



OLD FORT LOWELL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC. NEWSLETTER

September 2003

AN INVITATION FROM THE PRESIDENT: "Let's Get Together!"

It's that time of year when long-time members of the neighborhood join with newcomers at the first potluck of fall 2003. So toss together your favorite salad, treat us to your best main course recipe, or dish up that masterpiece of a dessert (o.k., we won't mind if you buy a pie or cookies at the store). We'll supply the plates, napkins, and utensils. Also, drinks will be available. **Be there Sunday, September 21, at 5:30 pm at the San Pedro Chapel, 5230 E. Ft. Lowell Rd.** Learn the latest neighborhood gossip. And sign up for activities that capture your fancy and help us remain one of the top neighborhoods in the city. At 6:30 pm we'll have an hour-long program; we urge you to check our Website for details at www.oflna.org. All of us on the OFLNA Council look forward to seeing you.

EDITOR'S NOTE

We hope that all of you have experienced some joy this summer, perhaps in visiting relatives, escaping to the beach, exploring new places, hanging out in swimming pools, or in your unique "summer-survival" plan. It has been an especially challenging summer in Tucson with the blistering heat, the tragic Aspen fire that wreaked havoc on our beloved Catalinas, and the sad loss of young people in accidents. With growing problems at home and abroad, peace and community in our local neighborhood become ever more precious, so we hope you will be encouraged to explore what the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood (OFLNA) has to offer and join us in our events and plans. A membership form is included at the end of the Newsletter, and we always welcome new members. Articles for the Newsletter are welcome and can be sent via email to the editor at stafford@gci-net.com, or call Anita Stafford (881-5157).

Some articles from last month are repeated on purpose in this Newsletter, to catch those of you who had escaped the summer heat and missed the originals.

CELEBRATION OF THE COMPLETED FORT LOWELL ROAD PROJECT - "Calle Baile"

In 1997 OFLNA's plan for improvements to Fort Lowell Road won federal funds from the Arizona Department of Transportation in a statewide competition. The story of how it all happened, who was responsible, and why it took six years to accomplish will be published in the October Newsletter.

On Sunday afternoon, October 19, we're going to have a big party to celebrate the completion of the project, and we still need lots of help for this fun event, so call Ann Stevens (319-8602) or contact her by email at AnnTStevens@msn.com. As a special treat, local band, Thunder Alley, will provide music for listening and dancing.



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Acanthiaceae
Colored pencil
drawing by
Margaret Pope 1998

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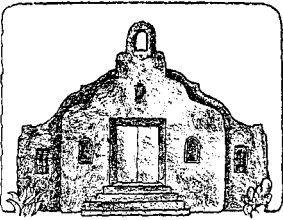
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COUNCIL NEWS

Since Wes Lovell and Kim Crooks are moving to the Sam Hughes neighborhood, Wes has resigned from the Council. The President and current members wish to thank him for his service during the last 15 months. With Sue Adams, Kim chaired the highly successful Fiesta de Arte in March of last year and has graciously agreed to continue this work in the coming year. Wes and Kim contributed many of their own artworks to the Fiesta. We wish them well in their new neighborhood.



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by Margaret Pope 2000

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES SALE

In early November 2003, OFLNA will hold another sale of antiques & collectibles at San Pedro Chapel. The sale this past March was so successful we're doing it again!

If you have items such as silver, china, fine linens, crystal, jewelry, fine art, furniture, etc., that you would like to sell on consignment, the terms are 75/25. This means that you will receive 75% of the amount of the sale, and the OFLNA will receive 25%. **The last A&C Sale grossed \$18,000, and consignors made over \$10,000!** Watch next month's Newsletter for dates and times we will receive consignments at the Chapel. We can help with transportation of larger items.

Funds raised will go towards the historic sites walking tour of La Reunión de El Fuerte in February 2004. All donations of fine items are tax deductible, since the OFLNA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation.

If you have questions or are interested in helping in any capacity, please call or email any of the three co-chairs listed below. We can use an army of volunteers!

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A CALL TO WRITERS, POETS, AND PUBLIC RELATIONS SPECIALISTS

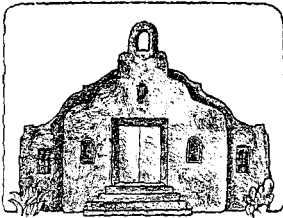
We're having a get-together (the date to be determined) for those who enjoy writing or are skilled at public relations. We have a number of projects and events throughout the year and need some good volunteers to write articles and occasionally contact the media. We promise not to bore you with meetings, but will give you assignments to fulfill. Give Janet Marcus a call (327-1339), or email her ajmarcus2@mindspring.com if you'd be interested.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION TO PRO NEIGHBORHOODS

PRO Neighborhoods offers small start-up grants and educational support to all the neighborhoods in Tucson. It is staffed by city employees and funded by the City of Tucson, Pima County, the United Way, and the Community Foundation of Southern Arizona. Examples of projects it has funded include community gardens, neighborhood beautification, start-up funds for a neighborhood program (OFLLAH, for example), oral history and book projects, substance abuse among teen-agers, development of a dog park – the list is endless. And the staff is knowledgeable and helpful

PRO Neighborhoods has been a generous partner over the years in many enterprises undertaken by the neighborhood. Two recent grants have been awarded. The first supported an "Asset-mapping Project," which surveyed all residents of the neighborhood to ascertain their abilities and interests, and then published a directory of services available from our neighbors. A second grant went to the Oral History

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HELP WITH NEIGHBORHOOD TRAILS

It's great to have neighborhood trails, but every now and then they need some maintenance. Ann Stevens and her husband, Dave Olsen, are organizing a Trails Committee and need some helpers. You can monitor a trail, pick up trash, trim back plants, help with a work party for a few hours, or work on a special project such as adding garbage cans. Give them a call at 319-8602 or send an email to AnnTStevens@msn.com.



Fairy Duster
Calliandra eriophylla
Janusia Vine
Janusia gracilis
 Colored pencil drawing
 by Margaret Pope 1998

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Project, in which old-timers and descendants of early *Fuerteños* are being interviewed and photographed. The findings of this project will be preserved in a photo exhibit, archival material, and a book.

OFLNA is proud to acknowledge PRO Neighborhoods for the myriad ways in which this program has enriched the life of Tucson City residents.

NEWS FROM OFLLAH

Volunteers in the Old Fort Lowell Live-At-Home Program have kept busy throughout the summer: filling requests for transportation, minor home repairs, yard work, walking partners, vacation watering, social visits, scenic drives, and check-in telephone calls. We've also made several loans of equipment from our free Medical Loan Chest. As we look toward the fall and increased neighborhood activity, we hope that many more of you will choose to become involved in the OFLLAH Program as clients or as volunteers. It's easy – just call Program Coordinator Ann Branham (275-6757) for information. She is also available to speak to your homeowners' association or any group of neighbors. Remember OFLLAH's mission statement: "Neighbors volunteering to assist neighbors in maintaining their independence, thereby strengthening a sense of community and belonging for all." That means all of us in this wonderful neighborhood.

In October, the Live-At-Home Program will sponsor two free events: a lecture on depression in older adults, and an orientation and training group for prospective volunteers. Call Ann for more information.

Questions? Comments? Ideas? Please call Ann at 275-6757. We're always looking for ways to improve the Program and to reach more of our neighbors.

FINAL CALL FOR ANNUAL DUES? DID YOU FORGET?

If so, here is another opportunity. **Annual dues are \$10 per household, payable in May of each year.** Dues for Business Members are \$25.

Any additional donations are greatly appreciated. OFLNA is a registered not-for-profit organization (501(c)(3)); therefore, all donations are tax deductible, and written receipts will be provided for all additional donations. Make checks payable to OFLNA Inc., and mail to Treasurer, OFLNA, 5230 E. Fort Lowell Rd, Tucson, AZ 85712.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____ Phone _____

New Membership ____ Renewal ____

We would like to make an additional donation of: \$ ____

This year we are anticipating a need to start active maintenance of the neighborhood trail system. If you use the trails and are willing to devote a few hours to this task, please tell us which trail/s you will help with _____

**OFLNA CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2003-2004**

2003

Fall Potluck:

Sun., September 21, Potluck-5:30 pm,
Program-6:30 pm.

Council Meeting:

Tues., September 16, at 4949 E. Glenn at 7 pm.

Ft. Lowell Rd. Celebration: Sun., October 19, 4-6 pm at San Pedro Chapel.

Council Meeting:

Tues., October 21, 7 pm at 4949 E. Glenn.

Antiques & Collectibles:

Thurs., November 6, Preview - Members only.

Fri.-Sun., November 7-9, Open to the Public.

Fall Concert:

Sun., November 19, 3 pm. Artist to be
announced.

Council Meeting:

Tues., November 18 at 4949 E. Glenn, 7 pm.

Council Meeting:

Tues., December 16, 7 pm at the Adobe House.

December Holiday Party:

Date to be decided.

2004

La Reunion de El Fuerte:

Sat., February 7 throughout the neighborhood.

Art Show:

Date to be decided.

Please note that OFLNA Council meetings have been changed to the third Tuesday of the month. Call Janet Marcus (327-1339) if you'd like to attend. Council meetings are always open to residents and members of the neighborhood.

Meetings of **FLHDB (the Fort Lowell Historic District Board)** are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Contact Mary Lou Nuttall for location of next meeting place (325-6907), tsntrio@theriver.com, or Peggy Sackheim (327-4285). All residents of the neighborhood are welcome to attend.

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