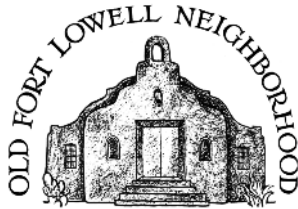




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If you'd like to become a member in the OFLNA or forgot to renew your membership:

Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Membership Dues for June 1, 2009 – May 31, 2010

Last Name(s): _____ First Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Check one: New Member Renewal

Type of Membership (please check one):

Voting - \$25.00: Property owners or residents living between the Rillito River on the north, Pantano Wash on the east, Glenn Street on the south, and Swan Road on the west.

Associate - \$25.00: Friends outside the neighborhood who choose to participate in and support neighborhood activities.

Business - \$25.00: Any organization or business that supports the neighborhood and would like to be informed about activities in the neighborhood.

Membership Dues: \$ _____

Additional Donation: \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Additional donations are greatly appreciated.
Make checks payable to OFLNA, Inc.

OFLNA is a registered not-for-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible.

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5230 E. Fort Lowell Road
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Acronyms used in this newsletter:

OFLNA:
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OFLLAH:
Old Fort Lowell Live-at-Home Program

FLHDB:
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Hear the Latest News *at the* Neighborhood Potluck

Sunday, September 20, 5:30 pm
San Pedro Chapel
5230 East Fort Lowell Road



Learn what's happening with *The Fort Lowell Park Master Plan*. Corky Poster from the architectural firm Poster/Frost Associates, which managed the public hearings and has worked with the Fort Lowell Restoration Advisory Committee, will show you the latest draft of the plan that will go to the Mayor/City Council and the Board of Supervisors for their approval this fall. (Hopefully this fall you'll see some activity at the southwest corner of Fort Lowell and Craycroft Roads on the former Adkins property. The City received a grant of money from the EPA for removal of contaminated soil.)

Spread the word about renting the San Pedro Chapel. We need everyone's participation in spreading the word about what a wonderful place we have for weddings, special birthdays, art shows, and meetings. We have brochures that you can give to associates and friends who are looking for sites. If someone wants an experienced person to take care of all the details, we have a professional wedding/event planner who can do everything. So far, most of the rentals have come from word-of-mouth referrals. A new San Pedro Chapel website is coming soon! Anyone who has clever ideas about inexpensive ways of marketing the chapel or the Adobe House, the oldest building on the site, call Janet Marcus at 327-1339 or email her at jmarcus21@cox.net.

Win a free Old Fort Lowell T-shirt! When you arrive, write your name on a slip of paper and put it into the bowl at the membership table.

Enjoy eating and talking with your neighbors. Please bring your favorite salad, main course, or dessert for 6 people to the potluck. We'll supply the plates, napkins, spoons and forks, and there'll be beverages available. We'll eat first (inside if it's hot), followed by the program and drawing for the t-shirt.

Take a stroll in the new memorial park, located just behind the Adobe House.

Join us in maintaining the strength, creativity, and vitality of the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood and learn about all the activities that will be taking place this year.

PS. If you can't make it to the potluck and have comments to make or wish to contribute in some way to activities in the neighborhood, email OFLNA President Bill Anderson at bill@andersoncrew.org or call him at 795-8662.

13th Antiques & Collectibles Sale

First Week of November

San Pedro Chapel
5230 E. Fort Lowell Road

Preview Sale

(for OFLNA members only)

Thursday, Nov. 5, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Public Sale

Friday, Nov. 6, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday, Nov. 7, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sunday, Nov. 8, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Donations and consignment items will be accepted at San Pedro Chapel:

Sat., Oct. 31, 10 am-noon, 2-4pm

Sun., Nov. 1, 10 am-noon

Mon., Nov. 2, 10 am-noon, 5-7 pm

Tues., Nov. 3, 10 am - noon

There will be detailed information in a mid-October OFLNA newsletter. Also, check the OFLNA website (www.oflna.org) at in the beginning of October. If you want more information sooner, need to donate or consign items now, or wish to participate in a planning meeting in late September/ early October, contact Peg Sackheim at 327-4285, sackheim94@dakotacom.net.

The following are additional A & C Committee Co-Chairs:

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Fort Lowell Road Clean-Up

Circle **Saturday, September 19 at 8:00 am** on your calendar and meet at the San Pedro Chapel for your assignment. Wear your gardening clothes and gloves, and bring a tool or two (rake, cutting tool). Twice a year we clean up Fort Lowell Road just before the City's Brush and Bulky pick-up in the neighborhood. When the trail was constructed with trees and plants, OFLNA agreed to maintain it and prune branches on trees up to 6 feet. Help keep Fort Lowell Road beautiful! Please let Ralph Colwell know you're coming (325-6488; rjc70237@aol.com).

Harp Concert At San Pedro Chapel

The Saguaro-Old Pueblo Harpers in Arizona (SOPHIA) will present a concert on Sunday, October 11 at 3 pm in honor of Laurie Riley, an internationally respected harper, author, and harp teacher who now is disabled with a chronic disease. The concert will include Laurie's compositions, celtic music, and nature-inspired pieces. Participating musicians in Beckie Arden, Carolyn Ancell, Mary Bouley, Sherylanne Branning, Tabitha Brecke Lorna Govier, Patricia Haris, Vanessa Moxness, Naomi Orchard, Jenny Robertson-Tessi, and Celeste Rogers. Suggested donation at the door: \$15.

New Memorial Park, Benches and more at the San Pedro Chapel

Thanks to a grant from the Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission, we have several new additions to the Chapel and its grounds: a new pew, improvements to the memorial park, and benches. Master carpenter John Branham, who lives in the neighborhood, built a new pew, duplicating exactly the classic pews made by Chuaquemoc Garcia. Now we have an even number of 16.



Improvements were made to the paths in the new memorial park by placing Catalina field rocks along their edges. Also, we purchased 10 concrete benches for the ramadas and memorial parks, creating community seating areas.

We invite everyone to see the improvements at the upcoming potluck.

Old Fort Lowell Live-at-Home invites you to San Pedro Chapel for—

New Volunteer Orientation for the OFLLAH program on Saturday, September 12, 10:00 am - noon. Call 275-6757 to register;

Annual Ice Cream Social on Saturday, October 10, 2:00 - 3:30 pm. Everyone in the neighborhood is welcome.

Remembering John C. Collins

On April 15, 2009 we lost John Collins, a multi-talented man, who contributed to the vitality of our community. John served on the OFLNA Council for 4 years, including 2 as vice-president. He chaired the membership committee and worked diligently to recruit new members. Since carpentry was one of his hobbies, he was invaluable in our early construction activities at the Chapel. John was genial, creative, and always willing to help. He will be greatly missed.

Award Winners in the OFLNA

On Sunday, May 31st the Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission held its annual awards ceremony for the first time at San Pedro Chapel and celebrated those who had made significant contributions to historic preservation in Tucson and Pima County. Four current residents of the neighborhood (Bill Anderson, Larry Hecker, Jeanne and Ray Turner) and former resident Harry Adkins were honored.

Turning the spotlight on Jeanne Turner: For more than 30 years Jeanne Turner has played a significant role in the development of our neighborhood. In the early 1980's she and her husband Ray participated in the formation of the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association. Jeanne's vision and dedication have shaped the neighborhood in many ways. She served as an officer on the Neighborhood Council and a member of the Neighborhood Plan Committee, which sought to protect the natural environment and historic resources when future development occurred. This Neighborhood Plan with its goals and policies were formally adopted by both the Tucson City Council and the Pima County Board of Supervisors.

When the private owner of the San Pedro Chapel died in 1991, Jeanne chaired the committee that successfully raised funds to purchase the Chapel. The committee held the property in trust until OFLNA purchased it in 1993 with funds from donations, fundraising events, and a matching grant from the Arizona Heritage Fund. Jeanne has remained a manager of the property as Chair of the Chapel Committee. Indeed, many of us think of Jeanne and Ray as the "Guardians of the San Pedro Chapel" because they've even responded to the alarm system going off in the Chapel in the middle of the night!

Jeanne and Ann Branham co-chaired an ad hoc committee that developed an ambitious master plan for the Chapel property. Last year we celebrated the completion of that plan. Through the years Jeanne has helped raise money for the Chapel's restoration by organizing concerts and handling rentals of the space. She and Ann Branham have written successful grant proposals to the State Heritage Fund and the Southwestern Foundation for Education and Historical Preservation for the restoration of the Chapel and another adjacent historic building.

Since 2001 Jeanne has co-chaired the annual La Reunion de El Fuerte/Fort Lowell Day Celebration. She was involved in the production of the OFLNA video "South of the Rillito, West of the Pantano." She's been a longtime volunteer with the Old Fort Lowell Live-At-Home program. She is currently active in mapping the Fort Lowell Cemetery and seeking state and federal historic status for it. In 2005 Jeanne and Ann Branham obtained funding from PRO Neighborhoods for a collection of oral histories, "The Voices of Fort Lowell." They conducted dozens of interviews, coordinated transcribing and editing, and secured both new and old photographs for the book and for display in the Chapel.

Jeanne has organized volumes of OFLNA archival material; she has wielded rake and shovel on Fort Lowell Road clean-ups, she has hosted lively patio receptions at her home, and so much more.

Jeanne, we salute you for your invaluable contributions to OFLNA!

Fall Calendar

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Tuesday, Nov. 3

OFLNA Council meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Adobe House, next to San Pedro Chapel. These meetings are open to the public.

For news alerts, join the neighborhood El Fuerte Listserv; instructions are at website or email Liz Walter at ewalter1@botmail.com.