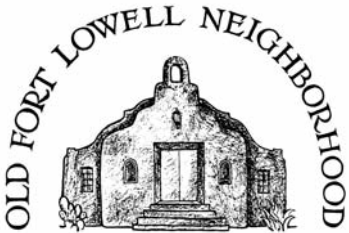




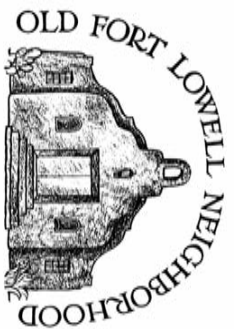
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**LA REUNION
DE
EL FUERTE**

Saturday, February 9, 2008

Mariachi Mass • 10:00 a.m.

For the neighborhood and invited guests.

San Pedro Chapel • 5230 E. Fort Lowell Road

Fort Lowell Day Celebration

History of Fort & Neighborhood

Noon ~ 4:00 p.m.

Historic Sites Walking Tours

through the

Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood



Stroll by an original Officer's Quarters

Garrison Flag Lowering Ceremony ~ 4:00 p.m.

Cavalry Drills • Music • Food • Youth Activities

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

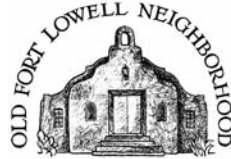
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History of Fort & Neighborhood

Saturday, February 9, 2008

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OFLNA
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OFLLAH
Old Fort Lowell Live-at-Home Program

FLHDB
Fort Lowell Historic District Board

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Dear Neighbors and Friends,

On Saturday, February 9, 2008, help us celebrate a special day in the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood. Twenty-seven years ago La Reunión de El Fuerte was inaugurated to commemorate and celebrate the area's diverse history and heritage. At a Mariachi Mass in San Pedro Chapel at 10:00 a.m. current residents and friends of OFLNA will gather along with relatives and descendants of the old village of El Fuerte. Because the Chapel is small, the general public is not included. Afterwards there will be a social hour with light refreshments outside the Chapel.

Between noon and 4:00 p.m., our self-guided historic sites walking tours will take place. This year we are promoting these tours to the general public with a new name —**Fort Lowell Day Celebration: History of Fort & Neighborhood**—because, for the first time, people will be able to walk onto the property that had been occupied for decades by the Adkins Steel Manufacturing Company on the southwest corner of Fort Lowell and Craycroft Roads and view the two remaining original Officers' Quarters dating from the 1870s and other ruins from the Fort. The City acquired the Adkins property through a property exchange. The stabilization of the historic structures, cleanup and restoration of the parcel is being funded by Pima County Bond monies. There will be special exhibits, experts, and neighborhood site hosts to help you enjoy your visit. Plus, across the street at Fort Lowell Park there will be drills by the 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment (Memorial) from Fort Huachuca, and music by the 4th U.S. Cavalry Regimental Band (Tucson). At 4:00 p.m. there will be a formal Garrison Flag lowering ceremony at the Fort Lowell Museum in Fort Lowell Park. We'll need lots of strong men and women to catch and fold the enormous 20' by 38' flag (*weighing 48 pounds!*) that will be proudly flying during the day.

But this day is not just a celebration of a late 19th century fort, for the tour follows the footsteps of the Hohokam Indians, the settlers from Mexico whose descendants still live in the neighborhood, and the Mormon farmers and later the Anglos who made homes of the old adobe structures. Fort Lowell Road will be closed to traffic from Craycroft Road to Beverly during the tour hours. Along the tour route visitors will find food booths and hear Mariachi music. At the western end of the tour at the San Pedro Chapel, there will be a bookstore selling souvenirs and historical materials and music by the Southern Arizona Old Time Fiddlers.

Children always enjoy the Cavalry drills at Fort Lowell Park. They will have an opportunity at San Pedro Chapel to make adobe bricks and learn about life in the



Volunteer Opportunities

La Reunión and Fort Lowell Day Celebration

La Reunión de El Fuerte depends on volunteers assuming a variety of positions. If you aren't already signed up to participate in the event, we'd love to have you join us. We are seeking volunteers to take on the following roles:

1. Site Host – Site hosts spend two and one half hours in the afternoon of February 9th stationed along the tour route interpreting their site to visitors. Hosts are given abundant educational materials to become knowledgeable about the sites, and newcomers are paired with experienced site hosts.

2. Set-up and Break-down Crew – We need a host of strong arms and willing feet to help set up and take down event materials in the early morning and late afternoon of Saturday, February 9.

3. Donation of Finger Foods – Refreshments are served after the Mariachi Mass on the morning of Saturday, February 9. Donations of finger foods, veggie or fruit trays, cheese and crackers, cookies, etc., would be greatly appreciated.

If you're interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please call Lynn Ratener at 299-3317 or email her at lynnratener@cox.net. She looks forward to hearing from you!

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Call Judy Ciampoli for details at 326-5123, or email at jciampoli@aol.com

late 19th-century and about the Apache Indians from docents from the Arizona Historical Society. Adults may find themselves learning a few things, too.

A free hand-out with a map and schedule of events will be available. An informative tour booklet with a map and details on each site may be purchased for \$1 at Information Booths set up in Fort Lowell Park, on Fort Lowell Road between the Commissary and the entrance to the Officers' Quarters or at the San Pedro Chapel. A shuttle van will provide transport throughout the afternoon tours between Fort Lowell Park and San Pedro Chapel.

Check the OFLNA website, www.oflna.org, for up-to-date times of all the activities.

I hope to see you there!
Judy Ciampoli, OFLNA President



Special History Lecture on the Future of Fort Lowell

On Sunday, January 27 at 3:00 p.m., archeologist Simon Herbert, Program Coordinator for Pima County's Cultural Resources and Historic Preservation Office, will speak on "*The Master Plan for Fort Lowell and Stabilization Repairs on the Former Adkins' Property.*" Mr. Herbert is very excited about the recent discoveries and possibilities of this site. As there will be ongoing construction in the Chapel during the entire month of January, this lecture will be held at the Faith Tabernacle Church, 5011 East Fort Lowell Road.

Construction at the San Pedro Chapel Site

Dirt has definitely been flying around San Pedro Chapel. At long last, progress is occurring toward the construction of the Support Building and work on the Studio and Chapel buildings. According to Bill Anderson—OFLNA Council Member and our knowledgeable neighborhood construction guru—work on the Support Building, which will contain a small kitchen, bathrooms, and some storage space, was delayed until a gas line could be moved. In addition, the Support Building had to be moved six feet east of its original position so as not to be on top of the electrical feed from TEP. The footings for the support building and the stem walls were completed in December.

Also completed are a French drain on the east side of the chapel to protect the stucco and adobe from water, and the new adobe wall enclosing an outside storage area southwest of the Studio building. Some walls in the Studio were demolished to make room for a bathroom and a mechanical engineer has helped us reduce some of the noise from the air-conditioning system in the Chapel.

The Chapel will be closed to everyone in order to rebuild the windows and doors from December 26 to February 6. However, Bill assures us that the Chapel will be in mint condition for the Mariachi Mass and Historic Walking Tours on Saturday, February 9! Landscape and vehicle access work will begin in late February.

San Pedro Chapel Concerts

An Evening with Scott August

On Thursday, February 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., the Tucson Native American Flute Circle and OFLNA will present Native American Flute Music Award winner Scott August. August is a nationally acclaimed composer, producer, keyboardist, and Native American flute player known for his forays into World Music. His music has been featured on the National Public Radio shows *Hearts of Space* and *Echoes*. The *Los Angeles Times* described his music as "shimmering and luminous."

Tickets are a \$10 donation, with proceeds benefiting both the Flute Circle and the San Pedro Chapel Restoration. For information, call our own neighborhood flutist, Penny Spicer, at 325-3843.

San Pedro Blues

On Sunday, April 13 at 3:00 p.m. Professor Paul and Friends will treat us to another one of his inimitable concerts. Professor Paul (*aka Paul Clinco*) has been playing blues gigs since 1971. A veteran of countless garage bands and even more jam sessions in central and south Los Angeles, he received his moniker at a Venice, California bandstand. In the early 1980's, he traveled to Chicago to jam with the surviving blues founders and was Big Walter Horton's regular piano player in the year before his death. Paul is well known among local musicians as a "Chicago Blues Purist."

The concert is free, but a suggested \$10 donation may be made at the door with all the proceeds from the concert going toward the Chapel Restoration Project. For additional information, call Jeanne Turner at 326-6042.

The Spring El Fuerte Flea Market

The dates for our fabulous flea market have been set. It will begin with an OFLNA and OFLLAH members only night on Thursday, April 3 and then the event will be open to the public on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 4 - 6. Donations will be accepted at the San Pedro Chapel after March 16. A future newsletter or postcard will give the dates and times.

Meanwhile, it's not too early to start checking around your house for donations of clean, usable goods: toys, books, housewares, games, furniture, linens, jewelry, sports equipment, bicycles, computer equipment, etc., but not clothing or shoes. Also, we do not accept consignments at this sale, only donations. Your donations are tax deductible. The profits from the Flea Market are divided equally between the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association and the Old Fort Lowell Live-At-Home Program. For additional information, call Judy Clinco at 323-1843

Another Successful Antiques & Collectibles Sale

Bravos to: Peggy Sackheim, Ann Hastings, and Judy and Demion Clinco who ran the Antiques and Collectibles Sale and all the volunteers who assisted them. The profit (divided equally between OFLNA and OFFLAH) was \$7,823.46.

Fort Lowell Road Trail Cleanup

Bravos to: Dennis Olson (former President of OFLNA) who organized a successful neighborhood clean-up along Fort Lowell Road in December and to all the neighbors who spent hours with him digging, trimming, raking and transporting the refuse generated—Donna Chernick, Lynn Ratener, Bill Simington, Joyce Evans, Darlene Schacht, George Brookbank, Bob Jones, Tamiyo Morishita, Jim Alrutz, Ray Turner, Jeanne Turner, Dave Olsen, Ann Stevens, Shannon McBride-Olson, Ralph Colwell, Rick Hinton, Manuel Ramos, and Elaine Hill.

In addition, special thanks are due to Tucson Clean and Beautiful for their timely delivery of equipment and tools and to the Faith Tabernacle Church for the gracious use of their parking lot for the roll-off container.

Our success in constructing an attractive linked trail system has made the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood a great place in which to live. Volunteers are crucial in maintaining this enjoyable feature of our environment. Please call Dennis at 326-7153 or email him at dennisolson@yahoo.com to help.

2008 Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 27

3:00 p.m.: Lecture by Simon Herbert, "*Update on the Master Plan for Fort Lowell and Stabilization Repairs on the Adkins Parcel*". This lecture will be held at the Faith Tabernacle Church, 5011 East Fort Lowell Rd.

Thursday, February 7

7:00 p.m.: ***An Evening with Scott August*** (Native American Flute Player), San Pedro Chapel

Saturday, February 9

10:00 a.m.: ***La Reunión de El Fuerte Mariachi Mass***, San Pedro Chapel

11:00 a.m.: Neighborhood Social

Noon-4:00 p.m.: ***Fort Lowell Day Celebration with Historic Sites Walking Tours***

4:00 p.m.: Garrison Flag Lowering Ceremony, Fort Lowell Museum

Thursday, April 3 – Sunday, April 6 *El Fuerte Flea Market Sale*

Sunday, April 13

3:00 p.m.: ***San Pedro Blues with Professor Paul and Friends***, San Pedro Chapel

Sunday, May 4

5:00 p.m.: ***Annual Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Meeting and Potluck***

