

## The Mt. Lemmon Echoes

### Taste the Pride, Quality and Sanders' Scratch!

Behind every successful man/chef there's a woman? Meet Operations General Manager of the Sawmill Run Restaurant, Steven Sanders, whose success began in his mother's restaurant in Washington State. Today, alongside his very significant kitchen manager, Rachael Herrera, Steven has found his niche atop Mt. Lemmon, not to mention his passionate love of "peace and quiet" and enthusiasm for cooking comfort food and creating menus from "scratch!"

At age 12, Steven Sanders wanted to be a chef. He "learned by doing" in Mom's family-dining restaurant in Washington as sous chef and bartender by age 21, to various resorts and national parks including the South Rim of the Grand Canyon, Vegas, and even summers in Death Valley! He "just became a chef" and to this day enjoys "tweaking" recipes and his "from scratch" style of presentation for customers at the Sawmill. It's been a win-win situation ever since. Perfection is his middle name, and Steven is always looking for new ideas and challenges.

Speaking of which, Sanders' background of the Northwest and seafood, and the obvious lack of the real deal in the Tucson area, challenges his creative juices to bring new recipes to the Sawmill, experimenting with smoked salmon and use of hickory to flavor that delicacy and other treats which hopefully will remind visitors of "home" and make them leave "happy!" Could you imagine a pit roast pig some day? Or perhaps some gizzards cooked to perfection? Steven has lots of exciting visions of future culinary adventures on his plate in addition to the comfort foods such as meatloaf, mashed potatoes, soups, deep-fried corn on the cob and good old steak!

When asked about challenges and frustrations, those topping the list include paperwork and the ever-



present government regulations, even atop Mt. Lemmon and the laid-back and comfortable Sawmill Run. But the beautiful surroundings, frequent hikes and the peace and quiet of the mountain environment keep those frustrations to a minimum, at least most of the time. Sanders' enthusiasm for people and making visitors feel welcome and "leaving happy" is what he's all about. Relaxing at home with Rachael means experimenting with and creating new recipes, trying to perfect those he's previously used, and even watching "Restaurant: Impossible" or other foodie shows, and making good meals in his own private kitchen.

Sanders echoes other Mt. Lemmon business owners regarding the weather and living quarters for employees. Running a restaurant, having fresh ingredients delivered regardless of rain, sleet, ice, snow, wind, cold, heat and so on, presents difficult circumstances and must be adjusted accordingly. Can't have too much or too little, know when to reorder or not, and have it all work perfectly is a true balancing act, and Steven also attracts good servers and kitchen staff willing to drive up and down the mountain. Experience is the best teacher!

Talking with people. Telling stories. Sharing history of the mountain. Seeing people having a good time and enjoying a good meal. That's what Steven Sanders is all about. Stop in, enjoy his welcoming smile, his enthusiasm and his "scratch" food!

**Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association**

by Jerry Taylor, president

**March 2015****5th - Full Moon****17th - St. Patrick's Day****21st - MLWD -**

Board Meeting 8 AM - MLCC

**- MLHOA -**

Board Meeting 10 AM - MLCC

**- MLWC**

General Meeting 1 PM - MLCC

**21st - Pamela Selby-Harmon Celebration**Meet and Greet our Postmaster  
3 PM

It is very near spring as evidenced by the beautiful wildflowers, trees and weeds blooming in Tucson. And soon we will have the same on the mountain along with that insidious cheatgrass. As you are probably aware, efforts are underway to eradicate as much as possible of this fire-hungry pest. Property owners should be receiving more information in the mail soon. It is incumbent on all property owners to protect not only their own property but the mountain in general. This includes much appreciated efforts by Pima County and the U.S. Forest Service. Thanks again for efforts by Lindy Brigham and others to get ahead of this very important issue. It is hoped every property owner will be willing to assist as they are able.

Our annual homeowner's meeting and banquet is coming up next month on April 21<sup>st</sup>. It is hoped we continue to have the great turnout we have had the last few years. It is the once-a-year opportunity to hear from folks who provide services and protection to all of us as well as a chance to meet neighbors maybe for the first time. Hope everyone can attend.

Mark your calendars now for **Pamela's Permanent Placement as Postmaster Party!** Meet and greet Pamela Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 PM at the Mt. Lemmon Community Center after the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club meeting. Light refreshments will be served. Come and help the community celebrate and congratulate Pamela Selby-Harmon's permanent placement in our special post office! See you there!!

**District 4 Needs You!**

by Doug Mance

The Pima County Board of Adjustments has an opening for someone living in Supervisor Ray Carroll's District 4. This is an appointed position by Ray Carroll and is an impactful and important board for our community dealing with residential and commercial zoning issues. The board has hearings the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 PM in the Pima County building downtown. You DO NOT need experience in zoning. It would be significant if somebody on the mountain could represent us in this position. If you are interested, please contact Board of Adjustments Chairman, Richard Schaefer at 520-615-4324.

**It's Time for Dinner!**

by Carrie Reitz

The annual Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's membership dinner will be held again at the **VISCOUNT SUITES HOTEL, 4855 EAST BROADWAY, ON APRIL 21st, 2015**. The Viscount Suites did such a great job on our dinners the last few years, so we're looking forward to their hospitality once again. Come early and enjoy seeing old and new friends, the no-host bar at 6:00, and buffet-style dinner. Price will be **\$37.00** per person and includes dinner and gratuity. We'll be in the ballroom again this year.

**MENU**

**GREEN GARDEN SALAD  
FRESH FRUIT SALAD  
BOWTIE PASTA SALAD  
CHICKEN MARSALA  
SLICED ROAST BEEF AU JUS  
NEW RED POTATOES  
RICE PILAF  
FRESH GARDEN VEGETABLES  
ASSORTMENT OF ROLLS  
CHOCOLATE CAKE**

Please send in your reservation **ASAP** to:

**MLHOA  
P.O. BOX 699  
MT. LEMMON AZ 85619**

Reservations need to be in no later than **APRIL 17, 2015**. We will have several interesting guest speakers and promise they will be brief. Your MLHOA board is looking forward to seeing everyone on April 21st!

**MLHOA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER  
APRIL 21st, 2015  
VISCOUNT SUITES HOTEL**

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## FireWise Program Benefits Mt. Lemmon

by Susie Pearce

Every community benefits in different ways from being recognized as a FireWise Communities/USA site. Reports of these benefits have reached NFPA's FireWise Program through the years and are summarized below in our Top Seven Benefits to Becoming FireWise:

### Framework for Action

Meeting the criteria for becoming a FireWise Communities/USA site helps communities get organized and find direction for their wildfire safety efforts. Like the first rungs on a ladder, the criteria help get a community started toward annual, systematic action to reduce their risks from brush, grass and forest fires.

### Learning About Wildfire

As people go through the FireWise process, they learn about wildfire risks in the community and the simple things they can do to reduce them. They connect with experts – local fire fighters, state forestry professionals, and national researchers – to continue to learn about fire and find resources to accomplish FireWise actions.

### Peace of Mind

People who work with experts to learn about wildfire and take action start to see results quickly. Knowing that they are using the best information available and actually taking steps to reduce the risk of damage from fire helps people start to feel safer in their environment and in their homes. Having a plan for what to do in the event of a fire helps people become calmer and more prepared to act quickly.

More benefits will be included in next month's Echoes!

### **MLFD Provides Slash Burning Program Again!**

By Dan Leade, Capt./A-Shift MLFD

In an effort to keep Summerhaven a FireWise Community, the Mt. Lemmon Fire District will again be disposing of slash for 2015. Last year was a success with MLFD personnel burning approximately 2100 cubic yards of slash on 12 separate days.

MLFD will accept slash below the Helipad next to the Station (the old sawmill property). The gate will be locked, so you must notify the on-duty staff to unlock it. You may bring as much slash as you have on your property. Please do not bring stumps, trash or metal. **All slash MUST be delivered by May 1st.** This date will allow the pile to be burned off before fire restrictions go into effect. We will begin accepting slash again as restrictions are eased after the monsoons, and dates will be announced as they become available. If you have questions, call MLFD at 576-1201.

Thank you for your support in keeping our mountain FireWise.

## USFS and AZ State Forestry Crews Attack Bark Beetle Activity

by Rachael Biggs, USFS

As you may have noticed during the past month, the USFS and AZ State Forestry Division crews have been removing dead trees along the Catalina Highway. These trees have been dying because of the *Ips* engraver bark beetles which have caused mortality in the Chihuahua Pine, Middle Bear and Cypress picnic areas and the General Hitchcock Campground.

About 400 bark beetle infested trees have been removed during the winter months in hopes of reducing fire danger and the anticipated future tree mortality. The removal also moves forward plans to reopen the popular recreation sites before the summer season.

The USFS has been working closely with the AZ State Forestry crews to remove the infested logs and take them to areas isolated from other pine trees. Those include the Arizona pine and Chihuahua pine. Forest Health Protection, as a branch of the USFS, has been cooperating to manage insects and disease. The goal is to mitigate beetle damage and limit the impact to existing live trees.

After the completion of the project, it is anticipated the picnic areas will be reopened for the spring and summer seasons. And the areas will be carefully monitored in the future to observe additional bark beetle infestation or damage. The FS may need to do additional tree removals next winter in this or other high value locations in the Catalina Mountains.

### Did You Miss It!

Did you forget to send your **Annual Homeowner's Dues** for **2015**? All dues were to be paid in the month of **February**. This may be your last issue of the **Echoes** if you don't send your check soon. Take a moment to look at your label if you have paid for several years in advance. This may be your year to renew. Thank you!

#### Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association Annual Dues

Voting member (property owner) \$35.00 Non-voting member (renter or friend of the mountain) \$30.00

Make checks payable to MLHOA and mail to MLHOA P.O. Box 699 Mt. Lemmon, AZ 85619

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## Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club Wants More Snow!

by Linda Mulay, president

Because there wasn't much snow during the month of February, free time was devoted to assembling a scrapbook of our club's many accomplishments for 2014. A special thanks to Linda Currin and Carol Niehoff for providing great articles and pictures from the Echoes to use in the scrapbook. My #1 helper was John Mulay who cut articles out and typed names to label pictures. The book will be submitted for judging at the March 7<sup>th</sup> Southern District convention. It WILL be finished!

The Black Crown Coffee House provided a cozy setting for socializing on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. We had 18 ladies in attendance who had lots to talk about and enjoyed seeing each other again.



The MLWC board met following the coffee. We are in search of speakers for the summer and would appreciate any input you have as we look forward to another exciting year.

Tina Hanks is organizing a group to repair the rebirth quilt hanging in the MLCC. It needs the individual squares to be quilted by hand. Please let her know if you are interested in this project.

Our club is participating in the cheatgrass grant project headed by Lindy Brigham, and our first project was to prepare the mailing for distribution to all property owners on Mt. Lemmon. Be sure to return the postcard with your important information ASAP.

The next MLWC meeting will be Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 1:00, at MLCC.

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Three MLWC members including Linda Mulay, Luann Waldron and Linda Currin participated in the Feed My Starving Children program on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, at the Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene. Our group packed 581 meals which consisted of vitamins, vegetables, soy and rice. Each serving cost 22 cents to produce and goes to feed children in needy countries throughout the world. 233,000 total meals were created by volunteers at the church that weekend.

## Be Ready for Cheatgrass, Please!

by Lindy Brigham

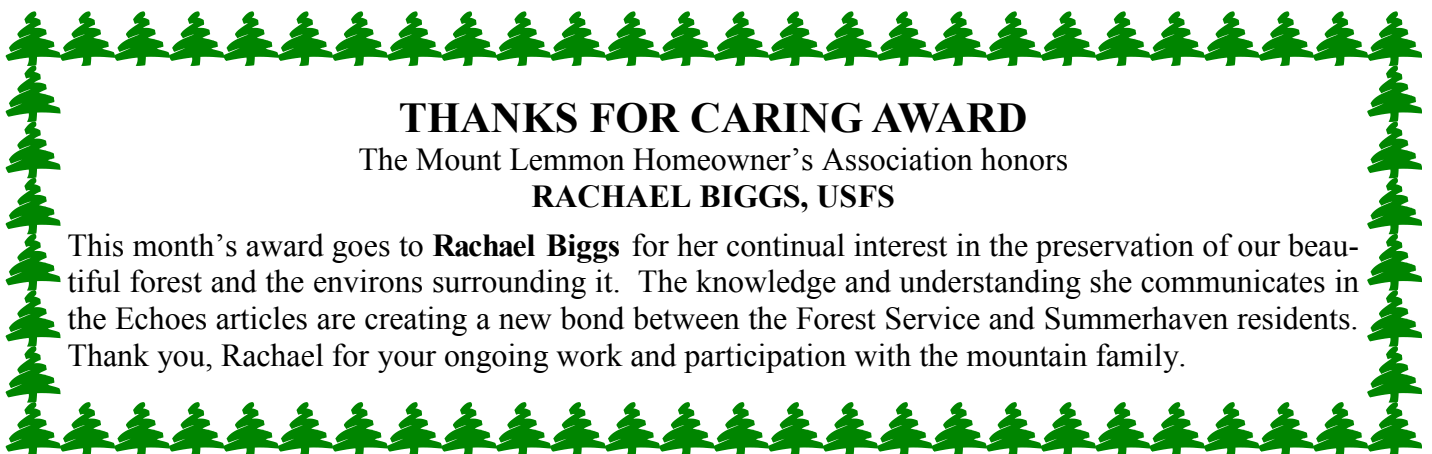
Cheatgrass will be appearing in the next couple of months and we want everyone to be ready. Please keep an eye out. You can report cheatgrass sightings on the website (<http://mtlemmonhoa.org/cheatgrass>)

We have started to implement the Arizona State Forestry Division Cheatgrass Grant. You can find the details on the Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association (MLHOA) Website (<http://mtlemmonhoa.org>). Here is a brief synopsis. – Note that there is something you ALL need to do – send in your postcard saying whether you would like help removing cheatgrass from your property. It will be coming in the mail shortly.

- The **GOAL** is to remove as much of the cheatgrass as possible in two years on all property in Summerhaven; from then on, it will be much easier for property owners to keep the cheatgrass at bay.
- This is a REIMBURSABLE grant which requires us to donate time and spend money before getting reimbursed by the grant sponsor. Trees for Mt. Lemmon has donated funds for start-up expenses.
- The grant includes a MATCH involvement, so our match is in-kind labor and equipment. We will need YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS TO MAKE THE GRANT SUCCESSFUL. We will need you to DO YOUR PART WHEN THE TIME COMES!
- **All property owners will be sent information in the mail asking you to sign a form giving us the ability to selectively spray the cheatgrass on your property. After two years of treatment through this grant, you will be responsible for keeping the cheatgrass out permanently.**
- We will be using supervised professional spraying crews and community volunteers to spray with community grant representatives to monitor the work.
- We will also have community pulling events for areas that cannot be sprayed. We will send out information on where and when to show up.
- We will keep the community updated through the listserv and the Echoes and at the Annual FireWise event on Memorial weekend each year. You can find more information and the grant proposal and agreement on the MLHOA website (<http://mtlemmonhoa.org/cheatgrass>)

Please make sure you are signed up for the listserv. The form is on the home page of the website (<http://mtlemmonhoa.org>). And please send this information to your neighbors who may not get the Echoes. We want as many people as possible to be getting timely information about the treatment schedule and volunteer opportunities.

If you would like to help or have questions, please contact Lindy at [labrigham@msn.com](mailto:labrigham@msn.com) or 520-955-2599



### THANKS FOR CARING AWARD

The Mount Lemmon Homeowner's Association honors  
**RACHAEL BIGGS, USFS**

This month's award goes to **Rachael Biggs** for her continual interest in the preservation of our beautiful forest and the environs surrounding it. The knowledge and understanding she communicates in the Echoes articles are creating a new bond between the Forest Service and Summerhaven residents. Thank you, Rachael for your ongoing work and participation with the mountain family.

## **Tucson and Mt. Lemmon Hosts March Workshop “Preparing for Wildland Fires: Moving from Crisis to Opportunity”**

by Linda Currin

An extensive three day workshop is planned for ~150 Cooperative Extension Educators and Community Leaders from March 10-12 in Tucson and on Mt. Lemmon. The workshop will be at the Radisson Suites Hotel and includes a field trip to Mt. Lemmon scheduled for Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM. The workshop will equip Cooperative Extension Service professionals and other community leaders with tools needed to successfully face the challenges of living in wildfire-prone environments. National-level scientists and experts will help attendees process all aspects and stages of fire – before, during and after – in both urban and rural landscapes. Local Extension personnel will share their challenges and success stories, and regional leaders, in preparing for wildfires, will explain the new national wildfire plan and its goal of developing fire-adapted communities.

The workshop’s first two days include presentations and interactive discussions, social time, poster sessions and networking opportunities for attendees from western and southern states. Speakers include a variety of experts from CA, NM, OR, FL, NJ, MT and AZ. Sessions scheduled for each day present experiences of fire, history of fire, fire management strategies, fire behavior and preparing for wildfire. Our own Lindy Brigham will chair a presentation on invasive species as wildfire hazards, along with two U of A Cooperative Extension experts, Christopher Jones and Peter Warren. Other topics include insurance issues before and after fires and managing landscapes after a fire.

The culminating event of the workshop is an optional field trip to Mt. Lemmon on March 12<sup>th</sup>, offering 50+ attendees an opportunity to see the significant impacts of the Bullock and Aspen Fires of 2002 and 2003, the ravages of those fires, how the mountain is recovering and what people are doing to prepare for the next fire. Local presenters include: Author Dr. Richard Brusca; experts from the U of A Cooperative Extension Service; Lindy Brigham, Southern AZ Buffelgrass Coordination Center; Coronado National Forest District Ranger, Steve Plevel (retired); MLFD Fire Chief Randy Ogden; Michael Stanley of the MLWD and Rick Kvale, Incident Commander for both Bullock and Aspen Fires. All aspects of the trip will provide learning about the sky island, vegetation, history of the mountain and recovery from the fires. Lunch will be provided for participants at the MLCC and opportunity for hiking or driving to the burned areas such as Carter Canyon.

Please visit the website at <http://tucsonfireworkshop.org> for details, and think about attending any or all events. We have an opportunity to showcase the Mt. Lemmon community and feature many of our own local experts sharing our first-hand experiences with wildfire and how we are recovering and preparing for the next one. If you’re on the mountain on March 12<sup>th</sup>, look for the big tour bus and stop at the MLCC to welcome and interact with participants. And if you have questions, please call Linda Currin at 297-0830 (h) or 247-2582 (c).

### **Water Trivia**

by Michael Stanley

- It takes 1,500 gallons of water to make a barrel of beer - Well worth it!
- There are about 17 million homes in the U.S. that use water from wells.
- The average residence in the U.S. uses 107,000 gallons per year. Mount Lemmon uses far less.
- Of all the Earth’s water, 97% is in the oceans, 2% is frozen and 1% is suitable for drinking.
- We can survive about a month without food but can live only about one week without water.

## Use the 911 System Appropriately!

by Randy Ogden, MLFD

Since 911 was introduced in 1968 as a universal number for reaching emergency assistance, efforts to raise public awareness about 911 have been effective, perhaps too effective. Every child in America is taught to call 911 at school. Because most people rarely face emergency situations, they lack firsthand experience with 911. As a result, they may have unreasonable expectations about what will happen when they contact 911 for emergency assistance. Thus, many emergency dispatch centers follow protocols that reassure callers and guide them through a sequence of questions and instructions that help call-takers take charge of the situation and quickly obtain information that is needed to dispatch the right responders to the right location.



Generally speaking, people are aware that they should call 911 in an emergency, but they are less aware of the circumstances in which they should NOT call 911. The result is that many calls to 911 do not involve true emergencies, which creates a burden on the system.

### WHEN TO CALL 911:

In an emergency, call 911 immediately from any wired or wireless phone. The 911 dispatcher will contact MLFD, who in turn will respond to your emergency! Do not call MLFD first.

Up on the mountain, an emergency is any situation that requires immediate assistance from the Pima County Sheriff's Department and/or the Mt. Lemmon Fire District. Examples include: a fire; crime, especially if in progress; car or motorcycle crash, especially if someone is injured; medical emergency with someone who is unconscious, not breathing or gasping for air, allergic reaction, chest pain, or uncontrollable bleeding.

**Important: If you're not sure whether the situation is a true emergency, officials recommend calling 911 and letting the emergency dispatcher determine whether you need emergency help.**

When you call 911 know what to tell the emergency dispatcher.

Remember to:

- Describe the emergency, speaking slowly and calmly.
- Give your name and phone number.
- Give exact location/address and nearby landmarks.
- Give name, age and number of patient(s), if known.
- Follow the dispatcher's instructions and answer all questions.
- Don't hang up until you are told to do so.
- Don't leave the scene until help arrives.

☒ **Answer all questions.**

☒ **Don't hang up.**

☒ **Follow instructions.**

**HELP US  
HELP YOU**



Remember, the emergency dispatcher's questions are important to get the right kind of help to you quickly. Be prepared to follow any instructions the emergency dispatcher gives you. The 911 center can tell you exactly what to do to help in an emergency until help arrives, such as providing step-by-step instructions to aid someone who is choking or needs first aid or CPR.

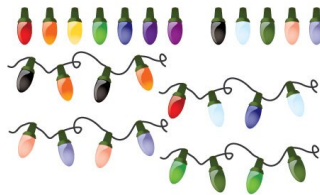
As you wait for the MLFD EMTs/paramedics to arrive, remember instructions given by the dispatcher and carry them out. Don't move someone who is injured unless he or she is in danger, and try to keep the person as warm and comfortable as possible. If someone else is with you, send him or her to meet the ambulance, and make it easy for the MLFD crew to spot you by turning on a porch light or waving if possible. The MLFD have experts to help in any emergency situation.

## Mt. Lemmon's "Summer of Lights" is Coming!

by Patty Thomas

Our Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association is sponsoring the "Summer of Lights." EVERYONE who has a cabin or a business on Mt. Lemmon is encouraged to decorate it with lights. Choose to put up a single strand of lights, a light feature, or go Whole Hog on your light design. I'm thinking of a Zombie theme! You might take an old Christmas tree, put it on your porch and let your kids or grandkids decorate it. Make it a "family affair." We're asking you to "Turn On" your lights (use a timer?) EVERY SATURDAY night from dark until 10:00 PM. The first "Start Up" Saturday is May 23<sup>rd</sup> of Memorial Day weekend. We will light up every Saturday throughout the summer, with the last Saturday night ending on September 12<sup>th</sup>, the Saturday after Labor Day weekend.

We hope to have great enthusiasm and FUN with this event. We're thinking of doing some "theme" Saturday nights at the Community Center, with potlucks, desserts and movies, etc.... Families might like strolling down to the Community Center on these "theme" Saturdays and enjoying the lights as they walk. You can invite friends to your cabin, sit on your porch, and enjoy your neighbor's lights too.



As with any successful event, this ALL DEPENDS on COMMUNITY SUPPORT. Everyone is encouraged to be involved to make this "Summer of Lights" enjoyable and fun for your friends and families! If you need lights, many stores now carry them for the summer months, including patio lights. The Big Lot stores also have summer lights. If you have any questions, contact Patty Thomas 576-1616, or Jenni Avram at Mt. Lemmon Realty 576-1333.

### Water District News

Water Alert, Water Alert:

News is confirmed that Water District employee, Reuben Herrera, had a baby boy. Well, I guess that's only partly true. Reuben and Alysia had a baby boy, Adrian Eli Herrera, born January 28th and weighing 4.3 pounds. After 2 weeks in the hospital, he was able to come home. The married couple are learning how to raise a baby. I understand they don't have an Owner's Manual. I guess the nights are not for sleeping but for feeding and changing diapers from here on out. Be sure to notify us if you see Reuben sleeping under a tree near the water tanks. When you see Reuben awake and alert, congratulate him as a new father!

### Don't Forget!

Being a member of the MLHOA provides you with a voice in our community and keeps you up to date with news, friends and interesting information. Be sure to renew your membership today, in order to continue receiving your Echoes. Dues are \$35.00 for property owners and \$30.00 for renters and friends of the mountain.

## Yellow Monkeyflower's Face Smiles on Mt. Lemmon

by Pam Haskell

We “Lemmonites” have a wonderful local resource in author Frank Rose. My absolute favorite field guide is Frank’s book titled *Mountain Wildflowers of Southern Arizona*, published in 2011 by the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. It is a field guide for our own Santa Catalina Mountains, and a few other ranges as well. What makes it so popular among field guides is how very simple it is to use.

All of the wildflowers are catalogued in color families, so when spotting a yellow bloom, for example, it can be found easily by searching yellow flowers. The photos show the bloom, a bud, the plant and a leaf, making identification easier.

Frank has agreed to allow us to reproduce excerpts from his field guide for the Echoes.

This month’s flower of choice is the yellow monkeyflower. We are starting with this flower since it is already blooming in Molino Basin. As it warms up though, the Molino season ends and the monkeyflower begins blooming on top of the mountain and will bloom throughout the summer.

*Mimulus guttatus*

**Yellow monkeyflower**

**Blooms:** March to October

**Elevation:** 3,100-8,850’

**Habitat:** Moist soil along stream beds and seeps in riparian scrubs, oak woodland, pine forest, and mixed conifer forest. Flower: 1”

**Plant:** 21”

The plants that bloom at lower elevations in the spring are usually much smaller than the ones that bloom later in the year at higher elevations. The most abundant *Minulus*, this plant is a cheerful presence in streambeds all over the mountains. A deciduous perennial forb.



Pam Haskell

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## Soldier's Camp Monthly Bugle Reports on USFS Efforts

by Chuck Huber (Lower Soldier's Camp)

We want to thank the US Forest Service for the crews’ recent activity as they descended into Lower Soldier’s Camp and performed slash pile burns in the Western Lower Soldier’s Camp area. This effort started near the Sunset Trailhead parking lot and proceeded southwest, below the main entry road towards the Aspen Trailhead. In addition, the crews continued up the hill between Lower Soldier’s, up towards the Fern Ridge Road. We support the USFS and their crews in the fuels reduction efforts.

Now it’s time for our cabin owners to either consolidate the piles for a future burn, or scatter the burned remnants to provide a more pleasing appearance.

## Mystery of the Lost Mountain Cave Solved at Last?

by Chuck Huber

While thumbing through a worn, dog-eared copy of Mark Twain's *Tom Sawyer* that was bequeathed to our family with the purchase of our cabin, an old, brittle piece of paper fluttered out. I carefully retrieved it, spreading it on the table for careful examination.

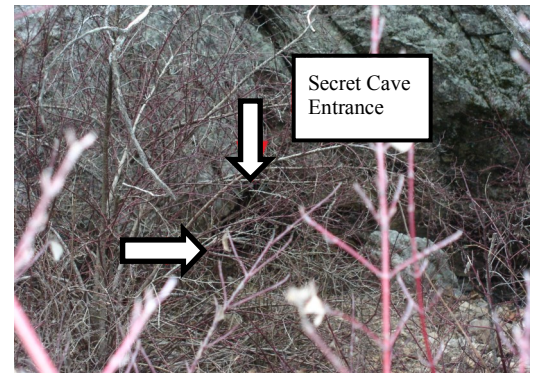
A map! It described a torturous route, starting above 8000' elevation, along an old Indian trail, down gullies, through brush, across an old bridge foundation, around rocks, and through thickets. The map detailed the location of an ancient cave.

The cave was reputed to be the location of sacred Indian ceremonies, even before the arrival of Sarah Lemmon and the coming of the white man – back when these mountains were referred to as “B-b-b-bad-D’o-ag,” by the native Indian peoples. Later, it was whispered that desperados and renegade Indians may have used the cave as a hide-out after preying on some of the early settlers and ranchers on the northern slope of the mountain.

I followed the trail, not really expecting to find anything, but to my surprise, after 3-4 hours of cross country bushwhacking, I found a nearly unnoticeable opening in a rocky crag, covered deeply in mountain sumac....

### Entrance to the Cave

Peering in, as my eyes adjusted to the light, I felt a strange mixture of excitement, and, dare I say, terror! Could this be the legendary cave? It matched the map location, generally. I donned my headlamp and proceeded in, taking the precaution to tie a string to a bush just outside the entrance to ensure my safe return. Chill winds wafted out from deep within the cave. I buttoned up my coat, but were those chills caused by the temperature, or the foreboding sense of dread that enveloped me as I proceeded deeper into the bowels of the earth?



As I arrived in a natural chamber, I noticed a flat area that could have been used to place a bedroll and a small campfire. Some small, firewood-sized limbs were scattered roughly about. Beyond was another darkened passage. I hesitated.... Could this be the lair of a mountain lion, lying in wait? I was at the end of my rope, so I decided to return to the surface. Turning to exit the cave, I received the confirmation that I, in fact, had found the place of legend, as inscribed on the wall above my head!



### Validation of the Legend



**Mount Lemmon Listserv**

Receive information from the Mt. Lemmon community by signing up on the **Mt. Lemmon Listserv**. Send an email to the listserv at [Announcements@mtlemmonhoa.org](mailto:Announcements@mtlemmonhoa.org) with your name and email address. We will sign you up and you will receive instructions on how to use the listserv.

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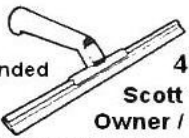
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The MLCC board would like to encourage local social & charitable use of the community center. The community center can be used at no charge, with approval, for our local events.

Reservations to use the Community Center can be made by calling Kelly Cheeseman at the Pima County Parks and Recreation phone number: 520.877.6155 or E-mail [Kelly.Cheeseman@pima.gov](mailto:Kelly.Cheeseman@pima.gov)

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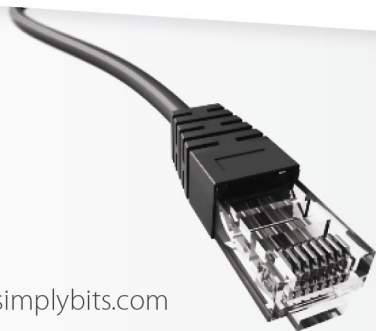
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The most visible product of the MLHOA is the **ECHOES**, a newsletter published ten times a year. The Association organizes social events such as potlucks, pancake breakfasts, ice cream socials and raffles, enabling owners to mingle. Members of the Board are: Jerry Taylor, president; Bonnie Lohman, vice-president; Jennifer Rollins, treasurer; Carrie Reitz, secretary; Mickie Gelsinger; John Mulay; Pete Krauss; Debbie Fagan; Glen Schager; Michael Stanley; Mike Bernstein; Bill Piatkiewicz; Jenni Avram; Carol Niehoff and Bob Gary.

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