

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*MLHOA Annual Dinner
P.O. Box 699
Mt Lemmon, Arizona 85619*

Echoes from the Past

by Larry Waldron

Echoes from the Past; a historical perspective:

The attached article is from the October 1973 Tall Pine Tales. It describes the beginning of the Mt. Lemmon Lemmon Womans Club. The Womans Club has been terrific for many years.

Mt. LEMMON WOMANS CLUB

The newly organized Mt. Lemmons Womans Club that was formed this summer meets on the 1st and 3rd Wed. of each month at 8:00 P.M. in the Womans Club Room at the Mt. Lemmon Inn. If you haven't noticed there are some newly placed litter barrels courtesy of the Womans Club that are strategically placed in the village and if someone should observe a non-conformist please ask them to use the containers so provided.

A Pot Luck Dinner was held on Wed. Sept. 26, 1973 at the Mt. Lemmon Inn thru the efforts of the Womans Club and there were over 100 people in attendance.

Things to come:

The Womans Club is endeavoring to form a community library and in addition they are planning to open a thrift shop this coming year.

Anybody interested in the Womans Club or their projects please contact Mrs. Franci Morse at 624-2290 or 622-3741.

If you would like to know more about the history of Mt. Lemmon visit the Mt. Lemmon Community Center and browse issues of the "Mt. Lemmon Echoes", "High Trails" and "The Mountain Echo" newsletters for your viewing.

Mt. Lemmon Community Center Update:

As mentioned earlier, Pima County has agreed to allow a Sunday morning non-denominational Church services at the MLCC during the summer months. If you are interested in participating or assisting please contact Larry Waldron at 743-3034 or lawaldron2@msn.com.

The MLCC board will be meeting March 24th to discuss upcoming improvements and operation.

by President Linda Mulay
327-4615 or 576-1417

We enjoyed Art Jensens presentation on the old trails of Mt Lemmon at our last meeting. Thank-you Pam Winsten for arranging this for us. Art may lead a hike for us this summer !

Our dues of \$30.00 are due in May. I will put forms in the packets you will receive at the Homeowners meeting, so please send them in. We would love to have all of you join us.

Thank you to the ladies that have donated items for the March Southern District meeting. The project was to put activity bags together for the children in the emergency rooms in Sierra Vista. The fund raiser for the District was a silent auction. Each club also provided a door prize.

April 26-27 is State convention in Phoenix, so let me know if you would like to attend.

Our next meeting is Saturday April 12th 1:00pm at the Mt. Lemmon Community Center. Our speaker will be the new Deputy District Ranger, Sherry Tune. She will speak on the Rose Canyon project and field questions.

Our Mt Lemmon Womans Club VOLUNTEERS

V aluable is the work you do.
O utstanding is how you always come through.
Loyal, sincere and full of good cheer
U ntiring in your efforts throughout the year.
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For Sale ADs

"For Sale" ads are placed on a month to month basis and are subject to space availability. Ads must be 25 words or less. MLHOA reserves the right to edit ads. A single ad may run no more than three times per calendar year. Ads are not repeated unless requested by telephone. We do not print ads for business, rentals or services for which a fee is charged. MLHOA is not responsible for the quality of the merchandise offered. Any problems with item advertised is between the buyer and the seller.

Mount Lemmon Artisans

by Tina Hanks

On March 15th, the arts group had a meeting to discuss our future and form an going group. The group voted to make its "formal" name the Mount Lemmon Artisans. Anyone who is interested in joining is more than welcome. We need all kinds of people to help us with the business of running fairs as well as more artisans to include. Our next meeting will be Saturday April 12th at 4:30pm held at the community center. The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on a logo, gather groups to do the different tasks associated with putting on the fairs, and plan for June.

Our upcoming fairs are scheduled for Sundays June 22, August 17 and October 5th.

For anyone interested in joining or participating please contact Cathy Logan by email at home12632@yahoo.com

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. 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. 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. The Annual Dinner and Meeting is held each year on the first Tuesday after taxes. To join the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association in 2008; call or Email Gordon Hunter at 298-5971, 576-9608 or by Email at gordon@hunteraz.com.

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; Mark Shomo; Jerry Sparks, Dean Barnella; Ginny Durham; Debbie Fagan; Karen Shunk; Gary Slocum, John Lewis, Gary Scheer and Gordon Hunter (editor of the Echoes). If you have any suggestions or comments about the ECHOES send them to Gordon at the above address.

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