



Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association, Inc.

# Newsletter

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Old Fort Lowell Live-at-Home Program  
  
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## **Celebrate the Realization of a Dream**

*Sunday, September 28, 4:30 - 6:00 pm*

*San Pedro Chapel*

*5230 E. Fort Lowell Road*

On April 14, 1998 the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Council approved the Master Plan for the San Pedro Chapel Complex developed by an ad-hoc committee: Jeanne Turner, Chair; Ann Branham; Penny Spicer; and Kate McMillan. Once adopted, grant writing and fund raising began. Six years later at the May annual meeting in 2004 we celebrated significant progress: the removal of the flat ceiling and the exposure and restoration of its beautiful beams, the installation of a heating and cooling system, and the restoration of the adjacent Adobe House to its 1930's condition.

This time we'll be celebrating the final phase: the return of the Chapel to its original configuration; the addition of a support building behind the Chapel with its bathrooms, kitchen, and storage space; more parking; and many other improvements to the property that were provided by Pima County cultural/ heritage bond funds passed by the voters in 2004.

We will honor the people who played key roles in these recent major accomplishments. Colleen Sand, the neighborhood's baker of extraordinary cakes, is creating another artistic masterpiece. Join us in enjoying it! And then take a guided tour of our wonderful San Pedro Chapel Complex.

## **Public Hearings for the Fort Lowell Park Master Plan**

Fort Lowell was a supply base for the United States Army "Apache Campaigns" between 1873 and 1891. After the fort was abandoned in 1891, settlers moved into the area and the neighborhood became known as "El Fuerte."

Pima County acquired a large portion of the old fort and developed today's Fort Lowell Park some 40 years ago. Later it became a City park. Five and 1/5th acres of Fort Lowell land on the southwest corner of Fort Lowell and Craycroft Roads, which was owned for decades by the Adkins Steel and Tank Manufacturing Company, contained several original adobe buildings from the fort. At the 2004 Pima County Bond election voters passed a proposal to acquire that land and preserve these historic resources.

The City of Tucson entered into an intergovernmental agreement with Pima County which allows the bond funds to be used to implement a preservation project. Following this work, the property will be incorporated into the Fort Lowell Historic Park and will be owned and operated by the City of Tucson.

A Master Plan to define the future of the entire Fort Lowell Park began in 2007. Between 2006 and 2008, the Adkins site clean-up, inventory, mapping, and emergency stabilization of buildings and ruins took place. Poster Frost Associates was selected to prepare the Plan. The master planning process will result in a plan that allows for the interpretation of the existing cultural resources while continuing the recreational opportunities in the park.



The planning process will include three Public Meetings by the end of 2008 to encourage public outreach. Your voice is important to the project. What would you like to see happen to Fort Lowell Park? We encourage your participation, both through your attendance at the public meetings and/or by contacting your neighborhood representatives on the Fort Lowell Restoration Advisory Committee: Larry Hecker, Elaine Hill (elh320@comcast.net), Peggy Sackheim (Sackheim94@dakotacom.net), and Frank McClure.

You can learn more about the Master Plan progress through the following Pima County Cultural Resources web site at <http://www.pima.gov/cultural/FtLowell/index.html>. Also, by joining the neighborhood's elfuerte listserv, you will receive emails with details about the public meetings. To join the listserv, email Liz Walter at [eawalter1@hotmail.com](mailto:eawalter1@hotmail.com) and ask her to add you to the list. This is our vehicle for quickly communicating important messages to the neighborhood between newsletters.

## OFLLAH Lecture

Saturday, 20, 10:00 - 11:30 am, San Pedro Chapel. Sponsored by OFLLAH, Jonny Sue Perkins-Snyder, PT, will speak on "*Promoting Balance, Preventing Falls.*" Free and open to the public.

## We're Going to be Ten!

The **Old Fort Lowell Live-At-Home Program** has been serving our neighbors since the fall of 1998. Everyone in the neighborhood is invited to our **Ice Cream Social**:

Saturday, October 4th      2:00 - 4:00 pm, San Pedro Chapel

Sample your favorite ice cream, meet some of our terrific clients, volunteers and board members, and toast our award-winning program. Call 275-6757 for additional information.

## Flower Making Workshop

Saturday, October 18, 10:00 am. - noon, we'll make Mexican Paper Flowers at Peggy's, 5425 E. Fort Lowell Road. *No prior experience is necessary!* It's easy and fun. The flowers will be used to decorate San Pedro Chapel on Saturday, February 14, 2009 for our 28th annual afternoon Historic Sites Walking Tour (Fort Lowell Day Celebration) and the morning Mariachi Mass (La Reunión de El Fuerte).



Let Peggy know if you're coming, so we'll have enough materials for everyone (327-4285; sackheim94@dakotacom.net).

## Longfellow Performs Longfellow

Sunday, October 26, 2008 at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$10

Layne Longfellow returns to the San Pedro Chapel along with flutist Sandy Schwoebel.

Layne Longfellow not just revives Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, but he gives the poetry a personnel and human context. You will especially enjoy the version of *The Children's Hour*, which dispenses with the syrupy sentimentality readers have associated with it and restores the poem's power. Layne adapts Longfellow's poems because he wants them to be heard the way the poet intended. U.S.A. Poet Laureate Billy Collins says, "It is high time that the sense and sound of this major American voice was brought freshly to our ears." Layne's readings have been described as being filled with eloquence, longing and grace.

Purchase tickets at Paper Patch located in Plaza Palomino (Swan & Ft. Lowell Rd) or call Donna Chernick at 320-1302.

## Alamo Wash Bridge Public Art

On Saturday, July 19th from 7:00 - 9:30 am OFLNA neighbors and Rillito River Trail walkers recognized artist Robin Riley after months of hard work on the completion of the beautiful tile artwork on the bridge over the Alamo Wash. (Didn't hear about it? You would have if you were on the neighborhood listserv!) If you haven't seen the artwork, treat yourself to a stroll on the south bank of the Rillito River Trail between Swan and Craycroft.

# 12<sup>th</sup> Antiques & Collectibles Sale

San Pedro Chapel, 5230 E. Fort Lowell Road

Preview Sale for OFLNA Members only: Thu., November 6, 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

The sale is open to the public on: Fri., November 7, 11:00 am. – 2:00 pm.

Sat., November 8, 10 am. – 3:00 pm.

Sun., November 9, 11:00 am. – 1:00 pm.

Anyone in the neighborhood and their friends are invited to donate or consign items for this sale. All donated items are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. You will be given a tax-deductible slip. We are accepting donated items now. Call a co-chair listed at the end of this article for additional information.

If you have items such as silver, china, fine linens, crystal, jewelry, fine art, furniture, etc., that you'd like to sell on consignment, you will receive 70% of the sale price. We have two requirements for submitting items on consignment.

1. Consignee must be a paid member of the OFLNA. (You may join when you bring in your items.)
2. Consignee must sign up to work at least one 3 hour shift; exceptions can be made.

If you need help in pricing your items, we have some experts in several fields who will help.

We accept donations and receive consignment items at San Pedro Chapel on

Saturday, November 1, 10:00 am – noon & 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

Sunday, November 2, 10:00 am. – noon

Monday, November 3, 5:00 – 7 pm.

Tuesday, November 4, 10:00 am. – noon & 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

If you cannot deliver your items on these dates and times, please call one of the co-chairs. They will make other arrangements. If you are unable to deliver your items, they will try to arrange a pick up.

All consignment items must be received by 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 4. Unsold items may be picked up on November 9 between 2:00 – 3:00 pm. or on November 10 & 11 from 10:00 am – noon.

If you would like to volunteer at the Sale for a couple of hours, please call or email a co-chair. Working at the sale is a lot of fun!

If you'd like to participate in our planning meeting for the sale in late September/early October, call Peg Sackheim for date and place. Also, call her if you are consigning items and would like consignment forms and green tags and stickers in advance.

## Antiques & Collectibles Sale Committee Co-chairs:

Ann Hastings	584-0788, rnjanefw@yahoo.com
Peg Sackheim	327-4285, sackheim94@dakotacom.net
Judy & Demion Clinco	323-1843

*Note: Please clip this sale announcement and save it, or check the website, [www.olfna.org](http://www.olfna.org), for all the days and times as we may not mail another detailed listing.*



## Fall Calendar

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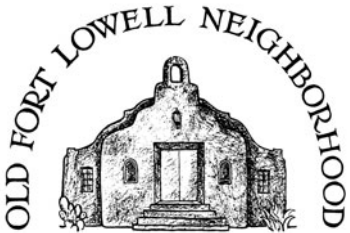
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Thursday – Sunday, November 6 – 9, hours vary





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## **Common Native Plants and Wildlife of the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood and Immediate Vicinity**

*Compiled by Barry Spicer with illustrations by Margaret Pope*

The collection of work for this booklet began in 1957 when young Barry Spicer started an inventory of the plants and wildlife that he observed near his home on Fort Lowell Road. An astute observer even as a child, Barry went on to become a professional wildlife biologist and is today the expert on native habitats, plants and wildlife of the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood. This booklet provides an invaluable



resource to the gardener who wants to select plants native to this region or for anyone who wants a better understanding of the habitats and native plants that surround us. The booklets are available from the Fort Lowell Historic District Board at a cost of \$10. Contact Co-Chair, Peg Sackheim, to purchase a copy at [sackheim94@dakotacom.net](mailto:sackheim94@dakotacom.net) or 327-4285.

### **Memorial Tree Opportunity**

We have space for 10 memorial trees (similar to those on the Fort Lowell Road Trail) towards the back of the San Pedro Chapel property. Cost: \$250. They're available to the first ten people who call Bill Anderson at 488-7219.

### **Volunteer Opportunity**

We need people to assist with San Pedro Chapel wedding rentals. It's rewarding helping couples have a wonderful experience at our Chapel. For all the details about this job, call Jeanne Turner at 326-6042.

### **Join the El Fuerte Listserv and get the Latest Neighborhood Information!**

The El Fuerte email list was started to open communication within the Fort Lowell neighborhood. If you would like to join the listserv, more information and instructions are on our website at [www.oflna.org/oflna/elfuerte.htm](http://www.oflna.org/oflna/elfuerte.htm). Or you can email Liz Walter at [cawalter1@hotmail.com](mailto:cawalter1@hotmail.com) and ask her to add you to the list.

