

PIMA COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES, PARKS AND RECREATION VOLUNTEER NEWS

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Rock Hibiscus by Meg Quinn

OCTOBER PUBLIC PROGRAMS

AGUA CALIENTE PARK

Wake Up with the Birds

Every Thursday in October, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Nuts about Nature Preschool Hour

Wednesday, October 2, October 16, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Nature Stories at Agua Caliente Park

Friday, October 4, October 18, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Historical Tour of Agua Caliente Park

Saturday, October 5, October 19, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Paint Out in the Park

Saturday, October 12, 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Sonoran Desert Kids Club: Butterflies!

Saturday, October 12, 9:30 a.m. – Noon

A Night with the Stars*

Saturday, October 26, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

TUCSON MOUNTAIN PARK

Sonoran Desert Weedwackers*

2nd and 4th Wed and 3rd Sat in October, 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Nature Nights: Bugs and Blacklights

Friday, October 11, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Harvest Moon Viewing*

Friday, October 18, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Tucson Mountain Park Birding Walk

Saturday, October 19, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Desert Ecology Hike*

Thursday, October 24, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

OFD: Plants and People of the Southwest*

Saturday, October 26, 10:00 a.m. – Noon

OUT AND ABOUT IN PIMA COUNTY

Plant Walk in Wild Burro Canyon*

Wednesday, October 9, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Dragons and Damsels

Tuesday, October 15, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Sweetwater Wetlands

The Return of the Black-tailed Prairie Dog*

Thursday, October 17, 8:30 a.m. – Noon

Las Cienegas National Conservation Area, near Sonoita

Birding at Sweetwater Wetlands

Wednesday, October 23, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Honey Bee Canyon Park Birding Walk

Saturday, October 26, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Cienega Creek Birding Walk

Tuesday, October 29, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Plant Walk in Honey Bee Canyon*

Wednesday, October 30, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

The Wonderful World of Bats

Thursday, October 31, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Joyner-Green Valley Branch Library

*RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: 520-615-7855

VOLUNTEER FIELD TRIP

A field trip for volunteers to the Mission Gardens has been scheduled for Thursday, October 17. The Mission Gardens is a re-creation of the Spanish Colonial walled garden that was part of

Tucson's historic

San Agustin Mission. Rebuilt on its original site and located west of downtown Tucson at the corner of Mission Road and Mission Lane, the Garden features heirloom orchard trees and Timeline Gardens, interpreting 4,000 years of Tucson agriculture. We'll meet at the Gardens for a guided tour at 9:00 a.m. Please let Meg know at meg.quinn@pima.gov if you would like to attend.



LIVING WITH URBAN WILDLIFE TRAINING

The upcoming Living with Urban Wildlife (LWUW) training on October 21- 23, includes an orientation to the LWUW trailer and the LWUW PowerPoint presentation, both of which have been revised. In addition, there will be presentations from experts on wildlife including coyotes, javelinas, rattlesnakes, packrats, insects, and arachnids. The Living with Urban Wildlife program focuses on common sense methods for preventing or resolving human/wildlife conflicts. Volunteers will be asked to participate in 3 to 4 LWUW events during our busy fall/winter/spring seasons. The training is required for all LWUW volunteers, including those who received training in the past. Current Living with Urban Wildlife volunteers unable to make these scheduled dates, but interested in the training will be offered a make-up session. If you have not already registered, please contact Julie at julie.strom@pima.gov to sign up. Thanks!

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

HACIENDA DE LA CANOA

We're looking forward to another busy season at Historic Hacienda de la Canoa (Canoa Ranch) and would like to thank all the volunteers who take care of the ranch landscape and lead tours for the public. Tour Guide Volunteers will be leading interpretive tours of the ranch on Tuesdays and Saturdays during October, November, and December. The county will also be offering behind-the-scenes tours that focus on work that has been done to rehabilitate some of the ranch buildings and structures. For tour reservations and more information contact Sallie Muse at 877-6004 or CanoaRanch@pima.gov.



TUCSON MEET YOURSELF

Many volunteers are needed to staff the Living with Urban Wildlife trailer exhibit at the Tucson Meet Yourself Festival on October 11, 12, and 13. Various shifts are available. Please let Julie know at julie.strom@pima.gov if you can help out. Thanks!



CONGRATULATIONS DORIS!

Check out the September issue of Tucson Happenings to see the article about multi-talented volunteer Doris Evans and her amazing nature photography. A copy of the publication will be in the Ranch House at Agua Caliente Park for anyone who would like to see it.

THANK YOU TO WILDLIFE VIEWING VOLUNTEERS

As the monsoon season winds down, I would like to thank all of our Wildlife Viewing Program volunteers who did such a great job leading birding and insect programs for Pima County this summer. You do a terrific job! I truly appreciate your efforts and your willingness to share your knowledge and expertise with Pima County residents and visitors. *Jeff Babson*

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