

PIMA COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES, PARKS AND RECREATION VOLUNTEER NEWS

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NOVEMBER PUBLIC PROGRAMS

AGUA CALIENTE PARK

Wake Up with the Birds

Every Thursday in November (Except Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 28) 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Nature Stories at Agua Caliente Park

Friday, November 1 and 15, 11:00 a.m. – Noon

Endicott Peabody: Preacher in Hellorado*

Sunday, November 3, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Nuts about Nature Preschool Hour

Wednesday, November 6 and 20, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Sonoran Desert Kids Club: Roadrunners*

Saturday, November 9, 9:30 a.m. – Noon

Historical Tour of Agua Caliente Park

Sunday, November 10 and 24, 11:00 a.m. – Noon

The Life and Times of Pete Kitchen*

Sunday, November 17, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

TUCSON MOUNTAIN PARK

Sonoran Desert Weedwackers*

2nd and 4th Wed and 3rd Sat in November, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Yetman Trail Hike*

Wednesday, November 6, 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Brown Mountain Hike

Thursday, November 7, 14, and 21, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

A Night with the Stars

Saturday, November 23, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

OUT AND ABOUT IN PIMA COUNTY

Tour of Hacienda de la Canoa*

Every Tue and Sat in November, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. & Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Paint Out in the Park

Saturday, November 2, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Cienega Creek Natural Preserve

Dragons and Damsels

Tuesday, November 5, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Sweetwater Wetlands, 2667 W. Sweetwater Dr.

Tucson Mountains Sweetwater Preserve Hike*

Wednesday, November 13, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Cienega Creek Birding Walk

Saturday, November 16, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Birding at Sweetwater Wetlands

Tuesday, November 12, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Honey Bee Canyon Park Birding Walk

Saturday, November 23, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Honey Bee Canyon Park, 13880 N. Rancho Vistoso Blvd.

Outdoor Family Day: Up Close with Nature*

Saturday, November 23, 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Sweetwater Wetlands, 2667 W. Sweetwater Dr.

Sweetwater Preserve Birding*

Tuesday, November 26, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Birding at Hacienda de la Canoa*

Saturday, November 30, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

*RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: 520-615-7855



Photo: Doris Evans

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEER MEETING

Be sure to attend the upcoming volunteer meeting on November 15 at the Brandi Fenton Memorial Park Visitor Center at 9:30 a.m. Jeff Babson will present a program on Sonoran Desert Birds. Cactus wren, curve-billed thrasher, Gambel's quail, verdin, Cooper's and red-tailed

hawks are just a few of the birds that will be included. Jeff will discuss identification tips, diet, breeding behavior and songs, conservation concerns, and how to create habitat for local birds. Also, volunteer Doris Evans will present a shortened version of her program on roadrunners. Don't miss it! All current volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend – this will be the only volunteer meeting until January. Please let Meg know at meg.quinn@pima.gov if you are able to attend. Thanks!



Photos: Doris Evans

CONGRATS TO NEW LWUW VOLUNTEERS

Congratulations to the Living with Urban Wildlife volunteers who completed the three day training in October. A special welcome goes out to new volunteers Eric Hubbell, Amy Gaiennie, and Carol Brown. Also, from our existing volunteer corps, Pat Monahan, Doris Evans, Pam Ryan, Bob Bertolini, Allen Alderman, Mandy Vernalia, Laura Cotter, Julie Jonsson, Liz Pederson, Grace Evans, and Betty Harris completed the training. All will be assisting Julie Strom with staffing the updated LWUW trailer exhibit at community events and/or delivering the newly revised Living with Urban Wildlife PowerPoint program. Thank you for your assistance on this very important program! And many thanks to volunteers Pat Monahan, Bob Bertolini, Betty Harris, Wanda Wynne, Bill Kaufman, and Judy Burgard who assisted with staffing the LWUW trailer exhibit for the three day Tucson Meet Yourself Festival – you are much appreciated! Julie will communicate with all LWUW volunteers about upcoming opportunities. Questions can be directed to Julie at julie.strom@pima.gov

**Interested in Volunteering? Email us at eeducation@pima.gov
Call us at Environmental Education Office 520-615-7855**

HISTORIC HACIENDA DE LA CANOA VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to the Interpretive Tour Guides at HHdIC who conducted tours at the ranch throughout the summer and early fall months. And special thanks to all volunteers who assisted with the inaugural Anza Day at HHdIC community event on October 26, which was attended by about 150 visitors. Activities included volunteer led tours of the ranch, an appearance by the Anza Trail Coalition Color Guard, and special exhibits. Sandy Reith will continue to coordinate the HHdIC Interpretive Tour Guides. To schedule a tour for yourself or a group, contact Sallie Muse at 877-6004 or CanoaRanch@pima.gov.

GILBERT RAY CAMPGROUND VOLUNTEER NATURALISTS

The Gilbert Ray Campground Volunteer Naturalists will be conducting 2 mile interpretive hikes on the lower Brown Mountain trail in Tucson Mountain Park in November and December. These hikes are open to volunteers as well as the general public. The dates are November 7, 14, and 21 and December 5, 12, and 19, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. No reservations are necessary. The trailhead is located just off Kinney Road on the McCain Loop Road, adjacent to Gilbert Ray Campground. For more information, contact Meg at meg.quinn@pima.gov.

OCTOBER VOLUNTEER FIELD TRIP

Our volunteer group was given a fascinating tour of the Mission Gardens on October 17. The tour included a summary of the archeological history of Tucson and a walking and tasting tour of the gardens. We sampled white pomegranate and quince from Sonora, as well as sweet sorghum stems and chard. In addition to the heirloom orchards, vineyards and crops, a time-line garden of native desert plants demonstrates traditional uses of desert plants, and early crops of corn, beans, and squash. The site is owned primarily by Pima County and partially by the City of Tucson. An agreement with these two entities and the non-profit, Friends of Tucson's Birthplace allows FTB to install and operate the Gardens.

For information about the Gardens, check out the Friends of Tucson's Birthplace website at www.tucsonsbirthplace.org



VOLUNTEER HOLIDAY PARTY

Be sure to save the December 6 date and join us for the annual Holiday Party at the Ranch House at Agua Caliente Park, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. We will decorate the Ranch House for the holiday season as we enjoy refreshments and holiday music. If you would like to participate in the cookie exchange, bring a plate of cookies and everyone will go home with a plate containing a variety of cookies brought by yourself and others. All volunteers are welcome. If you have questions, contact Meg at meg.quinn@pima.gov. See you there!

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