

The Mount Lemmon Echoes

Sky Island Kids Have Arrived!!!



The mountain is alive with children this summer and the activities have begun!

The Sky Island Kids Club, formed in June, is loosely based on the Nature Club for Families, a Children and Nature Network. The Club encourages families to enjoy the wonders of nature. We mountain homeowners are here because of nature. Therefore, more importantly, the Sky Island Kids Club is a way for our children and grandchildren to get to know each other and create that bond of community at generational levels. Christina Grossman, the children and Diana Osborne put together a fun agenda for this, our first summer.

6/23 Botany & Butterflies

10am-12pm

Hiking along our water ways provided opportunities to learn about our flora and fauna. The children learned about plants dating back to the Jurassic time, the difference between pine and a fir and why butterflies signal a healthy environment. (Marshall Gulch)

7/14 Sky Island Camping

6pm-overnight

This evenings experience will teach the children how to set up tents and create a safe campsite. They will cook their own meal and tell stories around the campfire. (Osborne Cabin & plenty of adults!)

7/21 Great Balls of Fire

6pm-8pm

An expert will teach us how to build a fire with 2 sticks! We'll celebrate & respect the magic and gift of fire with s'mores for our final gathering. Telescopes will help us find our fiery friends in the sky and maybe a surprise galaxy! We'll end our summer Sky Island Kids adventure by telling our favorite experience over the summer around the fire. (Osborne Cabin. Arrival after dinner for fire, astronomy & a farewell ceremony.



Other Sky Island Kids Activities

7/04 4th of July Parade

Noon-?

The mountain children are invited to parade in unison. We'll celebrate the youthful spirit of the mountain to show patriotism.



7/28 Fairy Day!

10am-12pm

Calling all children and mountain families to join a fairy gathering. Wear a fairy costume. We'll spirit up with face painting, wand and headdress making. A fairy Jasmine will lead the fairy procession to discover fairy houses along the way. A forest picnic will ensue and fairy houses will win prizes in many categories. Start creating your fairy house today!!

Please let Christina Grossman (520) 360-7694 or Diana Osborne (520) 907-2634 know if you and your child or grandchild can join us for any of the activities. Monsoons are always a challenge and activities are subject to change.



Cheatgrass News-July 2018

by Lindy Brigham

Cheatgrass season is nearly over. There are not many green plants left, but when you see them, pull them! We had many reports of a decrease in the extent of cheatgrass in many areas this year. This is in large part due to the perseverance so many of you have shown over the years. Good job! It is also due in a very large part to the tireless work of Dennis Cozzetti! Please thank him when you see him for his commitment to this effort. It is paying off!

So now that you don't have to worry so much (for this year) about cheatgrass, it is time to get on top of the toadflax (<https://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/plants/yellowtoadflax.shtml>). Also known as butter and eggs. I have managed to keep it at bay on the east side of the valley around Florence, but it is getting out of hand over on Miami. Please, please pull it when you see it.

If you have any questions, please contact Lindy at labrigham@msn.com or at 520-955-2599.

And as always a reminder-Make sure you are on the listserv to get updates and information on Firewise and cheatgrass, plus all the other important information. (The sign-up form is on the home page of <http://www.mtlemonhoa.org>)



Sky Island Kids Club- Rock Painting New Activities for Our Young Visitors



Are We Still Here?

by Tom Thomas, board member



As I write this article in early June, I wonder if the monsoons will have arrived by the time of this issue's publication and if we avoided another fire catastrophe. This is becoming an annual event.

Mount Lemmon property owners are in a very unique situation. We are less than two square miles of private property, in the middle of a national forest, at the end of a long mountain road, and mostly occupied by part-time vacation residents with no paid administrators (mayor or council). I do not know of any other place in the country in a similar situation.

We are a community of private property, with little control over the public land that surrounds it. The Forest Service is hamstrung by inadequate funding and odious environmental rules. On a good note, have you seen Marshall Gulch and Trail lately? It took many years of prodding for the Forest Service to accomplish this tree thinning. Next is the trail up from Turkey Run Road and our watershed-probably several *more* years.

Our community also had a very successful firewising of private properties. Sally Crum did an excellent job of mobilizing volunteers to notify owners in person and by mail about how to create defensible space around cabins and across their lots. Thank you, Sally and all the volunteers.

That brings up the idea of volunteerism. The people that freely devote their time and energy for our community-property owners that serve on the boards of our homeowners associations, Fire District, Water District, Woman's Club, etc.-are what keep our community safe and protect property values. Thank you! Most of our "residents" only visit their property several times a year and are not involved in the day-to-day concerns. We need more involvement by *ALL* property owners, regardless of how frequently they are on the mountain.

Please consider serving on or attending these board meetings, which are open to the public, and see for yourself what is being accomplished. It is up to us to protect our Paradise as best we can from the inevitable next fire.

Mount Lemmon Water District News

by Michael Stanley

Welcome to summer. Our latest rain was great but not sufficient to change the drought status of the mountain. With this we need to remain vigilant on conservation of water. Our springs are down to less than 10 gallons per minute. Our normal flow this time of year has been as high as 18 to 20 gallons per minute. We have storage to compensate for the difference between our inflow and demand but another month of no rain can cause us to enter into a voluntary restriction of use. So start conserving now and keep thinking RAIN. Also remember to be careful with fire.

Have a water problem? Give us a call at 576-1538.

THANKS FOR CARING AWARD

The Mount Lemmon Homeowner's Association honors:

BILL PIAKIWTIZ

The caring award was created to acknowledge people from our community that show they care by their actions. But there are others who's actions aren't seen. Bill has been vocal about his new project S.O.S. but not too many people know how hard he has worked on this, gathering information to get our goals achieved. Be sure and say Thank You to Bill when you see him because he is truly working for you and me, trying to Save Our Summerhaven!

Looking For a Few Good Volunteers

by Pete Krauss

We need people to spend a few hours in the MLCC Visitors Center to greet Mount Lemmon guests, primarily on Sundays as Paul usually covers Friday and Saturday. A good way to learn the ropes would be to spend a little time with Paul. He is always ready and willing to teach others. The hardest part is putting up the flag and operating the copy machine. The rest is just visiting with our guests about what there is to see and do on the mountain.

The tourist season is really starting to happen with the warmer weather in the valley. It really is fun and interesting to talk to our visitors who come from all over the United States and the world. Keeping our center open is good for businesses on Mount Lemmon, it supports the Forest Service, reinforces our relationship with Pima County Parks and Recreation (who provides us with the MLCC facility for our many meeting, parties, and programs).

Contact Pete Krauss at teamkraus@msn.com if you'd like to volunteer or call him at 520-887-0524

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Mount Lemmon Woman's Club News

by Connie Taylor, president

The first three weeks of June have really been busy for the Mount Lemmon Woman's Club. Our first function was the Membership Luncheon with Fran Zimmerman at the helm, we opened, moved chairs and decorated the rustic and nostalgic D-1 cabin. We had forty ladies attend and bring salads for all to enjoy (do you think we had enough to eat?). We were fortunate to have as our guest speaker, Mount Lemmon Fire Chief Joe Gunia, speaking on the condition of the mountain and answering many questions. Appreciation was given to Fran Zimmerman and to Sally Crum for her work on Firewise.

Our next function on June 9th was the Cabin Tours. This was our seventeenth year for this event and Sally Crawford was our organizer extraordinaire. Sally juggled all the participants, put us into groups and had each group going at a different time. We all ended at Brett and Rose Mary Hinsch's cabin for the party, without a hitch! Thank you Sally, Brett and Rose Mary, and to those people whose wonderful cabins we invaded.

On June 16th was our regular MLWC meeting and my first as president. Wouldn't you know, the rain came down in torrents that morning in Tanque Verde Valley. Water was up to our back door and no electricity for a hour. I was hoping the road was clear of rocks and debris to get up the mountain. Not only was the meeting to occur at the Fire House at 1:00 PM, but the "Banjo Blaster's" were due to come up and perform at 2:30 PM. Thinking positive really helped! The meeting went well and the Banjo Blaster's show commenced right on time. If you missed the show, you missed some wonderful roaring 20's music and seeing Tami and Rose Mary dance the polka, and Rose Mary playing the wash board that one of the Blaster's loaned her! Wow! That girl has rhythm! Our next event is the Fourth of July Parade.

Our next regular meeting will be on July 21st (hopefully at the MLCC), with guest speaker Henry Johnson on his outstanding bird photography at 2:30 PM. See you on the mountain!

!!!SAVE THE DATE!!!

WHEN: JULY 14TH AT 5:00 PM

WHERE: MOUNT LEMMON COMMUNITY CENTER

Come celebrate this year's successful Firewise effort and the arrival of the MON-SOON at a community potluck. A taco bar will be provided.

If your last name starts with an A-P, please bring an appetizer. And if your last name starts with a Q-Z, please bring a dessert.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to bernasteele@gmail.com or call (520) 991-2509.

Since we are providing a taco bar, it will be helpful to have a count of attendees.

Firewise Program-July 2018

by Sally Crum, Firewise Coordinator



SAVE THE DATE- July 14th Join your neighbors for the Firewise Community Potluck at the Mount Lemmon Community Center. We will be celebrating all of our hard work in Firewising our homes, as well as the arrival of RAIN on our mountain. Festivities will begin at 5:00pm- Watch for details on NextDoor and listserv.

EMBERS AND DECKS: Blown embers generated during wildfires are the single biggest hazard posed to homes, and homeowners should never overlook the potential risk that an attached deck can create. Nothing that can ignite should be stored under a deck. An ignited deck can result in the ignition of combustible siding or glass breakage in a sliding glass door. More information on this will be available at the Firewise Community Potluck.

HAVE A CABIN OFF OF TURKEY RUN? (Cap Rock, Grosbeak, Guthrie, Tanager, Turkey Run) We will be hearing shortly about our request for grant funding to complete Firewise efforts on private properties in this area. Permission forms are available at the MLFD or through Sally Crum. This is an EXCELLENT opportunity to improve forest health and protect the Sabino Creek watershed at minimal cost to owners. Please contact Sally (520-419-8204 or sbc602@gmail.com) or Chief Joe Gunia with any questions or concerns.

FIREWISE DATA COLLECTION: THANKS AGAIN for all of the time and money you spend on reducing wildfire risk by Firewising your property. The renewal process for our Firewise Program allows us to take credit for the time and money you spent. Please complete the attached form and email it to Sally Crum, sbc602@gmail.com.

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Phone# _____ Email _____

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\$ Spent (hire, dumping, etc.) _____

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The Parade is Almost Here

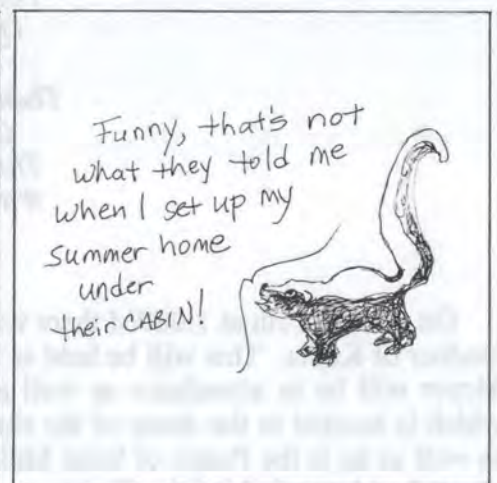
by Jennifer Shacter

Pipers and dancers and a mini-mule...Oh My! Just some of the wonderful entries you will see as part of this year's 4th of July Parade. What a wonderful honor for our mountaintop community once again this year- the 162nd ANG will begin our parade with a fly-over (weather permitting). Cover your ears and have eyes to the skies just before 12 Noon for this breathtaking sight!

The entry deadline has passed now but it's not too late to give me a call to volunteer your time to help with the parade check-in, traffic control, AND you'll still be able to watch the parade! I can be reached at (520) 749-9233 weekdays or (520) 576-9329 weekends. I WILL NOT have access to email after June 28th!

Of course, we'll have several special things happening on July 4th besides the parade...The Tucson Concert Band will be playing on the patio of the Mount Lemmon Community Center beginning around 10:30 AM, so come up and enjoy the music. Walgreens may be back again this year with bottled water and other freebies near the MLCC mid to late morning. And, of course, the businesses in Summerhaven & Ski Valley will be open to serve the community and visitors!

The road into Summerhaven will close no later than 11:30 AM and will reopen following the parade. Parking is limited, so plan to arrive early. Stay to enjoy a cool, summer afternoon and some delicious Mount Lemmon fudge, cookies, chili, pie, some shopping, a sky ride, pizza, a calzone, etc...



FROM the twisted mind of Andrea Martin

drawn by Jeanne Hartman

I Heard the Bell on Mount Lemmon

by Dr. Gene Kinghorn

Mount Lemmon has a working Paul Revere Bell located at the Shrine to Mary Undoer of Knots. Many Mount Lemmon residents have lived in towns or villages where a bell was part of life and many have traveled abroad and experienced the daily ringing of church bells throughout the world. In this article, I would like to describe the exciting possibilities this unique bell brings to the Mount Lemmon community.

Historically, church bells rang as early as the 7th century as a place of hope, help, and prayer. For our ancestors, church bells played an important part in the life of the community and each peal had its own meaning. For example, the '*Gabriel*' bell woke the people of the parish; the '*sermon*' bell announced it was time for the church services; the '*pardon*' bell rang before and after the sermon during prayers for the pardoning of sins; the '*pudding*' bell, which undoubtedly was the most popular, told the cook to prepare dinner while the churchgoers headed for home; the '*passing*' bell tolled three times at a man's death with extra rings for each year of his age.

Our firefighters may know the name **CURFEW**, or in French, '**COUVRE FEU**', translates as 'cover fire'. This alarm was rung every evening at eight o'clock. It was the summons for all the people to extinguish fires and lights in the houses, and retire for the night. In London around 1556 bellmen rang the bell at night and cried, "*Take care of your fire and candle, be charitable to the poor, and pray for the dead*".

The Mount Lemmon bronze bell (weighing in at over 1,000 lbs. with its frame) installed into the Shrine to Mary Undoer of Knots Veterans' Memorial Bell Tower is an original, authentic Paul Revere Bell. Cast in 1826 and purchased in 1833 by a Congregationalist Church in Chicopee Falls, MA. The Mary Undoer of Knots Foundation acquired the bell in April 2016 for the Shrine on Mount Lemmon.

*I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their familiar carols play
And mild and sweet, the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men!*

*And thought how, as the day had come
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along, the unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men!*

*And in despair, I bowed my head
'There is no peace on earth', I said:
For hate so strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men!*

*Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
'God is not dead; nor doth He sleep!
The wrong shall fail, The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men!'*

"Save the Date"

On August 11th at 1:00PM there will be an informational talk regarding the newly erected Shrine to Mary Undoer of Knots. This will be held at the Mount Lemmon Community Center. The Architect Mr. Chauncey Meyer will be in attendance as well as the Iconographer Mr. Chuck Albanese who wrote the Pantocrator which is located in the dome of the church. Reverend Robert Rankin will represent the Eparchy of Phoenix as well as he is the Pastor of Saint Melany's Byzantine Catholic Church in Tucson. All are welcome to hear about the history behind the Shrine.

Look Up to the Clouds and Name What You See: Harnessing Imagination to Build Stronger Thinking in Mathematics

by Christina Grossman



With summer bringing beautiful clouds, this is a great time to plop on the ground and look up to the sky! Have you ever played the game of naming clouds? Do you know that this might be great for your creative eyes to stretch and have some fun?

Just go outside and take a few minutes to look at some clouds and take turns with your child as to what they see and you see. Name some shapes too! Have lots of giggles and smiles! Your child might be able to see their favorite cartoon character, or a favorite animal. Sometimes the clouds look wispy and you can see what looks like fairies dancing. Whatever you see and however you see it in the sky, the goal is to get creative!

To check out the cloud pictures and name what you see, go to www.learningmathwithmom.com.

Something To Think About:

In Mathematics, the patterns or solutions that we need to find are not always going to pop up at you and say "Here I am!". I have used a lot of creativity and imagination to solve some mathematical problems. The more opportunities we take time to be creative in what we see, the easier it will be to see even the hardest patterns and solutions. It is helping yourself and your child to see and think outside the box. It will also make it easier to explain it to someone else. :)

There is always more than one way to add, there is always more than one way to multiply, and there is always more than one way to approach a problem. Being an example to our children in this way can really help them to adapt to challenges, seeing things differently, and knowing it is great to try another approach.

Remember, creativity and imagination go hand in hand with Mathematics! Having this attitude and belief will help us see just how attainable Mathematics really is to all of us! Enjoy being with the clouds!

Water-Shed as a Conservator of Moisture An Article Written in the Early 1900's

submitted by Cathie Brown

The water supply in the Santa Catalina Mountains is a matter of great importance, situated as it is in the midst of a desert region where every spring and rivulet are of inestimable value and where so much is dependent upon the small water supply every possible precaution should be taken to perpetuate and conserve it.

The Rillito, an important tributary of the Santa Cruz River, has its source in the Catalina Mountains. La Ventina, Sabino and Bear Canyon Creeks empty into the Rillito and the water used along this stream and the Santa Cruz for irrigation. The Rillito has a surface-flow during flood seasons and a heavy underflow during the entire year, which is tapped by various small irrigation ditches.

The water shedding to the North empties into the San Pedro River, upon the borders of which streams are some of the most valuable ranches in Arizona, all dependent upon artificial irrigation.

Large and valuable springs having their sources in the mountains, break out along the lower foothills. The largest ones are located along the south side. Among these are Agua Caliente with an annual flow of 50 miner's inches; Tanque Verde with 75 inches; and Gibbon's spring which carries about 10 inches. The water from Agua Caliente and Tanque Verde springs is used for irrigation. Many other small springs are used for stock purposes. All are without the boundaries of the proposed reservation but have their sources in the mountains.

The water supply is and will continue to be commensurate with the density of the forest cover over the mountains. During May, 1900, the forest was visited with a very general destructive surface forest fire. The usual rains fell in June and July but quickly ran off of the denuded mountains, filling the streams with silt and detritus. In August, Sabino Canyon was dry for the first time within the history of the country.

To preserve and increase the water supply it is highly important that the forests on these water sheds be protected and this fact is recognized by every citizen of Pinal County.

One Woman's Opinion;

Clearly, dating back to the early 1900's, the mountain we all call home played an important role in the survival of the desert below for delivering much needed moisture. We now have our own storage of this precious resource to maintain our water needs, but still the valley below depends on the water that flows down during monsoon season and winter snow melting. We must do our best to keep our usage to a minimum during these times of drought, not only for ourselves, but for our neighbors below. Do your best not to let water leaks go unfixed, even the smallest drip can make an impact on our very limited supply of water. We all take a deep breath when the monsoons hit and stay steady for weeks at a time but with our winters being so dry, we no longer have the comfort of knowing the snow will melt and add to our supply. So let's hope for slow steady rains that saturate our mountain and snow that falls steady through the winter. Enough snow to add to our tanks, but not enough to keep our roads closed for long as we also need the revenue from our winter visitors to keep our community growing.



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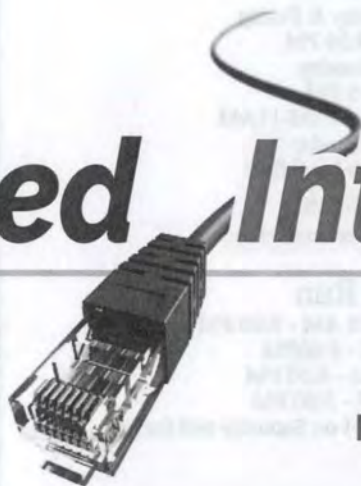
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The most visible product of the MLHOA is the **ECHOES**, a newsletter published ten times a year. The Association organizes social events such as potlucks, pancake breakfasts, ice cream socials and raffles, enabling owners to mingle. Members of the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

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8	9	10	11	12	13	14 5pm-Firewise pot luck MLCC 6pm-Campover Sky Island Kids
15	16	17	18	19	20 21 8a-MLWD 10am-MLHOA 1pm- MLWC 6pm-Sky Island Kids Club	
22	23	24	25	26	27 Full Moon	28 10am-2pm Fairy day-Sky Island Kids Club
29	30	31				

July Church Services at the Mount Lemmon Community Center

We normally do not have services the week of July 4th. With the 4th being Wednesday, we won't have services on July 1st or July 8th.

July 15th speaker is Jonathon Alameda from Calvary Church

July 22nd speaker is Paul Dr Young from Pantano Christian Church

July 29th speaker is Daniel Short from Pantano Christian Church

The nondenominational Christian services start at 9am in the community center meeting room.

BUNKO IS BACK!!!

Friday, July 20th from 6:30PM-9:00PM at the Mount Lemmon Community Center

Bring snacks to share, what you want to drink and your smiling faces. Linda Mulay will go over the rules for those who don't know how to play.

Questions? Call Linda at 520-576-1417

Cascading Blue Quilt

by Lorri Hans

Just a reminder that the Cascading Blue Quilt raffle tickets are still available. The raffle will benefit the MLWD for all of their efforts in the past and for those we know they will do in the future. Tickets can be purchased at the Woman's Club meetings or from Lorri Hans. You can reach Lorri at 520-907-6818 to inquire about getting some or more! Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Don't miss out on this beautiful king sized quilt made by the loving hands of our local women!



The Rose Family

by Frank Rose

If you want to bake a delicious pie, look to the rose family. On this mountain range alone we have Apple, Peach, Apricot and Plum trees, all in this family. These have been introduced. Then there are the native roses, such as strawberry, two kinds of raspberry, and two kinds of cherry. There are also many plants in the rose family that are not good for pie fillings.

The largest raspberry is a good-sized shrub with beautiful white blossoms having a mass of yellow stamens in their center. There are a lot of them on the road leading into Summerhaven as well as along Turkey Run and in other places. This is the New Mexico Raspberry (*Rubus neomexicanus*). I have eaten the raspberries from this shrub and found that they are edible but not nearly as tasty as the much smaller red raspberry (*Rubus idaeus* var. *strigosus*). The New Mexico raspberries are finishing their first blooming period now, and will probably bloom again later in the summer. The wild strawberries (*Fragaria vesca* subsp. *Bracteata*) also have very long blooming season, and are delicious, but the wildlife usually gets to the fruit before us.



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