

# The Mt. Lemmon Echoes

Sunrise photo by Michael Stanley

## Gratitude Amplifies, Multiplies and Magnifies!

by Michael Stanley, MLHOA Board president

Welcome to May 2021. That sounds strange to say. 2021 is already into the 5th month, summer is here, and our season has begun. Carol dislikes me saying, "It will be Christmas before we know it," but time continues to fly. I have been reading a little book on Gratitude that seems to have an abundance of wisdom. It mentions that the good we see in ourselves, in others and in the world is amplified, multiplied and magnified through a grateful outlook. Gratitude locks in this goodness and appreciates in value. Continue to keep a positive outlook as the future unfolds before our very eyes. Our mountain community gains perspective and we all profit from the goodness we feel. Even though we are a smaller area, our local attitude matters to all of us and allows for growth.



Daffodils in rocks by Michael Stanley

The Mt. Lemmon community needs your continued support. Remain active and participate in the events and situations that arise. The Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association is your voice in local issues. Please feel free to contact the Board of Directors with ideas, concerns and comments. To connect, please visit our website at <https://mtlemmonhoa.org/> and sign up for Nextdoor or connect with our listserv program. Information on these sites is in your copy of the Echoes. See you on the mountain!



Long-time cabin owner Fred Pace passed away in Tucson on January 23, 2021. Fred spent his life giving back to the community of southern Arizona and Mount Lemmon as a Board member of the Mount Lemmon Fire District. It cannot be overstated how much Fred was loved, respected and admired by his mountain friends. He was always the first one to offer a helping hand or anything else someone needed.

In the early 1970's Fred took ownership of Lynch Engineering and Construction which became Pace Construction. Over his 40-year career he built hospitals, schools, banks, fire stations, and telescopes. His passion for building was evident to anyone who worked with him.

He will be remembered for always having a joke to share. Fred will be missed by all.

Submitted by Fran Zimmerman



# May



5th

9th

Mother's Day

15th

Board Meetings

MLWD 8:30 am

MLHOA 10:00 am

MLWC 1:00 pm Zoom

17th

Tax Day

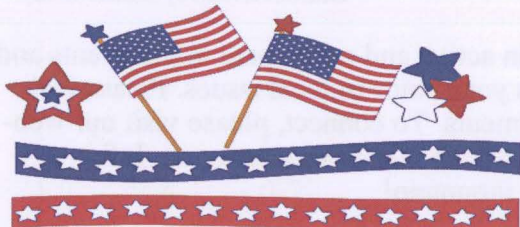
ML Fire board meeting 4 pm

26th

Full moon

31st

Memorial Day



Oh my, it's MAY!?! I cannot believe we're on summer's doorstep. The saguaros, palo verde and mesquite trees, the desert shrubs and cacti are all blooming in the lowlands. But the lack of winter/spring moisture has the upper elevations looking rather sad. The burn scars from the Bighorn Fire, especially the areas along the highway, are looking vulnerable. Hopefully the visitors from the valley will keep their cigarettes and campfires where they belong!

We still haven't really had any in-person social events to report on, which will hopefully change soon! One event coming soon is the annual Community Clean-up, 9 am Saturday, May 8. At this point in the Covid-crisis, outdoor events are the way to go! So, gather everyone and let's get our little village looking tidy.

When you are up in the village, stop by the Post Office (Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 3:00) and check out the new stamps. I try to keep a variety of postage available, including our new Love stamp, a booklet of Espresso Drinks stamps, and even a sheet of stamps coming out on May 4<sup>th</sup> featuring the Star Wars Droids!



I hope to see you on the mountain soon! Pamela Selby-Harmon [selbyharmon@aol.com](mailto:selbyharmon@aol.com)

PS. Although I do try to get our little newsletter out by the first of the month, life has been extra (stress)full lately. I sort of fell in to this editing "job" because we didn't have anyone else willing. But we have had a new influx of cabin owners recently. So, if anyone is interested in taking over this (generally) fun task of creating the Echoes, let me know.

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The facility is dependent upon local volunteers to staff and support the visitors center.

The mission is to welcome all who visit the facility and to promote Summerhaven, Mt. Lemmon and Pima County, Arizona. To reserve the MLCC, call Kelly Cheeseman, Pima County Parks and Recreation, 520-724-5208, or email [Kelly.Cheeseman@pima.gov](mailto:Kelly.Cheeseman@pima.gov).





## Red Flag Summer on the Mountain?

by Doug Mance, Water Board chair

Spring greetings from your Mt. Lemmon Water District. As we slowly emerge from our historic past year, it is easy for all of us to reflect on some of the things we have learned since the hoarding of toilet paper, just a year ago. I have shared with many of you that, if you have not learned and embraced the virtue of patience in the last year, it is doubtful that you ever will.

Thanks to some late snowfall last month, our tanks are full, and our springs have moderate flow. The entire western United States, however, is in a serious drought situation. While today water conditions on the mountain are stable, many of us have not even opened our cabins for the summer.

In the lowlands, there have already been a handful of wildfires, and the desert poppy season is a total bust. It is best that we listen to Mother Nature, folks. She is telling us to be careful, observant, frugal, and conservation minded. I am writing this piece just prior to our monthly board of directors' meeting, but I believe the topic of stage two water conservation efforts (still in effect) will come up. It will be my recommendation to our managers and our board that we maintain our water conservation efforts as we enter the summer months.

If I were to start a betting pool for us mountain people this summer, it might be to guess the number of Red Flag fire days we get between May 1 and August 1. That is 92 days, and I have a growler of home-brewed suds for the person who submits the closest answer. The National Weather Service defines a Red Flag Warning as: Warm temperatures, very low humidity, and stronger winds that combine to produce increased risk of fire danger.

So folks, I sing the same tune to all of us. Please conserve our precious mountain water. Turn off your cabin water when you leave. Bring your laundry downtown to wash. Flush your toilets less often (you know the rhyme that ends with "mellow"). And be frugal in all mountain ways. Enjoy the Summer of 2021 and be safe and patient.



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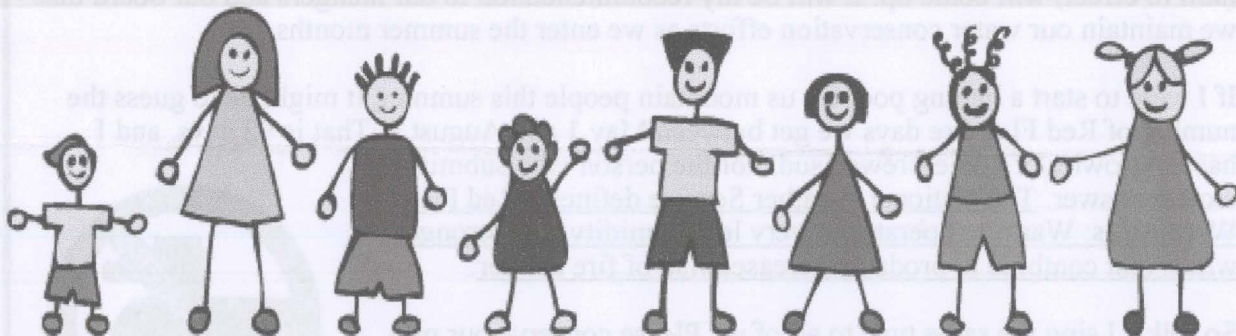
## Sky Island Kids Club Update for Summer 2021

by Christina Grossman

We are excited to welcome all of our returning and new families on the mountain. For those who are new to our community, the Sky Island Kids Club was established in 2018. We have had roughly about 20-30 kids come together in the outdoors to learn from our community members, to go on plant walks, tell stories around the campfire, and just to have some fun!

This summer, we will be doing something different to encourage families to go out and explore the mountain. Even though we are not fully ready to meet as a whole group, each family will receive kits to do with their children to build memories and to still feel connected as a community.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our "Welcome Back" event to pick up your bag of goodies. I hear Jasmine, our Biblioburro, is also getting ready to see all of you too! She cannot wait to give you a "hee-haw" welcome! To find out when the "Welcome Back" event will happen on the mountain, be sure I have your email address, that you are part of the Sky Island Kids Club Facebook group, and also part of the Sky Island Kids Club group on Nextdoor. Contact me at [christina@grossman.com](mailto:christina@grossman.com) to stay connected. See you in June!





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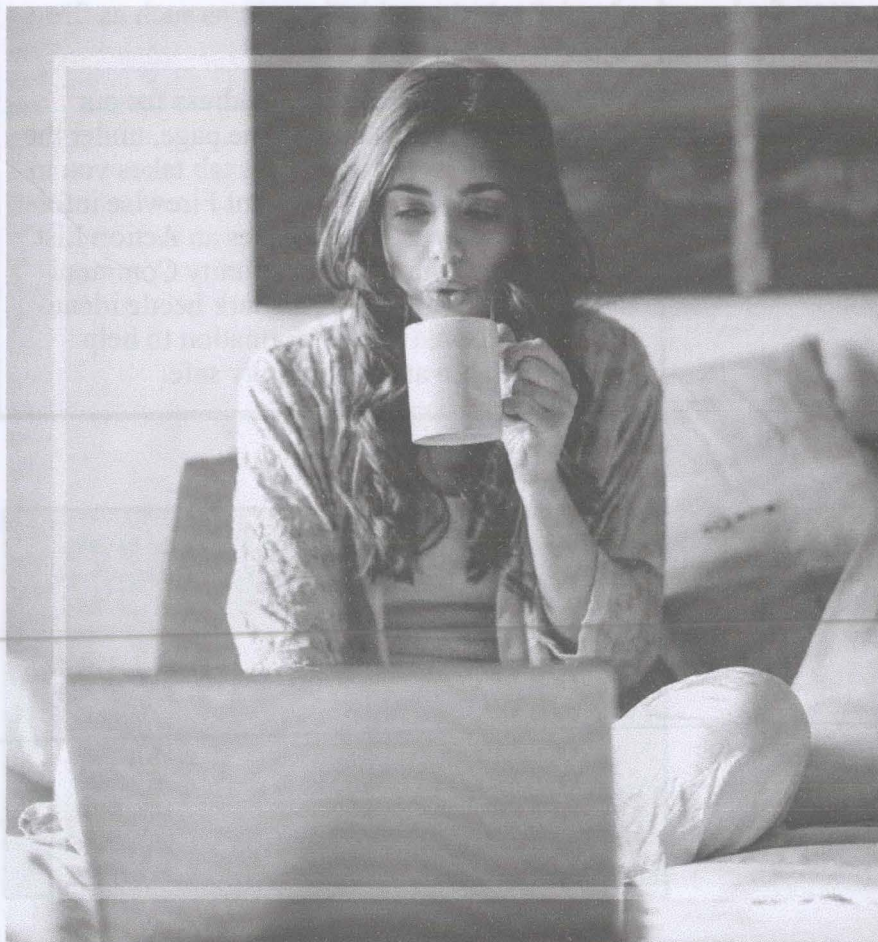
## COMING SOON to a Cabin Near You!

by Connie Taylor

Two new "Free Little Libraries" are coming to Summerhaven this summer. These libraries will have books geared for young children up to adolescents, along with some informational and practice books for students. One library will be in front of Christina Grossman's cabin (12725 North Phoenix Ave) and the other in front of Connie Taylor's cabin, (12789 North Phoenix Ave).

Don't forget, there is also a Summerhaven "Free Library" at Debbie Fagan's Living Rainbow. Debbie has books for adults, including mysteries, romance, and adventure. Her "Free Library" is at her cabin, and she's reorganizing it, so please call to let her know you are coming (576-1519).

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## Important News You Can Use

by Matt Grossman

There are four online resources available to keep Mount Lemmon residents up-to-date between Echoes editions:

1. A Google Group has been set up to provide email updates. To join, send an e-mail to [mtlemmonhoa+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:mtlemmonhoa+subscribe@googlegroups.com).
2. The Mount Lemmon Homeowner's Association maintains a website at <https://mtlemmonhoa.org/>. Check it out, get informed, and contribute.
3. A neighborhood group has been set up on Nextdoor.com. Sign up using your cabin street address to be connected to the Mount Lemmon group. If you already use Nextdoor for your valley neighborhood, you need to sign up for Mount Lemmon under a different email address, since only one neighborhood is permitted per email address at this time. This venue is important for general information, worthwhile educational benefits and timely communication, especially during critical concerns such as fire danger and road closures.
4. [MLFD.org](http://MLFD.org) is the web-address for our Fire Department. On their home page, under the Resources tab is *Firewise*. This tab takes you to the compilation of the important Firewise information and forms. This includes an Action List for Property Owners, a Community Communications form, cheatgrass and bark beetle identification, and even more information to help keep your cabin and community safe.

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## Where Would We Be Without the Woman's Club?

by Tina Hanks, co-president

The Mount Lemmon Woman's Club has been in existence for 48+ years. Throughout this time the major focus of the club has been to support the Mount Lemmon community, charitable endeavors, education, and social activities. Specific activities have varied depending on the circumstances of the times and the skills of the membership. Guidance from the national and state GFWC has helped us to focus on critical areas.

In the past 20 years a major focus of the club has been in response to the wildfires that have plagued our community. Our initial scare was in 2002 when the Bullock Fire required evacuation of the entire community. Fortunately, during that first large fire, there was no loss of structures, but a large portion of the forest was consumed. The following year, in 2003, our community was devastated by the Aspen Fire. This fire obliterated 75% of Summerhaven including homes, businesses, and a large portion of the forest. According to the experts from the University of Arizona, a fire of that magnitude had not occurred for 100s of years. For an extended period, the activities of the club and individual members concentrated on projects to heal the community and the forest after the fire.

One member organized a project to produce memorial quilts celebrating the fire-ravaged community by gathering members during a time of grief and dispersal. The result was four incredible quilts with fabric blocks made by community members which produced a historical record of our devastated mountain. They proudly hang in the new community center to this day. In 2013, the ten-year anniversary of the fire, members came together again to produce two more quilts, visually recording our recovery over the years.

Another group of members created Trees for Mount Lemmon. Their purpose was to provide the community with information and activities, inspiring the cultivation of native trees, flowers, and shrubs for our forest. Seeds were harvested, then propagated by Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. Over a ten-year period, one and two-year-old seedlings were offered to Mt. Lemmon residents to plant on their properties and in public areas. The results are glorious with native plants and trees growing in abundance all over the town. (End of Part 1)

### Try This Fun, Easy Ham and Noodle Casserole

Taste-tested and submitted by Luann Waldron

#### Ingredients

2 cups diced cooked ham  
16 oz uncooked egg noodles  
1 can Cheddar Cheese or  
Cream of Chicken Soup (10.75 oz.)  
1/2 cup sour cream  
1/3 cup milk  
2 cups shredded cheese –  
I use Cheddar and Mozzarella  
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder  
1/2 teaspoon onion powder  
1 teaspoon pepper  
1/2 teaspoon salt

#### Instructions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Spray 9x13 baking dish with non-stick cooking spray and set aside.  
In large bowl, whisk together soup, sour cream, milk and seasoning until well combined. Stir in ham, 1 1/2 cups cheese and the uncooked egg noodles. Pour mixture into prepared dish. Cover with foil and bake for 30 minutes. Remove foil from pan. Top casserole with remaining 1/2 cup cheese. Return to oven for 5 minutes more until cheese is melted. Serves 6.

Yum! Serve with fresh green salad for brunch, lunch or dinner!!  
From thesaltymarshmallow.com



### From the Desk of Steve Christy PC Supervisor, District 4

On a quarterly basis, my staff and I meet with the leadership of various Pima County departments to receive briefings and ask questions about their work within District 4. We recently met with the Department of Transportation team and were delighted to learn the project to improve multi-modal access to the Coronado National Forest on Sabino Canyon Parkway from Carter Canyon Road to the USFS gate (commonly called the Marshall Gulch FLAP Grant project) is progressing on schedule.

This project is one of the Big 3, as we call them, the others being the Mt. Lemmon Lodge and the Mt. Lemmon Hotel and is managed by Central Federal Lands, with Pima County providing a 5.7% funding match. Currently, the project is in the scoping phase with the scoping document due any day now and final design beginning this summer. The estimated project costs are still on track with the original budget, which should indicate a clear path to construction, which is anticipated to begin in the fourth quarter of 2023.

Included in the project's scope is a new 75 stall parking lot, 21 on-street parking spaces, a bathroom facility and a new section of the Arizona Trail along Sabino Canyon Parkway connecting the parking lot to the existing USFS gate above Marshall Gulch. Pima County's Wastewater Reclamation Department is working directly with the Central Federal Lands team to incorporate needed wastewater improvements into the project as well.

It will be remarkable to watch the Big 3 come online and witness this transformation of the Summerhaven experience.

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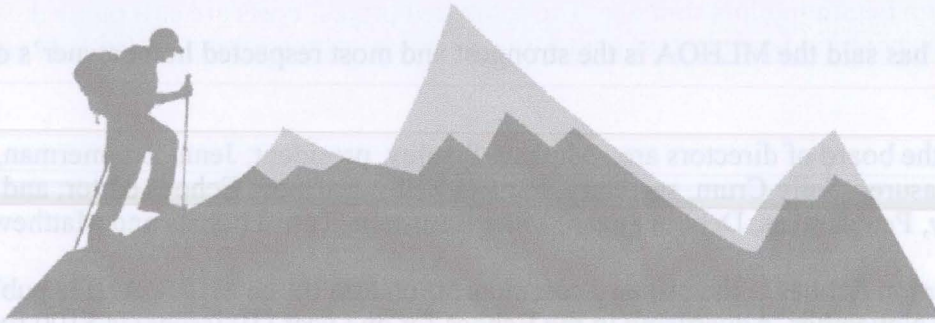
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### Important Update from the USFS

by CJ Woodard, District Ranger, Santa Catalina District

Thanks to the continued efforts of staff, partners, and the concessionaires, all the summer campgrounds on the District will be open by May 1, 2021, and we are looking forward to opening more trails. With the change in temperature also comes the heightened attention of the District to wildfires. Please remember to recreate safely, stay apprised of changes to fire restrictions, and completely extinguish campfires prior to leaving a campsite. Additionally, maintain situational awareness and be respectful of other user groups utilizing trails on the mountain. Thank you for recreating responsibly on your public lands.



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## About your Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association

Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association (MLHOA) was formed in 1969 to protect the welfare of the Mt. Lemmon community and to be involved in all aspects of its improvement. The concerns of the organization are not limited to private property owners, but the mountain community in general. Full membership with voting rights is accorded to private owners and leased land holders upon payment of yearly dues; renters and friends of the mountain can be non-voting members. Being organized, having a legal fund and having active local voice participation enables the Association to accomplish most of its goals.

The Association organizes social events such as potlucks, pancake breakfasts, ice cream socials and raffles, enabling owners to mingle. The Annual Dinner and Meeting is traditionally held each year on the first Tuesday after taxes. Unfortunately, most of these events have been canceled this year due to the current health crisis.

Pima County has said the MLHOA is the strongest and most respected homeowner's organization in the entire county.

Members of the board of directors are: Michael Stanley, president; Jenni Zimmerman, vice-president; Linda Currin, treasurer; Sally Crum, secretary; Pamela Selby-Harmon, Echoes editor; and members-at-large John Mulay, Pete Krauss, Debbie Fagan, Mike Bernstein, Tom Thomas and Matthew Grossman.

The Mt. Lemmon Echoes is the primary communication arm of the MLHOA. It is published monthly, from February to November. Advertising in the Echoes for one year (10 issues) is \$100 for a proportional business card, \$250 for a quarter page and \$500 for a half page.

Membership dues for the MLHOA are \$35 annually. To join or renew, clip the form below, fill out all the information and send it, along with a check to the MLHOA.

If you have questions or concerns regarding your membership status, contact Linda, Currin, treasurer at 520-247-2582 or [lcurren81@gmail.com](mailto:lcurren81@gmail.com).

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## Post Fire Hiking Safety

by Dan Leade, Capt/A-shift

With the arrival of warmer temperatures, many of our residents and visitors will be taking to the trails to enjoy all the mountain has to offer. With that said, it is important to remember there are hazards associated with hiking our trails. These dangers can result in a host of different types of injuries, and some can even be life-threatening. Getting lost is an all-too-common occurrence on the mountain. Adverse weather conditions can develop at a moment's notice on Mount Lemmon. There are also quite a few potentially dangerous animals and plants.

In order to help hikers enjoy the outdoors and mitigate risk of an emergency, the National Parks Service lists ten essential health/safety items to consider when planning a hike. These considerations are navigation, sun protection, insulation, illumination, first aid supplies, a way to start a fire, a repair kit or tools, nutrition, hydration, and an emergency shelter. No list will be all inclusive, but this is a great place to start. In addition, some other good tips are to let someone know where you are going and when you expect to be back. Hike with at least one other person. Research the trail and stay on it. Wear proper hiking gear and research the anticipated weather for your hike.



The Bighorn Fire negatively impacted many of the trails on the mountain. Wildfires burning through hiking areas pose unique hazards that may not be found in other areas. These hazards include falling trees/branches, loose soil/rocks, an increased potential for flooding/rock slides, and trail signage being missing or destroyed. Be especially mindful of windy and rainy conditions. Never enter closed areas; they have been determined to be exceptionally unsafe! If you must traverse an area that has been burned over, travel through the area quickly with minimal stopping. All MLFD personnel are trained to find and assist any hiker who needs assistance, but we don't want you to encounter any danger. Below are links for safety tips and the Coronado National Forest website for closure updates.

<https://www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/backcountry-basics/fire/burn-area-safety/>  
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/coronado/alerts-notice>

We have received our generator, and it is installed and operational. This is a huge relief after our aging generator became increasingly difficult to procure parts for. Our generator runs our power, radios, and phones. Without a reliable generator, we would not even be able to receive dispatches in the event the power went down. The community, spearheaded by Sally Crum, really stepped up to help us gain the necessary funds to purchase a reliable source of backup power. MLFD would like to thank everyone involved for their unwavering dedication and generous support!



## Important Information and Updates for Firewise 2021

by Sally Crum, Firewise Committee chair

The Neighborhood Captain program, thanks to leader Dorothy Johnson, is in full swing. Most cabin owners should have received information from their captains about Firewise 2021. I've seen information on a number of neighborhood groups scheduling a neighborhood, socially distanced, workday.

Please get with your captain to find out about scheduling a **Firewise Assessment** for your property to learn about the specific things that can be done to reduce the risk of wildfire.

The Firewise team is working to develop an **email distribution list** to avoid having to spend time and money sending information out via snail mail. Please make sure your captain has your correct email address. There is a new form available on the Firewise link on the MLFD webpage at: **MLFDAZ.org**. Click on the 'Resources' link and then select "Firewise" to access. There is an Updates page for easy access to changes, etc. The map of the **Chipper Route**, as well as pine needle dumpster locations are located on the site.

**May 22-23 is the NEW date for our Chipper Weekend.** Our favorite DCCR (Formerly known as DOC) crew will be returning this year from their COVID restrictions. The Firewise Committee, with the help of the Loma Sabino Homeowners Association and the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club, will be providing lunch for the crew, and there is no cost for the DCCR work. Personally speaking, I am **THRILLED** not to have to be part of the chipper crew; I think I am still recovering from last year's adventure.

**Cheatgrass** appears to be delayed this year but continues to be a threat. It must be removed (pulled, sprayed, or weed-whacked) **BEFORE it goes to seed**. Detailed information is also available on the MLFD Firewise site.

We hope to have a gathering later in the summer to say hello to our neighbors and to **THANK** all of those working to help protect community through their Firewise efforts. Watch Nextdoor, Echoes, and MLHOA listserv as details become available.

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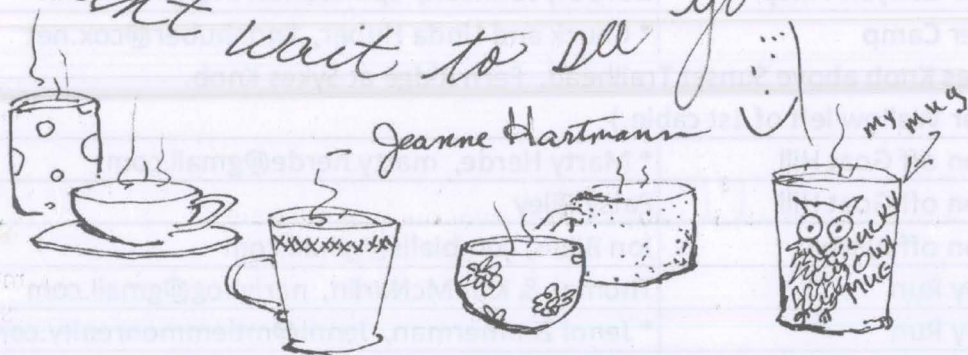
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Childs Cabin, July 4, 1940

## Mountain Magic Memories

by Diana Osborne

Grandpa Lamar Cotten was a General Contractor who worked with many famous architects in Tucson, Safford, and Los Angeles. Thank goodness he married my grandma, Mary Childs, and was hustled up Mount Lemmon to build a cabin of their own near my great grandfather Childs' cabin. Grandpa liked to keep busy and decided to surprise us kids one summer!

One early summer around 1958-1959, the Kuhel girls arrived for the season and discovered Grandpa's gift. He had come up before school was out and built a log playhouse between our cabins in the thick woods. It had two rooms. The living room was big enough

for kids' furniture, and the kitchen had a little cabinet with a sink, a table, and small chairs. Windows looked down toward the creek, and the freshly cut wood smelled so good! We children collected rocks to make a pathway and laid moss for a touch of landscape. We hauled water from the creek for the kitchen sink and watered our mossy yard. It was right out of a fairytale.

When I was older (12), Grandpa's influence led me to design underground forts on the mulchy slope up Turkey Run at Sleepy Hollow. I enlisted my sisters and friends to help dig deep trenches with large holes. Grandpa brought 2x4s and corrugated metal to bridge the excavation. Then we hid our work by covering everything with dirt and pine needles.

This was our secret meeting place. We used candles for light and to make sure we had fresh air, but my mom freaked out and bought every kid on the mountain a flashlight for safety!



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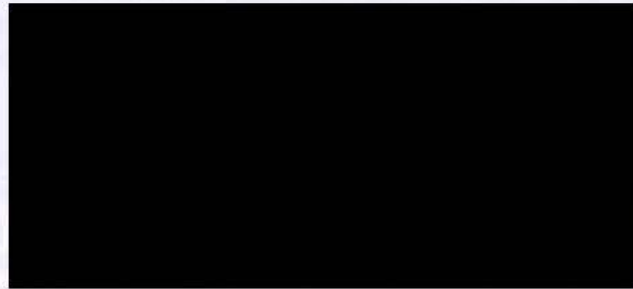
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