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VOLUNTEER MEETING

Arizona Canines: Coyotes, and Mexican Wolves

Monday, December 7, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Brandi Fenton Memorial Park Visitor Center,
3482 E. River Road

Coyotes and Mexican wolves are Arizona's largest canines and play important roles in our state's ecology. Arizona Game and Fish Department Watchable Wildlife Program Manager Randy Babb will give a presentation on the distinguishing features, habitats, feeding habits, and life history of these amazing canines. Please let Meg know at meg.quinn@pima.gov if you are able to attend.



Photo: Doris Evans

LECTURE SERIES AT AGUA CALIENTE PARK

This year's fall/winter Lectures Series includes some dynamic speakers and fascinating topics. Historian, Jim Turner will kick off the series on November 8 with his presentation, *The True Facts About Pancho Villa*. On November 22, Tucson Wildlife Center staff will explain the process of rescuing injured and abandoned wildlife, rehabilitation and release, and tips for peaceful coexistence between people and wildlife. The presentations will be held in the Agua Caliente Rose Cottage at 1:00 p.m. There is no admission fee to the lectures for volunteers but please let us know if you plan to attend by sending a message to eeducation@pima.gov. The general public should register online at www.pima.gov/nrpr. Stay tuned for a list of lecture series speakers for December through February. Thank you to the Friends of Agua Caliente Park for their continuing support for the lecture series.

OKLAHOMA IN ARIZONA DAYS AT CANOA RANCH

By Maureen Brooks

This series of events came about when Canoa Ranch volunteers John Attardi, Nancy McKean, and Maureen Brooks presented the idea of celebrating in some way the fact that the 1955 movie, *Oklahoma!*, was filmed in Southeast Arizona, at Empire Ranch, and specifically at Historic Canoa Ranch. The musical scene *The Surrey With*

The Fringe On Top was filmed at the artificial lake which used to be at Canoa Ranch. After some 'brainstorming' a plan was developed to see if the local movie theater, Desert Sky Cinema, would be interested in showing *Oklahoma!* for its local interest. As it happened, timing was exactly right. The 60th Anniversary version of *Oklahoma!* was available, the movie was booked, and the idea has snowballed. On November 1 and 3, the newly released version of *Oklahoma!* will be shown at 2:00 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. at Desert Sky Cinema, and the Green Valley Concert Band will present a free concert of the music from *Oklahoma!* at Canoa Ranch at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 1st. There will be information and photos of Canoa Ranch in the theater lobby, and tours of the ranch on October 31 and November 3.

Due to the help of Supervisor Ray Carroll, and Pima



"OKLAHOMA!" 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Come celebrate the Hollywood Blockbuster Musical Film in which some scenes were filmed at Historic Canoa Ranch.

Sunday, November 1, 2015

"Oklahoma!" Musical
Green Valley Concert Band
at Historic Canoa Ranch

Gates open at 5:00 p.m.
Concert 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Suggested Donation \$5.00

Historic Hacienda de la Canoa at
Raúl M. Grijalva Canoa Ranch Conservation Park
5375 S. I-19 Frontage Rd.
(Located just south of the new hospital)



Sunday, November 1, and
Tuesday, November 3, 2015

See the film at
Desert Sky Cinemas

Films Times are 2:00 p.m.
and 7:00 p.m.

70 W. Duval Mine Rd.
520-393-1222



Call 520-724-5220 or email CanoaRanch@pima.gov for information about the concert.

County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation staff Robert Vaughn, Valerie Samoy and Simon Herbert, the Pima County Board of Supervisors is proclaiming these days in November as "Oklahoma in Arizona Days." Thank you to all Canoa Ranch volunteers for helping with this special event!

LIVING WITH URBAN WILDLIFE

Now that we are heading into the cooler months, our *Living with Urban Wildlife* trailer is ready to get back out on the road. First stop was Tucson Meet Yourself, October 10th-12th. A great big thank you to Betty Harris, Callie Jordan, Carol Brown, Grace Evans, Liz Harrison, Liz Pederson, Nancy Blanchard and Wanda Wynne who braved the unseasonably warm and blustery weather to help us reach more than 600 Tucsonans at the annual Tucson Meet Yourself Folklife Festival. Next stop, Green Valley on October 25th for the 3rd annual Anza Day at the Historic Hacienda de la Canoa. Then we're off to the *Living Streets Alliance's* fall Cyclovia event on November 1st. Hope to see you there. Please contact Julie at julie.strom@pima.gov if you would like to help out at any of these events.



CATTAIL CUTTING AT AGUA CALIENTE PARK

The main pond at Agua Caliente Park received a dramatic make-over in October with crews removing invasive cattails to increase open water areas on the pond and reduce water use. Workers used a specially designed "cattail cutter boat" to cut and then remove the cattails. Left unmanaged the cattails would eventually fill the pond. Some cattails were left uncut to provide habitat and cover for wildlife. We do expect the cattails

to regrow over time but for now, park visitors are enjoying the great views into and across the pond and the waterfowl are taking advantage of the room to move.



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

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