

# The Mount Lemmon Echoes

A Perfect Day Is...  
by Lorri Hans

Matthew and Christina Grossman met through a friend of Matthew's. Not only are they still friends with him, he and his wife are the extended family that their kids call Aunt and Uncle. After 8 years of marriage these two almost finish each other's thoughts. And the ones that they don't finish, their oldest child, David does. When I asked the Grossman's what made a perfect day for them, David flung his little arm in the air and said, "Oh Oh, I know this one! A perfect day for my parents is one with no work and no kids!!" Once the laughter subsided, Christina shrugged and said, "When we all don't have anything to do and can take it easy". Matthew however feels that a perfect day can be created by a perfect nights sleep...just one night when he doesn't have to get up to the kids waking.

The Grossman's own 2 side by side lots on North Phoenix. Christina jokingly speaks of the "dirt" and "rock" they own but they do intend to build soon. They're hoping to start building by next year. Of course, Dennis Cozzetti will be building their Summerhaven cabin. They originally bought the first lot from a friend then decided to buy the lot next to it as well. They loved the layout of the cabin that once stood on the property and low and behold, Dennis still had the original plans and will duplicate the past cabin for them. When they first decided to invest in Mount Lemmon, they looked at cabins listed but none quite fit their needs. With their kids being so young, they wanted all the bedrooms to be on the same level and most of the cabins they

looked at had the rooms split by separate levels.

While interviewing Matthew and Christina for the spot light page, I was honored to sit and enjoy a meal with them and their children. I learned quite a bit about Pokemon and the value of certain cards. All three of their children are delightful. Their youngest, Mirianna, is shy and quiet. Solomon their middle child is also on the quiet side but not when it came to telling me about Pokemon and the chesnaught card he needs or about chess. David, the oldest of their gang is an absolute character! He and I spoke at length about the Sweet Pea stories. He had obviously read them more than once as he was able to discuss the story lines in the order I wrote them. At one point he asked if I would like some suggestions for my last story of her. Of course, I said yes so he will be co-writing the last segment of the Sweet Pea stories. One suggestion he has already given me was that the stories needed more comedy.

David is an author in his own right. He writes short stories about a rat and a cat that wears a mouse costume but the rat knows he's a cat and just plays along. So taking advise on writing my story about Sweet Pea from David should prove to be fun and a learning experience for me!

Christina and Matthew plan to live full time on the mountain in the summer months once their cabin is built. Living on the mountain full time would be too much for them as their kids are involved in many after school activities. They will certainly be a positive addition to the mountain!



## Mount Lemmon Woman's Club News

by Mary Hunter, president

66 wheelchair bags, 24 walker bags, plus 10 tote bags for a total of 100 bags are complete and ready to be given to the residents at Catalina Village Assisted Living Center as holiday gifts. With a bolt of denim fabric and some colorful pocket fabric, 11 Woman's Club members took on the task of sewing 65 wheelchair bags. Every Friday during September we had ladies sewing, cutting, and someone manning the iron. We completed the project thanks to the following dedicated workers: Luanne Waldron, Marty Cobb, Sally Crum, Jennifer Shacter, Marian Kartchner, Gail Pace, Anne Shelley Ross, Linda Mulay, Judy Tully, and Tami Arthur. In addition to sewing wheelchair bags, Marian Kartchner and her Tucson friends also made and donated 24 walker bags. Thanks to all for a job well done!



On October 16, Mount Lemmon Woman's Club members plus one guest each were privileged to have a private tour of the Steward Observatory/Sky Center. The 56 in attendance enjoyed a walking tour of the site and day tour of the telescopes. There were lectures on the site history, current telescope research, cosmology, and how to read a star chart. All had a chance to see bright objects during the day and the full moon and galaxies, nebula and globular clusters at night. The Schumann 32" telescope, Phillips 24" telescope and two smaller telescopes were available for viewing objects. The Sawmill Run Restaurant provided dinner. All of this at a very reasonable and reduced price. There are definite advantages to being a member of the Woman's Club.

MLWC Holiday Brunch— Ladies, please check your November email for your invitation to the holiday brunch. RSVP'S are required.

The next meeting for the MLWC will be held Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 1:00pm at the community center. Following the meeting we will have Randy Ogden speaking.

## THE SUMMERHAVEN COMMUNITY IS INVITED!!

**Randy Ogden will speak on his recent trip to Israel**

**DATE: Saturday, November 19, 2016**

**TIME: 2:00pm (Following the Woman's Club meeting)**

**PLACE: Mount Lemmon Community Center**

## Mount Lemmon Homeowners

by Michael Stanley, president



Howdy!

Wow! What a Halloween party! Everyone had such a wonderful time! The colorful trees this year looked wonderful and the visitors were here in droves. Now, Thanksgiving is just weeks away. November is our last issue of the Echoes for the year and starts again in February. Lorri has done a wonderful job as editor and she has volunteered to take it on for this next year. The community has and needs to continue to get articles to her before the 18th of the month. As these next two months progress, please write something for the Echoes, perhaps something about your time during the holidays or an experience of your trip from the valley flat land. We always need fresh perspectives to hear. The Echoes are not just for the HOA, Water, Fire, and Woman's Club, but for you and your thoughts and stories. This is YOUR mountain community newsletter. Please contribute.

Last month I forgot to mention the Labor Day Pancake Breakfast. This annual event was wonderful and attended by over 150 locals and visitors. I want to thank all of the volunteers that worked so hard to bring this event to you. Also, thanks to Carrie Reitz, our Event Coordinator. She prepares these local events along with our potluck and Annual Membership Dinners. This year we were able to donate \$1,200.00 to the Fire District from the Labor Day festivity proceeds. These functions could not take place without all of you and the volunteers that work tirelessly, giving their time to our community...Again...THANK YOU!!!

The MLHOA Board of Director's wishes you and your family the very best of Holidays. We hope your New Year is filled with Joy and Happiness. Thank you for your continued support and see you next year!!

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## Mount Lemmon Water District News

by Michael Stanley

We drained the big tank on the east side of the village. This is the first draining since the fire and the condition was a nice surprise. There was minimal sediment and the floor and walls looked much better than we expected. This 283,000 gallon tank was installed in 1990. Our maintenance should allow it to remain in service for another 25 years or more. Since this tank is off line, we are supplying all of the system from our 500,000 gallon Miners Ridge tank. Some of you might notice a little boost in pressure as Miners Ridge is higher than any other tank on the system. Our gravity fed system has only one pump to get water from our 1,000,000 gallons of supply in Upper Sabino Canyon to the Miners Ridge tank. Our Sabino system can only pump 45 gallons per minute, limiting our ability to move stored water to our highest tank. We waited until after the Labor Day weekend to take this large storage tank out of service to limit any incontinences. Please call us if you have any questions at 576-1538. Best wishes to you during this holiday season.



## THANK YOU!

by Randy Ogden, MLFD chief



A wise old philosopher (Yogi Berra) once said, *“When you come to a fork in the road, take it.”*

I have come to my fork in the road...It is time for me to hang up my fire chief helmet and boots. It has been a great honor to have served you as your Fire Chief. It was a true learning adventure for me. I am very pleased to leave you with a professional, dedicated and very credible fire department caring for you, your families, and the visitors of this remarkable community.

Together, we have come a long way over the past six years. The Fire District is now financially stable and operating in the black (although not by much). The Fire District is debt free and maintains a good credit rating. The MLFD fire station is now a safe place for the MLFD fire crews to work and has been updated to a fire station that we can all be proud of. The firefighters have a full state-of-the-art workout facility to maintain the required fitness/health levels. Two of your firefighters are certified “Peer Fitness Tainers”.

With the help of the community, we have updated all of our emergency safety equipment and apparatus. We were able to implement a new computer-aided dispatch system and installed mobile data terminals in MLFD response vehicles. MLFD is now dispatched by the Tucson Fire Department. We have a professional billing service in place to allow us to recover some of our costs for services from non-residents. MLFD has updated our ISO rating from a class 5 fire department to a class 3 fire department. This is a remarkable feat when you realize that Tucson Fire Department is rated a class 2 fire department. ISO ratings go from class 1-10, with 1 being the very best. MLFD is a participating agency in AZ Statewide mutual aid. We are enjoying great working partnerships with the U.S. Forest Service as well as the Pima County Sheriff's Department.

It has been an amazing ride. Forty years in a career that I truly love. It is one of the few professions where we make a difference in this crazy world. What more can you ask for?

I have made some very close friends during my service to you. Thank you all. Please be gentle with your new Fire Chief!

## THANKS FOR CARING AWARD

The Mount Lemmon Homeowner's Association honors  
**Patty Thomas**

Whenever there is a party that is well organized, you can bet Patty Thomas was a part of creating that affair. Yearly she throws a Halloween Party like no other! She rounds up volunteers to help decorate and gets prizes donated from multiple sources. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Patty for all of her hard work and dedication to our community. Thank you for keeping these amazing events happening and keeping us all young at heart along the way!!

## **Stars in the Forest, Not Just in the Sky: Geometric Stars in Planet Life**

by Christina Grossman



On Mount Lemmon, this is the first time I have seen a Scarlet Gilia for myself. It is so beautiful and unlike any flower that I have seen on the mountain. After having the gift of encountering this, it encouraged me to share with the rest of you and your kids that Stars do exist in our world, not just in the sky.

For the little ones, stars just may be the easiest shape to learn because they look so special. So why not begin with teaching them about things that are shaped like stars and point them out in the plant life and in food!

Up on Mount Lemmon, you have the beautiful Scarlet Gilia. From a distance, the Scarlet Gilia does look like a little trumpet. Look closely and you see a five-pointed star. The Cow Parsnips that bloom earlier in the summer look like spheres from far away, but look closer and you see little individual blossoms that are five-pointed stars too! As these bloom until October, Richardson's geraniums on the mountain are these beautiful dark lavender blossoms that are also five-pointed stars. So, go take a walk with the kids, or even for yourself and go find these beautiful stars during the days.

For other plants, it depends where you live. If you live in cooler areas, you may be able to look at the Lilies of the area and notice that their blooms are six-pointed stars. Take the Hollyhock. Look from within the bloom and you will see this beautiful green five-pointed star in the center. In the desert, look for the Aloe Vera plants and look from above to see the star.

In food, we have stars that form on the top of tomato plants (five-pointed stars), onion blossoms (six-pointed stars), and on the pomegranate fruit (six-pointed stars). If you cut an apple horizontally, you get to see a star there as well (a five-pointed star)! So get the kids in the kitchen and explore which fruits and veggies that have stars in them, or cut them into stars. Then go take a walk to locate them in flowers and plants.

### **Something to think about:**

Learning about Geometry at such an early stage in life gives them the opportunity to see it everywhere else. Once a child, or any person of any age is able to see the Geometry, it becomes more tangible when it is time to learn more about it in the classroom. Geometry then becomes more relevant and more important for them to learn.

Have a wonderful time searching for the stars!

For more pictures and to read the entire article online, go to November's post on [www.learningmathwithmom.com](http://www.learningmathwithmom.com).



## FireWise on Mount Lemmon, Arizona

by Susie Pearce and Glen Schager  
Mount Lemmon FireWise co-coordinators

The autumn colors are gorgeous. Seems to be getting better each year. Since the fire, the Aspens have spread like weeds and have gotten tall, the new pines, while not as prolific, are doing well and also getting quite large. It would be a shame to have to start over again after another fire.

Most of the areas of the community that did not lose their trees are being kept well FireWised, but sadly, the areas that burned have had an overgrowth of grasses and shrubs. These grasses and shrubs are now drying out and if ignited, will burn like gasoline when fanned by wind. A wind driven grass fire is frightening to see, travels fast, is very hot, and very difficult to put out. April, May, and June can be very dry and very windy. So, between now and then, try to do your best to get your property cleared of these grasses and shrubs. Use a weed eater on the grass, clippers on the shrubs, and transport material cut to the burn area near the fire station. If placed in plastic bags, empty the bags at the burn area. Don't drop off the bags. If you need help cutting or transporting, let me know (Glen Schager-520-465-6906). I can transport any time. We hope to have some Boy Scout type help in the spring to assist with the cutting if there is enough need. Let me know.

## Santa Catalina Ranger District News

by Ken Born, District Manager, USFS

The Coronado National Forest (CNF) seeks public input on restructuring the Developed Recreation Program to become financially self-sufficient and sustainable. The CNF operates and maintains 204 developed recreation sites across the forest, including many on Mount Lemmon. Developed sites provide amenities such as picnic tables, restroom facilities, trash receptacles, designated parking, visitor security and interpretive signs, exhibits or kiosks.

Most land on the forest are not considered developed areas and are available for use free-of-charge. However, fees are charged at some developed sites to be used for operations and maintenance costs.

The estimated costs of maintaining the developed sites are \$3.8 million per year, which does not include additional services provided for visitors such as maintaining trails, managing remote camping areas, and fire-fighting operations. The revenue to operate and maintain the Developed Recreational Program totals approximately \$3.1 million annually. Approximately 50% of that funding comes from tax dollars allocated by Congress. The remaining 50% comes from the collection of fees.

To reduce costs, CNF has streamlined the workforce, closed sites, removed facilities, and installed lower-maintenance facilities. The actions have not sufficiently narrowed the cost-revenue gap. Despite efforts to become more efficient, the CNF Developed Recreation Program remains financially unsustainable. CNF invites input on methods to bring expenditures and revenues into balance now and into the future. Potential strategies include eliminating some developed recreation sites, transferring management of some developed recreation sites to partners or concessionaires, increasing the number of fee sites, or a combination of components. Over the next 12 months, forest personnel will engage with the public, tribes, stakeholders, and partners to identify potential strategies for closing the gap between recreation cost and revenue. Meeting dates will be announced through future news releases and posted on the CNF Restructuring Developed Recreation website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/coronado/feereview>

## AZ Forestry Cheatgrass Update for November 2016

by Lindy Brigham, Grant Coordinator

The work on the Arizona Forestry Division Cheatgrass Grant has been completed. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this effort. Here are the numbers:

Total grant amount- \$37,231. (Reimbursable amount \$18,581-Match required \$18, 650). Total amount spent and reimbursed-\$18,536.17. The match we provided was worth-\$27,176. The match was made through community volunteer efforts, cash donations from the Patio Garden Club, and the use of a Mount Lemmon Fire District vehicle. You all put in **1,258** hours of volunteer labor over the last two seasons. That is really impressive! We used some of the funds to buy a 50 gallon skid sprayer, a trailer to transport the sprayer and ten backpack sprayers. The rest of the funds were used to buy chemicals, bags, and the services of the Department of Corrections crew to pull the cheatgrass and off-duty firefighters to spray. At the end of the grant period (2 years) we now have the equipment necessary to continue the work. The goal was to knock down the biggest patches of cheatgrass to a manageable size and to get property owners engaged in maintaining their properties. We also have chemicals left over from the last season and the \$7,000 seed money from Trees for Mount Lemmon.

Again, I would like to thank everyone who helped and a special shout out to Dennis Cozzetti, who volunteered over 20 hours of his own time and 120 hours of his employee's time. **THANK YOU DENNIS!!!** Thanks to Pam Haskell and the Patio Garden Club for donating \$750 for the trailer and backpack sprayers. And the Mount Lemmon Fire Department has also been exceedingly helpful in organizing the off-duty firefighters and volunteering the use of one of their vehicles. Thank you Randy Ogden, Joe Gunia, and Peter Norton! The Loma Sabino Pines Homeowners Association, with the help of Linda Currin, who served as fiduciary agent for the grant and continues to serve as the accountant for the cheatgrass funds. Thank you Linda!

So next season we will again be keeping you informed of the appearance of cheatgrass and what you can do about it. Make sure you are on the listserv to get updates and information on cheatgrass plus all other important mountain information. (The sign-up form is on the home page of <http://www.mtlemmonhoa.org>)

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

**WHY WAIT UNTIL FEBRUARY? GET YOUR 2017 DUES PAID NOW SO YOU DON'T MISS ANY EXCITING ECHOES ISSUES!!**

### Mount Lemmon Homeowner's Association Annual Dues

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

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

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## Fall Calendars 2016

### November:

8th– Election Day  
14th– Full Moon  
19th– 8am-MLWD  
19th-10am– MLHOA  
19th-1pm– MLWC  
19th- 2pm– Randy Ogden speaks of Israel at MLCC after Woman’s Club meeting  
24th– Thanksgiving; 11am-3pm Thanksgiving meal at the Iron Door  
25th– 9am– Sawmill Restaurant open for breakfast

### December:

3rd– 10:30am- MLWC Annual Holiday Brunch at Inns at El Rancho Merlita  
7th– Pearl Harbor Day  
10th– 5pm-9pm White Bear Party at the Sawmill Restaurant  
14th– Full Moon  
21st– Winter Solstice  
24th– Christmas Eve  
25th– Christmas Day  
26th– First day of Kwanzaa  
31st– New Year’s Eve

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### We Say Good-Bye to Gary Slocum

by Lorri Hans

It seems we have lost so many dear friends this year. It is with a sad heart I tell you that we lost Gary Slocum Thursday, October 20th. Gary had a heart attack and was able to dial 911. He was taken to Saint Joseph’s Hospital and treated by a cardiologist while they determined if he would need to be treated at TMC. Gary’s heart just didn’t have the strength to continue and he passed at Saint Joseph’s Hospital. Gary’s son and daughter-in-law came in from Des Moines to be with Kay. Please send your prayers and thoughts to Kay and her family during this incredibly sad time. Rest well Gary...





## SUMMERHAVEN ANNUAL WHITE BEAR HOLIDAY PARTY



**Bring a wrapped White Bear (AKA White Elephant) Gift  
And get ready for an exciting and fun gift Exchange!!**



Winner of the White Bear will be the lucky one who will act as Host for 2017!

Your Hosts this year: Joe & Carole McCollough, caretakers of the White Bear roaming the Mount Lemmon area, and Carol Niehoff & Michael Stanley.

Saturday, December 10th, 5pm-9pm

Appetizers- 5pm-6pm

### **MENU**

Smoked Tri Tip Steak with a house sauce

Traditional Holiday Ham

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Fresh Candied Yams

Fresh Green Beans

Assorted Desserts

Meal is \$18 per person, To RSVP and make reservations email Steven at

**[Stevensawmill@gmail.com](mailto:Stevensawmill@gmail.com)**

Please respond before December 6th to keep the White Bear happy!

Steven assures us late coming reservations will be accepted.

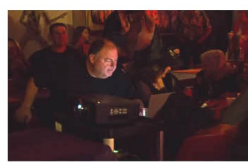
**Halloween Party 2016!**  
Photography by Our Own Henry Johnson





## Halloween Party 2016 Continued...

Photography by Our Own Henry Johnson





## Mount Lemmon Marigold- (*Tagetes Lemmonii*)

by Robin Kirk

The Mount Lemmon Marigold (*Tagetes Lemmonii*) was named for John Gill Lemmon and his wife Sara Plummer Lemmon, botanists, who first identified, catalogued and pressed native plants on the mountain. The Lemmons honeymooned in the Santa Catalina Mountains and eventually scaled the tallest peak, at 9159 feet, which was named in her honor. She was the first documented Anglo woman on the mountain.

The Mount Lemmon Marigold typically blooms from August to November but sometimes blooms in the spring as well. The habitat is in the canyons, slopes, and along stream beds in riparian shrub, oak woodland, oak pine woodland, and pine forest. The flower is about 1-2 inches across and the plant can grow to be about 2-3 feet in diameter or larger. The plant gives off a pleasant and distinctive fragrance (although some don't like it) that comes from essential oils in the leaves, which are used medicinally. *Tagetes Lemmonii* is native to Southern Arizona and is also called the tangerine scented marigold as the leaves of the plant have a strong scent of mint and lemon. Some steep the leaves for a medicinal tea. It grows between 4,000 ft and 8,000 ft and was discovered in the late 1800's by the Lemmons. It is also known as Lemon Marigold and Copper Canyon Daisy. It is drought tolerant and does best in full sun. White tail deer don't eat Mountain Marigold but the bees and butterflies love the flower's nectar. This marigold is the main daisy-like plant along Catalina Highway in the fall. It is a deciduous perennial herb, subshrub, and shrub.

Shown in this article are photos of the Mount Lemmon Marigold in full bloom at Tom and Patsy Riley's cabin. At Robin Kirk's cabin it has many buds but is not blooming yet. We got our plants at Civano Nursery which carries native Mount Lemmon plants.



## Lemmon the Bear at Bearizona

by John and Linda Mulay

John and Linda Mulay took a trip to Bearizona to see how Lemmon, the young female cub taken from Willow Canyon was doing. She is afraid of nothing, so they are still working with her and hope to have her out and about soon. She has even been introduced to a mate and they are playing daily.

Bearizona is 30 miles west of Flagstaff, just before Williams. Go to [bearizona.com](http://bearizona.com) and get all of the information and pictures. Lemmon is a lucky little bear to be living there.





## We Sure Could Use...A Little Good News Today

by Lorri Hans

A local radio station I listen to started a segment called, "Good News" recently. The Dj's would read stories they heard about or possibly saw where someone did an act of kindness or received said act. I thought this would be an excellent addition to the Echoes. I am asking folks to send me their "Good News" stories. We all see random acts of kindness and sometimes we are involved in those acts, whether we are the giver or the receiver. Here are some samples of stories I am hoping you folks will submit. With all of the bad news in the world, I thought in our little corner of the world we could share the good things that happen all around the world and around us.

This is a small act of kindness but I was the receiver in this story. I was at the gas station filling up my truck but I also needed to fill my 5 gallon spare gas tank to bring to the mountain. I filled the gas can first and was securing the nozzle in my truck when a middle aged man tapped me on the shoulder and asked if he could give me a hand. I wasn't sure what he meant but told him I was ok. I put the cap on the gas tank and went to lift it when he reached over and grabbed the tank. He said there was no reason why I should try to lift that tank when he was right there to help. I accepted the help and he not only put it in the bed of my truck but he secured it with bungees so it wouldn't spill or move on the trip up. I could've probably lifted the can myself but it was a genuinely nice thing to have him do it for me.

An elderly couple driving up the mountain weren't watching the road and ran over a large rock. The rock not only flattened their front tire but the rear as well. Having no phone service in the area they were in made it impossible for them to call for help. The gentleman didn't know what to do. He didn't want to walk away and leave his wife in the car but he knew she couldn't walk far. Just as he was starting to walk away from his car and his wife, a couple stopped to see if they could help. Not only did they take the couple to the top of the mountain, they stayed with them until the tow truck showed up. When the driver of the tow truck told them he could only take one passenger, the couple gathered the stranded motorists back up, put them back in their car and took them all the way back down to town to the garage where the elderly couples car was towed to. Who knows what the couples plans for the day were but they stopped to help a complete stranger and they set aside their plans and needs to help someone else.

These are just two stories that happened recently and are along the lines of what I am hoping people will send in. I told a local about my idea recently and she thought it was great. She said that by asking folks to send in their stories of good news and good acts it would not only keep people aware of the kind acts, it might also get people to do more acts of kindness...Hope to hear from y'all over the holiday break so we have lots of good stories to tell come 2017!

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**\*\*Just Call 911\*\***



Becoming friends with our local firemen, EMT's, and law enforcement officers is bound to happen when we see them so often. It has become second nature to just call them directly instead of using the 911 services. It is very important to their budgets that we utilize the 911 dispatch and not call directly to the firehouse or our sheriff's cell phones. If we don't go through the proper channels, the agency doesn't get credit for the service they have performed, which means they don't get paid. If you need medical attention, CALL 911. If you are in need of law enforcement, CALL 911. If you see a fire, CALL 911.



It will benefit us all in the long run!



## Sweet Pea And Sammy Hit The Road

by Lorri Hans and David Grossman



For Sammy, the night took forever to go by. He waited on the path all night long for Sweet Pea to return and tell him what her parents had to say. Finally he heard voices and looked up to see Sweet Pea and her whole family approaching him.



Sammy mustered up the courage to extend his paw to Sweet Pea's father and said, "Um, hello mister Sweet Pea, my name is Sammy the Squirrel and I'd like to ask for your daughters paw in marriage." Sammy had to clear his throat many times before the full sentence was said out loud. Sweet Pea's father had a stern look on his face as he looked Sammy up and down. It appeared that he was angry as he huffed and puffed and walked around the poor nervous Sammy. When he stopped again, face to face with Sammy, he smacked away his paw and said, "If you're going to be a part of this family then the first thing you must learn is that we hug family, we don't shake paws." At that moment a smile spread across Sweet Pea's fathers face and Sammy was pulled in for his hug. Sammy was still shaking from fear but as he and Sweet Pea's father hugged, he realized he had been accepted and his dream would come true. He would soon marry Sweet Pea.

Because the kids wanted to move away and start their own life, the plans for a wedding began right away. All the animals of the forest were invited to see the wedding but no one could decide where it should be held. Would they all travel to the fairy garden? Or go back to Ski Valley to Sammy's home? Or maybe they could pick one of the patios where Sweet Pea had tasted her first foods other than pine nuts and such. Sammy, being the outsider tried to stay out of the plans but he finally spoke up. Clearing his throat, paws shaking, knees trembling, Sammy said in a shaky voice, "If you don't mind, I'd like to marry Sweet Pea at our new home." To this Sweet Pea's father swung around and said, "Oh?? And just WHERE do you plan on taking my little girl???" "I don't know yet", said Sammy. Well Sweet Pea's father was quite a trickster so he told Sammy he would have to play a game with him if he intended to take his daughter away from her home. They found themselves in a dark room that looked like a game show. They saw some acorns and a buzzer. Sweet Pea's father said, "Push the buzzer and tell me your answer." "What buzzer?", said Sammy. "BUZZ", Sammy said, "Oh I found it!" Sammy stuttered his answer, "Umm PPPP Pineapple?" NO, wrong answer and acorns came falling down all around Sammy. Even though he didn't win the game, he did get Sweet Pea's dad, Bob, to respect him for trying to play the game, even if he wasn't really good at it!

Sweet Pea's mother had to convince her dad to let Sammy make the plans for his daughter's future. It was hard for him to let go of his little girl but he did. They ran through the village with a bell in their paws announcing the marriage and relocation of their beloved Sweet Pea. One and all were invited to the nuptial's to be held at Rose Canyon Lake. Come one, come all...was all that could be heard for days in the forest and the streets of Summerhaven.

Sweet Pea had many fond memories of Summerhaven and wiped a tear from her nose as they turned to head for her new home. Sammy held her paw tight and promised she would love her new home. She knew she would and she trusted Sammy to always take care of her but she would miss her friends and the adventures they had shared.

Sweet Pea and her gang arrived at the lake and they all stood in awe of its beauty. Suddenly she heard the squawk of a raven, the gobble of a turkey, and the complaining of a chipmunk. She turned to see Rufus the Raven, Thomas the Turkey, and Charlie the Chipmunk standing in front of her. After many hugs, Rufus wrapped his wings around her and said, "You didn't think we'd miss your wedding did ya?" Surrounded by her friends and family, Sweet Pea said yes to Moe the Minister when he asked if she would take Sammy's paw in marriage. Thus began the life of Sammy and Sweet Pea Squirrel's life on their own... but their friends decided to stay just in case she needed them...her family returned to the village to raise many more babies that would experience new foods and fun in Summerhaven, their home...The End

**Mount Lemmon Listserv**

Receive information from the Mount Lemmon community by signing up on the **Mount 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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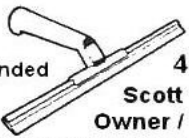
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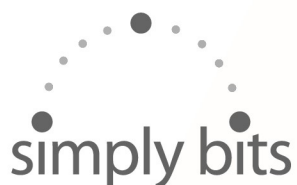
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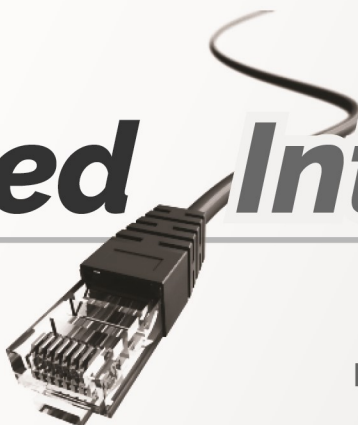




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The most visible product of the MLHOA is the **ECHOES**, a newsletter published ten times a year. The Association organizes social events such as potlucks, pancake breakfasts, ice cream socials and raffles, enabling owners to mingle. Members of the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

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

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## Fairy Gardens of the Mountain

by Robin Kirk

Most of us have heard of the Fairy Garden at the end of Turkey Run but did you know there are multiple gardens at residents homes? Here are a few photos up personal fairy gardens as well as the one on Turkey Run. Can you guess who's homes these are displayed at? If anyone else has a fairy garden set up and would like to submit photos of it, please send to Lorri at [mtlemmonpielady@gmail.com](mailto:mtlemmonpielady@gmail.com) and she will post them. If you'd like people to know where your garden is, please include your address. If you would rather not have people come by and look at your garden, we will not disclose the location. It's totally up to you! Enjoy the photos below and maybe your fairy garden will be the next one highlighted in the Echoes!!



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