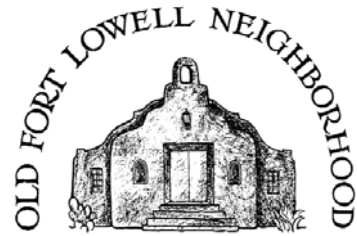




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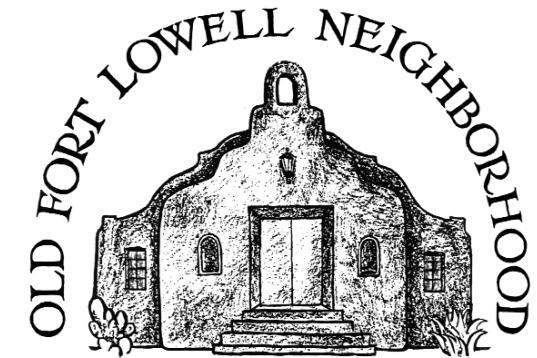
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Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Newsletter

January 2006



25th Anniversary

LA REUNION
DE
EL FUERTE

Saturday, February 11, 2006 Marks OFLNA'S
25th La Reunión de El Fuerte

Since 1981 the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood has invited the community to experience the rich heritage of this historic area by taking a historic walking tour through time. This year's festivities will feature special activities for youth: games, crafts, and a historical passport.

Check the OFLNA website, www.oflna.org, for a full account of the day.

The Mariachi Mass: 10:30 – 11:30 am

Once a year San Pedro Chapel reverts to its original use for the celebration of a special Mariachi Mass. The Mass honors Los Fuerteños, the builders of the chapel and the original residents of the village of El Fuerte. A special invitation is given to all descendants of Los Fuerteños and to Fort Lowell neighbors and friends. (Because the Chapel is small, the general public is not included.) After Mass, a social hour will take place outside the Chapel.

Historic Sites Walking Tour: 12:30 – 4:00 pm

The tour follows the footsteps of the Hohokam Indians, the soldiers at Fort Lowell, the settlers from Mexico, whose descendants still live in the neighborhood, and the Mormon farmers and Anglos who moved into the old adobe houses. Hosts are on hand to explain the significance of each site. The tour begins at Cottonwood Lane in Fort Lowell Park or at San Pedro Chapel and is open to the public free of charge. An informative tour booklet may be purchased for \$1. Transportation is provided throughout the afternoon back to parking lots.

Along the tour route are food booths, souvenirs, and a bookstore. Scheduled events are an O'odham chicken scratch band, Mariachi music, the Southern Arizona Old Time Fiddlers, the Fort Huachuca B Troop Cavalry drills, and the 4th Cavalry Regimental Band.



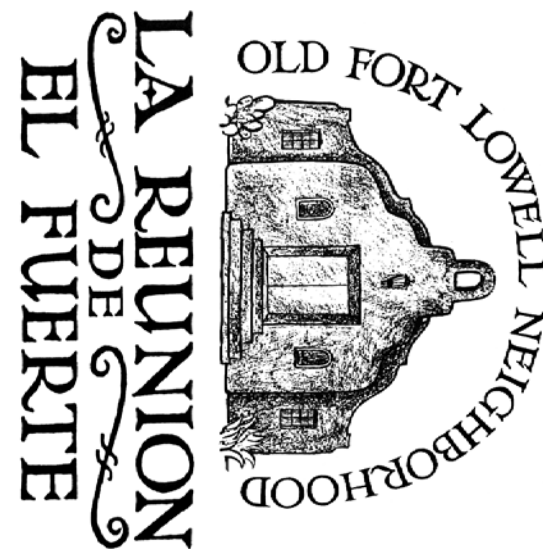
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12:30 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Historic Sites
Walking Tours

From Hohokam to Twentieth Century

❖ Admission is Free ❖

Self-guided tours start at any of these locations:
Cottonwood Lane, Fort Lowell Park main parking lot
Fort Lowell Museum in Fort Lowell Park
San Pedro Chapel, 5230 East Fort Lowell Road

For information, call 318-0219, or www.oflna.org

Fort Lowell Road between Graycroft and Beverly will be closed from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mariachi Mass at 10:30 a.m.

for neighborhood residents and invited guests at San Pedro Chapel.
After-Mass Social, 11:30 a.m.

Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association, Inc. with the help of:
The City of Tucson • City of Tucson Parks & Recreation • City of Tucson Department of Neighborhood Resources • Arizona Humanities Council
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**Prepare for La Reunión:
Attend the History
Lectures!!!**

The first three lectures will focus on our American Indian past; the fourth, on historic preservation.

1. On **Sunday, January 15**, Sharon Urban, a retired cultural anthropologist from the Arizona State Museum, will talk about the Hohokam people who lived and farmed in the Fort Lowell area.
2. On **Sunday, January 22**, Rebecca J. Ortiz, Director for Southwest Studies at Cochise College, will speak about the Chiricahua Apaches, whose actions were responsible for the creation of Fort Lowell.
3. On **Sunday, January 29**, Joseph Joaquin and Bernard Siguerios, from the Cultural Affairs Office in Sells, Az., will give a talk entitled "O'odham Himdag." They will discuss what happened after the Hohokam left.
4. On **Sunday, February 5**, Ken Scoville, a retired educator and local historian, will discuss the important role Fort Lowell plays in preserving Tucson's past, and in forming its future.

All lectures will be held at the **San Pedro Chapel, 5230 E. Fort Lowell Rd., at 3pm** and are free and open to the public. Any questions? Call Jeanne Turner, 326-6042.

Native American Flute Concert

On Sunday, February 26 at 3:00 pm you will have the opportunity to hear the hauntingly beautiful and soothing sounds of this beautiful instrument in a benefit concert for the San Pedro Chapel. Two excellent performers, Ruthie Neilan and Rick Maynard, will be the featured artists. Penny Spicer, a resident of the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood, will also play a song. Both featured artists will have their CD's available for your listening pleasure. Rick also makes Native American Flutes and will have some available for purchase. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by calling Penny Spicer at 325-3843 (leave a message).

News from Old Fort Lowell Live-At-Home Program

Annual Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation Day

Saturday, January 7 from 10:00 – 11:30 am in the San Pedro Chapel

There will be elections to the Board of Directors, reports on the past year's activities, and a discussion of plans for the coming year. This will also be a time to meet and thank our outstanding volunteers. Light refreshments will be served. Please come! No reservations are necessary. A special request from program coordinator Ann Branham to volunteers: please call her (275-6757) if you'll be there.

Continuing Education Lecture

On Saturday, January 21 from 10:00 – 11:30 am at San Pedro Chapel, Dr. Jane Heaton will speak on "*Discussions at the End of Life.*" Our educational lectures are free and open to the public. For information, call 275-6757.

El Fuerte Flea Market Sale

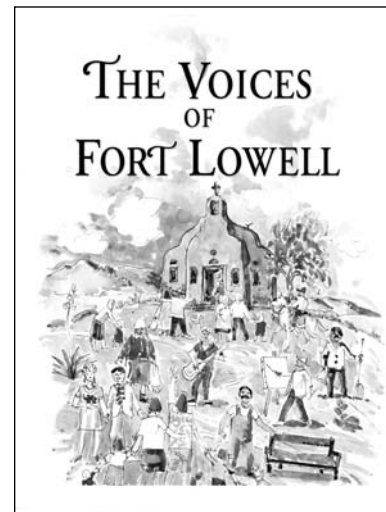
El Fuerte Flea Market

It's not too early to start thinking about this great fundraiser whose proceeds are split between the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association and the Old Fort Lowell Live-At-Home Program. We accept donations of gardening tools, sports equipment, jewelry, books, toys, gadgets, kitchenware, dishes, office equipment, furniture, electronics—almost anything except clothing and shoes. We do not accept consignment items.

Sale dates are:

Thursday, April 20	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	OFLNA members only
Friday, April 21	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Open to the public
Saturday, April 22	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Open to the public
Sunday, April 23	11:00 am – 3:00 pm	Open to the public

Questions? Want to volunteer? Need to arrange pick-up of large items? Call Kay Anderson (795-8662) or Judy Clinco (323-1843).



"The Voices of Fort Lowell"

The first edition of *The Voices of Fort Lowell* was quickly sold out and we've ordered a second printing. Call Jeanne Turner (326-6042) to order a copy, or pick up one at the La Reunión Bookstore. Here are some comments of readers:

"It's wonderful. I can't tell you how 'homesick' it makes me feel for what once upon a time was Tucson."
—Dianne Bret Harte

"This beautiful piece of art brought so many memories for both sides of my family."
—Silvia M. Lujan

Report on Antiques and Collectibles Sale

The sale in November was the best sale ever with a profit of almost \$8,000, which will be split between the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Assn. and the Old Fort Lowell Live-At-Home Program. The neighborhood association's share helps cover costs of putting on La Reunión de El Fuerte each year. Many thanks to all the volunteers who made this sale so successful!

What You Need To Do When You See Graffiti

Call the Police at 791-4253. The Police Department wants information so they can track gang activities. Also call the Graffiti Abatement Hotline at 624-7833 (www.ci.tucson.az.us/graffiti.html).

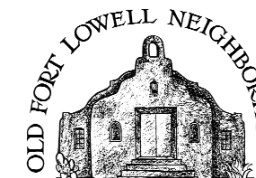
Recently, when the neighborhood had a rash of graffiti, we found that both City and County officials were very responsive. But we need everyone's help!

Michael C. Holyko

On October 2, 2005 we lost a special resident and volunteer in the neighborhood. Mike taught us how to make paper flowers that were used to decorate San Pedro Chapel for La Reunión and were often sold by young volunteers during the historic walking tour.



He delighted in helping to decorate the Chapel for La Reunión. He will be greatly missed.



**OFLNA Calendar
January – May 2006**

All events are at the San Pedro Chapel, 5230 E. Fort Lowell Rd. Check the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association's website, www.oflna.org, for up-to-date information on events, sales, lectures, and monthly minutes of the OFLNA Council meetings, Old Fort Lowell Live-At-Home Program (OFLLAH), and the Fort Lowell Historic District Board (FLHDB).

History Lecture Series

Sundays, January 15, 22, 29 and February 5 at 3pm

La Reunión de El Fuerte

Saturday, February 11

Native American Flute Concert

Sunday, February 26 at 3pm

El Fuerte Flea Market Sale

Thursday, April 20 at 6 – 8pm
Members Only
Friday – Sunday, April 21-23
Open to public

Annual Meeting & Potluck

Sunday, May 7 at 5:30 pm

OFLLAH Calendar

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Saturday, January 7, 10:00 am
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San Pedro Chapel

OFLNA Council meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Adobe House, 5230 E. Fort Lowell Rd. Old Fort Lowell Live-At-Home meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm; for location, call 327-9392. Fort Lowell Historic District Board meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm; for location, call 325-6907.