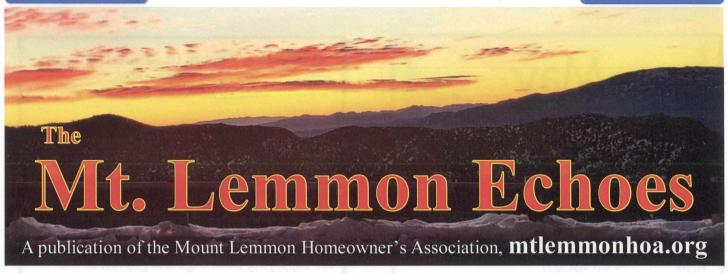
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Sunrise photo by Agnieszka Sloan

"You Can't Sink A Rainbow"

by Kim McNurlin

The Living Rainbow, owned by Debbie Fagan, is one of the oldest establishments on Mt Lemmon. Debbie is a self-described "hippy" who made her way to Mt Lemmon in 1973. Greenpeace called to her from her home in California in June of 1973, and she started her journey across America, only to be sidetracked by a handsome fellow who had ties to Tucson and Mt Lemmon. By December of 1973, she was officially a Lemmonite and proud owner of a cabin, and the Living Rainbow was established. "Living" meant no animal products for sale and "Rainbow" because of the crystal prisms hanging in the windows. The store started off with three items for sale, and every time a sale was made, two more items were added to the inventory. She is now one of the largest sellers of Leaning Tree cards in the US.

49 years have flown by with many challenges. Debbie has almost lost the business a handful of times. She knows the challenges of wildfire, having had the store burn to the ground during the Aspen Fire and the closure of the mountain for almost three months during the Bighorn Fire. But how about 18 FEET of snow in 1998 that kept the Mt. Lemmon Highway closed for the entire month of January? Of course, COVID came with its own challenges, as it is hard to sell items from a walk-up window in a gift shop.



Debbie's greatest joys are her two sons who grew up on Mt. Lemmon and attended the Mt Lemmon Zimmerman Accommodation School through 6th grade. Her sons continue to take care of their mom and bring her groceries on occasion to save her the trip into Tucson.

Debbie has been advertising in the Echoes since the beginning and feels very strongly that this community needs a newsletter. Up until recently, she served on the Mt Lemmon HOA board for many years.

When asked about her favorite part of owning the gift shop, Debbie instantly replied, "taking care of families that have been coming to the Living Rainbow for generations." Did you know Debbie, prior to the Aspen Fire, was supplying almost 100 stores with wholesale beaded windchines? You need to come by and

check out her collection of beads she salvaged after the Aspen Fire.



Next time you are in the village swing by the Living Rainbow. Debbie is a fountain of knowledge on everything Mt Lemmon, and your home or cabin could always use something found on the shelves at the Living Rainbow. My favorite part of talking with Debbie was how she knew instantly on her 1973 Summerhaven arrival that she had "found her place."



by Jenni Zimmerman, MLHOA vice-president We had a GREAT turnout for our annual cleanup in the Village. Over 40 dedicated folks and our special Dedicated Donkey Jasmine made quick work of the debris left during the winter. Thank you to EVERYONE who showed up. Thank you especially, Dennis Cozzetti, for your tools, truck, and taking the trash to Tucson. Thank you, Sawmill Run, for supplying trash bags and gloves. It was another successful and happy mountain event.

It Takes a Village to Make It Clean!









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by Sally Crum, MLHOA board president

The MLHOA Annual Homeowner's dinner returned after three years absence due to Covid. It was wonderful seeing all our neighbors face-to-face once again, and to see the MANY new cabin owners in attendance. (Check out all the smiling faces in the photos Tami Arthur shared, pages 15 & 16.) Thanks to Linda Currin for making the arrangements for a successful event. And a special thank you to Matt Grossman, our tech wizard, for providing the live stream opportunity for those who could not attend the dinner.

We enjoyed a delicious buffet, various important guests' comments, and raffle prize drawings. THANK YOU to the Cookie Cabin, Living Rainbow, Mt. Lemmon Coffee Bean, Mt. Lemmon General Store, Mt. Lemmon Realty, The Sawmill Run Restaurant, Sky Island Trading, Ski Valley, and Tucson Quilters Guild for generously donating the prizes. We raised over \$500 through the raffle. Thanks to Jenni Zimmerman, Kim McNurlin and Patty Thomas for doing a wonderful job selling raffle tickets.

Beth Borozan received the "Friend of Mt. Lemmon" award in recognition of her 'above and beyond' efforts on behalf of the mountain and our community. She is truly a public servant, and we are so glad she loves our mountain like we do!



Michael Stanley was recognized for his 40+ years of service and friendship with Mt. Lemmon, the Mt. Lemmon Water District and Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association. He is the first two-time recipient of the Summit Award since it was initiated in 1990. Congratulations, Michael! We love you and thank you for all you have done and will continue to do! The summer is loo

for all you have done and will continue to do! The summer is looking to be a busy one as we return to having activities.

We'll begin showing **movies** on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at the Mt. Lemmon Community Center. We're hoping to have a double feature, with kid-friendly movies being the first, and more adult-type movies as the 2nd feature, beginning on June 3 and continuing

through September. Watch Nextdoor and the Listserv/Google group email for more details on activities such as Bunko, 4th of July parade, etc.

Please continue to support our advertisers and pay your dues, using the form included in this issue. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this wonderful community.

Snapshots of the "Annual" HOA Dinner Tami Arthur's Photographs

Pages 15 & 16, and scattered throughout

The dinner was a wonderful gathering! So many friendly faces catching up, just not enough space to show them all! See who you can find.



The Echoes in Transition

by Pamela Selby-Harmon

Woo-hoo folks, we found a live one! After nearly three years of putting together *The Mount Lemmon Echoes*, I am stepping down. A new volunteer has stepped up to take over, and I have a great feeling that he will be right at home in this position. Michael Chihak is the former editor and publisher of the *Tucson Citizen* who retired after 45 years as a newsman. He will begin assembling *The Echoes* this summer.

Moving up here in the middle of the pandemic made it a little difficult to get to know your neighbors. He and his wife, Shraddha Hilda Oropeza, have had a cabin on Carter Canyon Road since early 2021. Chihak said he is looking forward to becoming acquainted with more members of the community and will be reaching out for stories and information. Please contact him with information of interest to the Mt. Lemmon community. Email Chihak. Echoes@gmail.com

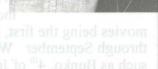
Transitions take some time and attention, so we're sharing duties for a month or so. Please continue to send submissions as you have been. for the next couple of months. We will continue with the continue the outreach as in the past. It has been (mostly) a pleasure to be involved in the production of this newsletter and getting to know more of our community. Thank you for your patience and support! Please extend the same to Michael!

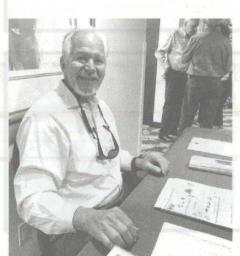


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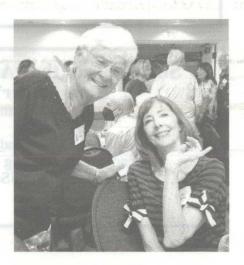












About your Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association

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 member-ship 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.

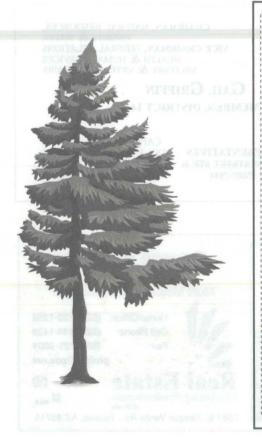
The Association organizes social events such as potlucks, pancake breakfasts, ice cream socials and raffles, enabling owners to mingle. The Annual Dinner and Meeting is traditionally held each year on the first Tuesday after tax day.

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: Sally Crum, president; Jenni Zimmerman, vice-president; Anne Skelley, treasurer; John Osborne, secretary; Pamela Selby-Harmon, Echoes editor; and members-at-large Linda Currin, John Mulay, Pete Krauss, Kim McNurlin, Michael Singervalt, 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 or need to change your mailing address seasonally, contact Anne Skelley at 520-429-9199 or email sgca891@gmail.com



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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 mtlemmon-hoa+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. MLFDAZ.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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The Mount Lemmon Fourth of July Parade will be back in-person this year!

Start thinking about your participation, whether with an established group like the Woman's Club, the Kid's Club, or one of the more informal groups like the 'Blow Hards' musical group, usually featuring the "Walkettes", or maybe it's time to create your own. We have all enjoyed watching the myriad of entries celebrate our great nation and our great community! Susanne Drolet will be providing more information and the entry form in next month's Echoes. So get those creative juices flowing and share your patriotism with us all!

The Mount Lemmon Business Economic Association sponsors Summer Presenters By Jenni Zimmerman

The MLBEA is excited to announce our first presentation of the summer, May 29th at 11:00 am at the Community Center. Wynne Brown, author of "The Forgotten Botanist, Sarah Plummer Lemmon's Life, Science, and Art." will speak about the woman for whom our mountain is named. We hope to see you there!

THE HEAT IS ON!

As temperatures outside rise, you can follow these 3 easy steps to conserve energy and lower your monthly bill:

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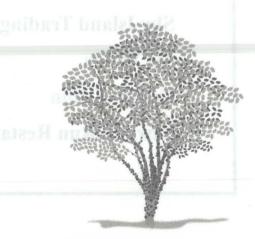


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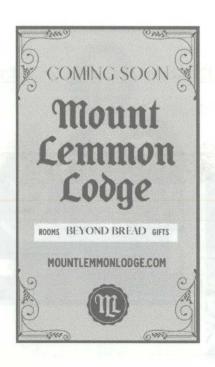
As I often say, it is hard to overstate the sense of community on Mount Lemmon.

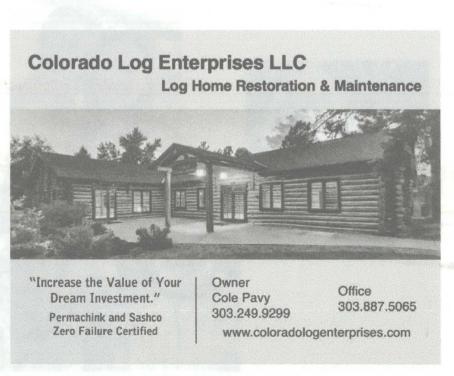
What a pleasure to attend the return of the Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association's annual HOA dinner at the Viscount last month. It has been far too long since we have been able to gather, and what a wonderful sight from the podium, a banquet room full of happy Lemmonites. Thank you for inviting me to join you all, and a big thank you for a moment I do not get to witness often, Beth Borozan rendered speechless by the Friend of Mt. Lemmon Award! What a wonderful and heartfelt tribute to Beth it was. The outpouring of affection and appreciation conveyed to her by all of you was only matched by the same feelings she holds for all of you. I am deeply grateful to the Summerhaven/Mt. Lemmon community for acknowledging Beth's efforts, and I am just as grateful for all the effort she invests in her job, serving you.

During the May 2 Board of Supervisors meeting, we will recognize the efforts of the Mt. Lemmon Firewise USA team in conjunction with the proclamation of Wildfire Community Preparedness Day in Pima County on Saturday, May 7. Established in 2004, Mt. Lemmon Firewise has helped protect mountain residents from the losses so many experienced during the 2003 Aspen Fire. Your community has inspired others throughout Pima County, including a new Firewise USA team in Green Valley.

As our USFS District Ranger C.J. Woodard said during the HOA dinner, the top consideration for declaring Stage 2 fire restrictions in the forest is human behavior. Should we go Stage 2, my office will once again team up with our great Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers at the base of the mountain to remind visitors of the restrictions. Beth asked me to remind you that approaching MP 0 via Mt. Lemmon Short Road versus the Catalina Highway will expedite your drive.

Fingers crossed for rain soon. Oh, and I love being your Supervisor.





Mount Lemmon Firewise Green Waste Disposal, 2022

Thanks to Mt Lemmon Fire Department Chief Joe Gunia, Firewise Captain Jon Bialis., & AZ DFFM Aly Mc Alexander

Pine Needle Bags Empty into trailer at MLFD. Call 520-576-1201x5 first

Close in <u>dark colored</u> bags. Stack at roadside in Summerhaven or Beside slash pile area* in Soldier Camp/Willow Canyon AND Text Jon @ 520-370-7915 (or email <u>jgunia@mlfdaz.org</u> if stack is huge)

Cheat grass or

or

Dispose in sealed plastic bag as city waste or...

Seal in white plastic bags. Place next to your pine needle bags or at MLFD beside (NOT IN) pine needle trailer.

Living PINE trees (long needles,) APRIL – AUGUST: Only cut if you must. Promptly cover with tarps and have it removed from the mountain within 2 weeks to avoid attracting bark beetle.

SEPT. - MARCH: Take to MLFD burn pile or stack as firewood.

Limbed saplings & Branches <5" diameter, EXCEPT fresh-cut Pine

Stack slash on chipper route* by 8 PM May 8.

- →Only include Pine if it is dead and dried out.
- →Piles with locust, bushes or boards will not be chipped.

Stack logs >5" D & liftable rounds at roadside as free firewood.

Locust trees, vines & bushes including Buckbrush (Ceanothus cuneatus) Do not place in slash pile (bad for chipper).

Call MLFD 576-1201x5 and take to burn pile. If the burn pile is closed for the season, take to green dump or contact igunia@mlfdaz.org. BUT: Larger locust trunks are good firewood!

Note: Rotting wood can be left to decay if at least 10 feet from structures.

*See Chipper Route on Resources/Firewise tab at https://mlfdaz.org









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Firewise Firewise

by Sally Crum, Firewise Committee chair

As you hear on the news every day, the fire season is upon us. Frightening photos and videos from around Arizona: Flagstaff, Prescott, the Dragoons, Old Bisbee. And it's only beginning. Scary times, and Mt. Lemmon must take heed and continue our efforts to protect our mountain.

Pima County has joined the National Fire Protection Agency in proclaiming Saturday, May 7, as National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day. Our goal is to complete Firewise efforts and have all slash piles along roadways by SUNDAY, MAY 8, for the Chipper Weekend. Barring fire-related delays, the chipper crew will begin Monday, May 9. Follow guidelines and instructions provided by your Neighborhood Captains, also available on the Mt. Lemmon Fire District webpage under Resources. Your Neighborhood Captain's contact info is also there. Please contact them if you have questions.

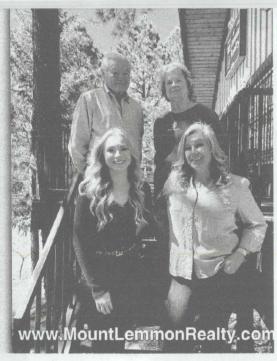
In April there were two Cheatgrass Pull days, with local agencies, volunteers and friends working to remove this invasive plant which is extremely flammable EARLY in the season. Thanks to all who participated and to the Mt. Lemmon General Store for providing gift certificates to participants.

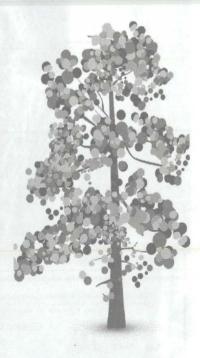
On May 28th from 9-11:30, we will once again be sponsoring our annual Firewise Education Event at the Mt. Lemmon Community Center. Speakers from the U S Forest Service and AZ Dept of Forestry and Fire Management will provide important information on ways to improve and keep our forest healthy and to reduce the risk of wildfire. We are also planning to have suggestions for "hardening" STRUCTURES to reduce the risk of fire from an "ember storm." Sadly, this fire danger is not going away, and it's up to every Mt. Lemmon property owner to continue improving the chances of surviving when it occurs again!

Lunch and socializing which we all enjoy will follow, with raffle prizes/baskets. Be there!

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by Carol Niehoff

Watches, Warnings, and Evacuations of the productions by Dan Leade, Capt/A-shift

Fire season has officially descended on the desert Southwest and made its appearance known with multiple large fires forcing a multitude of evacuations throughout the region; and it is only April! As the likelihood for new, large fires developing increases as spring progresses into summer, there are some terms to indicate the increased potential for fires and the immediate threat they impose. With that, some basic understanding of these terms will not only help you be more cautionary with actions that could initiate a wildfire as fire potential increases, but they will also indicate the seriousness of the situation if an evacuation order is issued.

Two terms often heard during fire season are **Fire Weather Watch** and **Red Flag Warning.** Like other significant severe events, such as tornados and hurricanes, a **watch** indicates a high potential for the development of warning conditions, while a **warning** indicates conditions are imminent or occurring, in this case to cause extensive wildfire situations. According to the National Weather service, "a Red Flag Warning means warm temperatures, very low humidity, and stronger winds are expected to combine to produce an increased risk of fire danger." This description, while easy to comprehend, is a bit less specific than implied. This is because local regions may have their own specific parameters to indicate a Red Flag Warning. Whether a Fire Weather Watch or a Red Flag Warning, additional caution must be taken to prevent wildfires from starting, as they will be exponentially more difficult to manage. Red Flag Warnings have already been issued throughout all of southern Arizona already this season.

With increased fire potential associated with these watches and warnings come the possibilities of needing to evacuate or escape from a fire's path. According to the Arizona Emergency Information Network, "Ready, Set, Go! is a nationwide program adopted by the 15 Arizona Sheriffs' Departments that educates residents about proactive measures to take before an emergency and actions to follow when communities are threatened. The three steps encourage Arizonans to get READY by preparing now for what threatens their community, be SET by maintaining awareness of significant danger and to GO, evacuate immediately when the danger is current and life-threatening." It is imperative to be prepared before a wildfire threat is impending. Visit https://ein.az.gov/ready-set-go to get more information on preparedness.

Finally, MLFD was honored to participate in the Mount Lemmon Clean-up Day on April 9th. The community participation witnessed for such events, as well as programs such as Firewise, is inspiring.





Change and Renewal for Mount Lemmon Woman's Club

by Carol Niehoff and Tina Hanks, co-presidents

As the first of the tiniest blooms are now visible on our mountaintop, we envision wildflowers covering all the slopes around our cabin. Our efforts are barely rewarded each year, but we marvel at the flowers that have survived. Anticipation is running higher this year as sprouts of Blue Flax are visible, "here, there, and everywhere!"

Much like the wildflowers spreading in our world, the MLWC, almost 100 members strong, is represented in every neighborhood on the mountain. MLWC has been a healthy, vital part of the mountain community since 1973. A few original members worked hard to ensure that the club was known around the state, as letters from the governor and other Arizona dignitaries attest to that fact. Today, we are one of the largest clubs in the state.

Were it not for the MLWC, we would probably just invite friends from the city to share holiday celebrations or a hike every so often during the summer. The rich experiences initiated by the club have brought an awesome group of ladies together, as well as creating a space for each to grow and learn. Our hope is that new homeowners will find their unique relationship with the club and embrace quality experiences for the generations ahead.

This season is not only a time for growth and change in the land, but also a time of transition for MLWC. Over the last month, a new board for the 2022-2024 term was unanimously elected. We are pleased with the credentials of our new officers and look forward to an exciting year ahead. Barring COVID restrictions, monthly meetings will return to the MLCC on the third Saturdays in person. Please check for current information in this Echoes. Members are looking forward to the Membership Luncheon at D-1 and Cabin Tours in June. Ladies and friends of the mountain are invited to attend a meeting and get to know our club members. You'll be happy you did!













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