



Mountain Lines

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Hold the Line!

Nothing worthwhile comes easy...

by Carla, Executive Director

This is what we have to remember as our Preserve faces two tough challenges.

The first is achieving meaningful state trust land reform after the defeat of Prop. 106. Reform is critical to every growing community in Arizona and essential for the completion of Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve.

Discussions about possible legislation – not as broad as Prop. 106 but the steps necessary to make the Arizona Preserve Initiative functional again – are ongoing. At the same time, there are two groups mulling the feasibility of another initiative. We will keep you updated on any progress.

The second challenge is extremely frustrating. Despite repeatedly and publicly stating that none of Scottsdale's envisioned Preserve lands were in their five year disposition plan, **the State Land Department has put approximately 1,700 acres within the voter-approved Preserve boundary into the planning process for a potential future auction.**

These acres include the two sections south of Dynamite between Pima and Scottsdale Roads as well as land east of Pima both north and south of Dynamite. Historically, the Pima and Dynamite corner is a well used trail nexus and is planned to be one of the Preserve's major access areas. The two sections include the main trail corridor to Phoenix, beautiful washes, and proposed scenic corridors. The 1,700 acres also includes 255 acres that were reclassified as suitable for conservation under the Arizona Preserve Initiative.



Photo Courtesy of Steve Maniscalco

Mayor Manross has already been sending a very strong message to the state that her citizens will not give up on their Preserve dream and has asked that this planning application be tabled.

Each of you can help by contacting the State Land Commissioner's boss, Governor Napolitano, and asking her to table the application. During her State of the State address, The Governor made some very positive comments about the need for state trust land reform and committing to smart growth in Arizona. We think that respecting local open space lands, *like the Preserve*, would be a big step in that direction. Her contact information is at <http://azgovernor.gov/contact>. asp and I would encourage you to email, write or call if possible. The more of us that speak up the greater the chance we will be listened to.

Despite the many successes that have led to almost 17,000 acres of the planned Preserve being protected in just 12 years at a very reasonable price, addressing the remaining unprotected land—which is all State Trust land—is critically important and our major challenge moving forward. **Let's stand firm, let's hold the line, and together, we can succeed.**

After all, protecting such magnificent land for the education and enjoyment of this and all future generations is one of the most worthwhile things we can do in our lifetime. 🙏

The planning process for this land could take 9 months or more. In that process the developer doing the planning for the state will study the land and meet with neighborhood, area and user interests.

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from the managing director



Building a Foundation for Success

MSC's fiscal year runs July through June. During the first two quarters, we were consumed with the planning and building of physical assets like the office and our IT capabilities as well as supporting Prop. 106 efforts. We are still focused on building infrastructure, now however, we are turning our attention to our "human assets" – the volunteers, staff, board, and Friends.

Few organizations recognize the potential of their social capital. For instance, we can all recognize the immense planning and production efforts needed to construct a building. Yet a building is something that once completed, essentially remains static. Now imagine contributing that level of planning and development towards constructing an organization's social capital. The resulting resource, a dynamic, self-perpetuating, adaptable network of people, has just as much potential of affecting the organization's future as a new building and yet it is rarely the recipient of the same level of development effort.

I believe that nothing can increase MSC's chances of achieving our goals more than the collective minds and bodies of our volunteers, staff, board, and Friends. Therefore, during the third and fourth quarters of our fiscal year, our time will be spent evaluating the four types of our human assets, strategically planning how each can improve, and beginning construction! MSC has a solid foundation on which to build and I am confident that the next phase of construction will be successful. 🙌

MSC Library Wishlist...

We are building a library of books to support our volunteer training efforts. Each issue of Mountain Lines will feature 5 books that we identified as "must haves". If you are interested in donating one of these books, please contact Debbie at 480-998-7971x100.

A Field Guide to Rock Art Symbols of the Greater Southwest, Alex Patterson

Food Plants of the Sonoran Desert, Wendy Hodgson

Arizona, Marshall Trimble

A Field Guide to the Plants of Arizona, Anne Orth Epple

How to Identify Plants, H. D. Harrington and L. W. Durrell

About The MSC

The McDowell Sonoran Conservancy's commitment to the community is to champion for the preservation of the Sonoran Desert and its Mountains, facilitate the community's relationship with preserved land, and develop a culture of stewardship within the community.

It is our goal to secure for future generations their unique environmental and archeological heritage.

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preserve up close

Desert Shopping

by Alice Demetra, MSC Steward



Safeway, Walgreens, Home Depot, Fashion Square—all the necessities, conveniences, and luxuries of life lie at our modern-day doorstep. However, for much of the time humans inhabited the Sonoran Desert, life was sustained by plants such as cacti, bean trees, yucca, and agave. The native people who called the Sonoran Desert their home “shopped” at these plants for food, medicine, tools, and other more. The Velvet Mesquite, in particular, satisfied such a wide array of needs that it was, figuratively, the “Costco of the Desert.”

The mature, brittle straw-colored seed pods of mesquite trees were harvested during late summer. The soft inner tissue of the pod, called the mesocarp, was eaten raw. In some trees, this tissue might be 20-30% sugar—a desert candy bar. Dried pods were ground into meal that had a caramel-like sweetness and a texture similar to crushed graham crackers. Water was added to meal to make a sticky dough that was then pressed into small cakes and dried for storage. These cakes could be rehydrated and eaten raw, cooked in water creating a gruel, or used as a thickener in stew. A frothy drink was created by fermenting mesquite meal and water or the pods were steeped for tea that had a delicate vanilla scent and flavor.



For Native Peoples, the mesquite tree was the equivalent of a modern day pharmacy. The golden sap exuded by the mesquite was boiled in water and applied as an eye wash and as a treatment for open sores. This multipurpose dilution was gargled to remedy sore throats, painful gums, and laryngitis. It was also applied to soothe sunburn, chapped skin and lips, and as a treatment for “bad (venereal) disease.” Mesquite leaf tea was brewed as a cure for headache and such stomach ailments as dysentery, diarrhea, and ulcers.

Mesquite provided attractive sturdy building material. Its reddish brown heartwood was used for everything from furniture to fence posts to cradle boards. The inner bark supplied coarse fabric and material for basketry as well. Mesquite heartwood, which burns at 800-1000° F, was excellent firewood for cooking and warmth. It produced long lasting coals that were used, for example, to prepare saguaro syrup and to pit roast buckhorn cholla buds. Mesquite was also put to decorative use. The black pitch from the mesquite was used by Native People as a primitive hair dye as well as paint for pottery and gourds.

Native people learned through observation and experimentation which plants satisfied their hunger, energized their activities, allayed their pains, gave them pleasure, and provided construction supplies. And, just as folks today trek to Costco or Sam’s Club for one-stop shopping, native people had their own versions near their home in the Sonoran Desert. 🏠

Conservation Note

Mesquite is commonly used as a shade tree in local landscapes. Unfortunately, the variety commonly used is from South America as it grows faster and is taller than native mesquites. Scientists that study mesquite are concerned that the pollen from these landscape trees is reaching far outside of urban areas. When the pollen of non-native mesquites fertilize the seeds of a native tree, the young trees that are produced are a hybrid, or a mixture, of both of its parents. We won’t know for some time whether these hybrids grow up to be successful. Hybrids are sometimes weaker than pure strains and die off or they can be much harder than their parents, up out-competing them in the habitat.

Remembering Annie

by Len Marcisz, Board Member and Steward

A dozen US soldiers approach a dwelling in the desert.

They are on a mission.

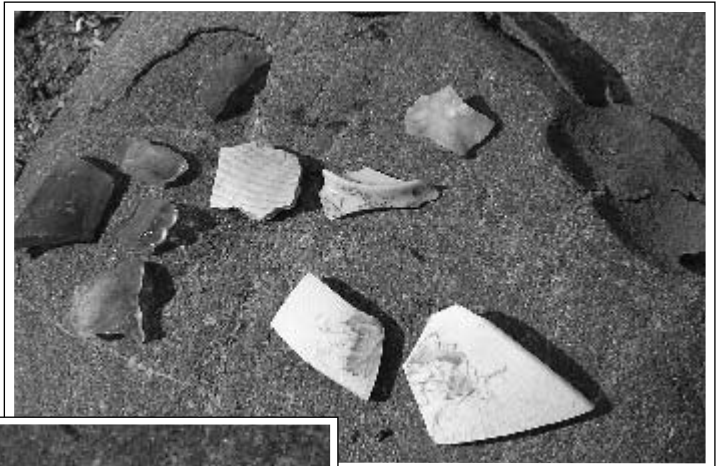
In the dwelling they find seven children, ages 5 months to 14 years. Their parents are away. The lieutenant in charge of the detail orders the children removed from their home, a primitive 20 by 12 foot structure of mud, timber, and rock. He orders the structure torched and the family's livestock driven from their pens and scattered into the desert. The detail departs, leaving the children to fend for themselves. It is July 31, the hottest time of the year.

A contemporary case of military overreaction?

The date is July 31, 1880. The lieutenant is Henry Kendall. The troops are from Fort McDowell. The dwelling is the home of Patrick and Annie White – Irish immigrants and US citizens whose homestead is located on US soil.

This incident, whose memory has been preserved by historian Bob Mason in his book “Verde Valley Lore” and in his novel “The Burning,” has never been fully explained. Army accusations that the Whites were supplying liquor to Indians, running a house of ill repute, and squatting on government land were never substantiated. The Whites were never compensated for their loss. Annie White, the wife and mother, was left to relocate her family to Tempe, raise her 7 children, and care for her depressed and nearly unemployable husband, while she alone rebuilt the family finances.

All that remains of Annie's homestead today is a shallow, oval depression in the desert, west of the Verde River, a half mile north of the Fort McDowell Reservation boundary, east of the Rio Verde golf course. The homestead is surrounded by large cobblestones, remnants of the original foundation, and a wide scattering of barbed wire, small pieces of metal,



and occasional shards of china or porcelain – lonely reminders of a woman's loss.

A precious few of these shards have been incorporated in a display about the White homestead at the River of Time Museum in Fountain Hills. MSC stew-

ards recently contributed to the expansion of this White homestead artifact collection.

On November 15, 2006, Stewards Larry Levy and Len Marcisz were conducting a practice run for an upcoming MSC hike that included a visit to the White homestead. While assessing the best approach to the homestead site, Larry discovered two shards of porcelain displaying an intricate blue leaf design. Len recognized the pattern as similar to others displayed at the River of Time Museum. Further examination of the area yielded a porcelain fragment with a reddish brown pattern, and a small rusted spoon whose handle was bent double and stamped with an indecipherable inscription. Finding evidence of ATV activity in the immediate area, Larry and Len concealed the delicate artifacts beneath a bush. Len then contacted Bob Mason and also Judy Confer, the Director of the River of Time Museum, and inquired whether there was any interest in preserving the artifacts. There was.

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Springtime: let's hit the trails!

Here's what's happening...

The McDowell Sonoran Conservancy in Scottsdale ends its 2006-07 hiking season with 16 free, guided hikes in March and April. The hikes will be led by MSC volunteers who are expert in desert subjects and will conduct trailside discussions. All begin at 8 a.m. No reservations are required unless noted. Hikers are expected to carry adequate water and wear sturdy, covered shoes or boots. Hats, sunscreen and snacks are suggested. Detailed directions to the trailheads can be found at the website www.mcdowellsonoran.org. Plan to arrive at the meeting place about 15 minutes before departure time.

Saturday, March 3; Cathedral Rocks A 6-mile round trip through Brown's Ranch to a striking rock formation that appears to have been a native resting place and grain processing site. Mild inclines only. Allow about 3 1/2 hours. For a reservation call 480-998-7971, ext. 7, or go online at www.mcdowellsonoran.org. Limited to 20 hikers.

Sunday, March 4; Sunrise Peak via 128th St. A 5.2-mile round trip with a 1,000-foot elevation gain to a peak offering panoramic East Valley views. Some steep and slippery portions. About 3 1/2 hours. #2

Saturday, March 10; Ringtail Loop A 2.8-mile hike past fine examples of Sonoran Desert plant life. Mild inclines only. About 2 1/2 hours. #3

Sunday, March 11; Two Mountain Loop A rugged, 8-mile circuit around Cone Mountain and Brown's Peak over varied desert terrain. No sustained climbs but many steep and slippery sections. About 4 hours. #1

Saturday, March 17; Brown's Ranch A 4-mile hike to the site of the former working ranch. See corral areas and the foundation of the old ranch house. Mild inclines only. About 2 1/2 hours. #1

Sunday, March 18; Dixie Mine A 5.5-mile round trip through scenic terrain on the east side of the McDowells to the former mine site. Little net elevation gain but many ups and downs. About 4 hours including carpooling. #3

Saturday, March 24; Taliesin Overlook via the Lost Dog Trail A 4.5-mile round trip to a saddle overlooking Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural complex. One sustained but gradual climb; otherwise, only mild inclines. About 3 hours. #3

Where to meet before the hike

Meeting Place #1: The end of Alma School Rd. north of Dynamite Blvd.

Meeting Place #2: The end of 128thSt. north of Via Linda

Meeting Place #3: Lost Dog Trailhead lot at 124thSt. north of Via Linda

Meeting Place #4: The lot at 104th St. just south of McDowell Mountain Ranch Rd.

Meeting Place #5: Trailhead staging lot in the park off Fountain Hills Blvd. \$5 per car entrance fee

Sunday, March 25 Desert Ecology, Ironwood Wash Trail

Learn how deserts are formed and maintained in an 8-mile hike to a high wash lined with large ironwood trees. About an 800-foot elevation gain. Allow about 4 hours. #4

Saturday, March 31; Scenic Trail, McDowell Mountain Regional Park A 4.7-mile loop in the eastern foothills of the McDowells offers unique desert vistas. Mild inclines only. About 3 hours. #5

Sunday, April 1; Sunrise Peak via 145th Way The Sunrise Trail rises steeply from the east, gaining about 900 feet in 1.5 miles. Then there's another 200-foot climb to the peak in about .3 mile. Many steep and slippery parts. Allow about 3 1/2 hours, including carpooling. #3

Saturday, April 14; Human McDowells at Rio Verde See evidence of early native habitation in a 3-mile hike along the Verde River. Mild inclines only. About 3 hours. For a reservation call 998-7971, ext. 7, or go online at www.mcdowellsonoran.org. Limited to 20 hikers.

Sunday, April 15; Cholla Mountain Loop A rugged, 8.2-mile trek around Cholla Mountain over varying terrain offering fine desert views. Some steep and slippery sections. About 4 hours. #1

Saturday, April 21; Geology hike on the Amphitheater Trail Discuss how the McDowells and surrounding mountain ranges were formed on a 5.5-mile loop through an elevated natural amphitheater. About 3 1/2 hours. #4

Sunday, April 22; Trail Mix Learn about the edible plants of the Sonoran Desert on a 3-mile hike over the scenic Cactus Trail. About 3 1/2 hours including carpooling. #1

Saturday, April 28; Big Saguaro Loop A 5-mile hike in rolling terrain to a 30-armed desert giant. Mild inclines only. About 3 1/2 hours including carpooling. #1

Sunday, April 29; Photography hike to Balanced Rock Improve your photo skills during a 4-mile hike to a unique rock formation. Mild inclines only. About 3 hours including carpooling. Bring your camera. #1

Just For Friends...

These great activities are specially offered to our Circle of Friends members only.

First Annual Friends Trip - Dawn Float on the Salt River



This river float is a once in a lifetime opportunity. It has to be – or we'd never ask you to get up this early! We will put our rafts into the river just before dawn. It is amazingly quiet and mist rises from the water. As the sun peaks over the horizon, birds begin to call and other animals come to the river's edge for a morning drink. We may see horses, eagles, and other rare sightings. And – there won't be any tubers or other sight-seers. It's just MSC and the residents of this amazing riparian habitat. We will be on

the river for approximately two and a half hours, so you can be home in time to greet your waking family. What they were dreaming about is what you just experienced!

Who: All Circle of Friends members

When: March 31, 5:30 a.m. at meeting point or 4:30 a.m. at office for bus transportation

Where: Detailed directions provided upon registration.

Price*: \$75/adults, \$45/child 10 to 15 years old, no children under 10.

**payment due at registration.
Refunds only if cancelled by March 27th.*

Register: Call or email Debbie Frey, Office Manager, by March 27th – 480-998-7971x100, debbie.frey@mcdowellsonoran.org



Hieroglyphic Canyon Hike and Lunch

If you haven't been to Hieroglyphic Canyon, you need to go on this hike! Tucked into the south side of the Superstitions, this slot canyon has year-round water, dense vegetation, and abundant wildlife. When you reach the spring you will be treated to a large array of hieroglyphs. It's truly spectacular. The trail winds up the bajada to the base of the Superstitions, is 3.5 miles round trip with a 500-foot elevation gain. After the hike we'll treat you to a picnic lunch at the trailhead.



Who: All Circle of Friends members at the \$100 level and above.

When: Saturday, April 7, 8:30 a.m.

Where: We will meet at the parking lot at McDowell Mt. Ranch Parkway and 104th St. We will carpool from there to the trailhead.

Price: Free

Limit: 25 hikers limit. Please register early.

Register: Call or email Kay Bain Thomas by April 1st at kebt@cox.net or 480-998-2673



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On December 11, Larry and Len returned to the White homestead, photographed the artifacts, and forwarded the digital images to Bob Mason. Bob obtained permission from the Tonto National Forest Chief Archaeologist to remove the artifacts for curation at the River of Time Museum.

On December 16, during the MSC-sponsored Human McDowells Hike in Rio Verde, Larry and Len retrieved the artifacts, individually wrapped them, and delivered them to Bob Mason. Subsequent examinations of the items by museum staff, historians, and jewelers have yielded confirmations, and at least one surprise. The porcelain shards with the blue leaf and reddish brown patterns matched the few shards in the possession of the River of Time Museum. They are considered to have belonged to Annie White.

The surprise? The spoon. What Larry and Len had considered a bent handle was, in fact, purposely designed that way! The spoon was intended for use by a child learning to eat; the bent handle was provided to enhance a two-year

old's grasp. The spoon's original composition was 90% silver – a fact gleaned by a local jeweler from the deciphered inscription on the handle. Bob Mason posits that the spoon was a gift to Annie, perhaps from the wife of an Army officer for whom she may have worked as a laundress or seamstress in Wyoming or Arizona, at posts where her husband was stationed prior to civilian life.

The delicate shards and child's spoon are now at the River of Time Museum, preserving a compelling story of the past for the appreciation of future generations.

Lieutenant Henry Kendall retired from the Army in 1898 with the rank of Major. Patrick White, mentally deranged and chronically depressed, died a few years after "the burning." Annie raised her family; one of her sons eventually becoming a celebrated poet and sheriff of Cochise County. 🏠

"Till now man has been up against Nature, from now on he will be up against his own nature."
~Dennis Gabor

MSC Week at Rumbi

Your taste buds can raise money for MSC! One of our office's neighbors has offered to help us raise money. Eric Havard, general Manager of the Rumbi Restaurant in the Scottsdale Promenade, told us that, as a company, Rumbi is very interested in supporting the neighborhoods surrounding their restaurants and are always looking for ways to give back to the community. Since MSC staff eats there all the time – we came up with a plan.

During the entire week of March 19th to 26th visit this Rumbi location and MSC will receive 10% of the total sales. All you have to do is take your receipt and drop it in the plexiglass container on the counter at Rumbi's. Then – enjoy a terrific island dinner! At the end of the week the receipts will be tallied and Rumbi will send us a check.

Rumbi is located just east of Cantino Laredo in the Scottsdale Promenade, 7325 E. Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd., (480) 315-8622. Please remember to thank them for supporting MSC!

WANTED:
Empty Ink Cartridges

When you need a new ink cartridge for your ink-jet printer, we'd love to have the old one! We can trade it in for a ream of paper. Thanks!

Become a Friend Today!

Sometimes we forget how fortunate we are, living so near the McDowell Sonoran Preserve.

Imagine looking to the east and not seeing the natural habitat on McDowell Mountains with the ever-changing shadows of clouds moving across the peaks at different times of the day or not having the peace and solitude of a favorite trail for an invigorating morning hike or a relaxing late afternoon walk in the desert.

Being able to do those things didn't happen by accident.

For the past fifteen years or so, the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy, a dedicated group of people who also love the Sonoran Desert, have been working hard to make sure that you, I, and generations of people who come after us can continue to enjoy these pristine areas of desert and mountains.



From an initial group of five or six people meeting around a kitchen table in the early 1990's, the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy has today grown into dynamic organization with a Board of Directors, 5 staff members, and more than 150 volunteer Stewards who last year spent more than 12,000 hours working in and for the McDowell Sonoran Preserve. These people worked together to build and maintain trails, help the City of Scottsdale create public access points, lead educational hikes, conduct public education programs, and advocate for more land conservation.

Early on in the process, the MSC realized that as a small group of citizens, it would be impossible to raise enough money to buy and preserve this untouched desert land as de-

velopment began to march northward.

The group convinced the City of Scottsdale

that preservation of the area would reap not only quality of life benefits for its citizens, but economic benefits for the city as well. Forward thinking city leaders agreed and Scottsdale put together a preservation plan. Its citizens agreed to the importance of preserving this ecological treasure trove, and have voted three times since to tax themselves to acquire the land for the Preserve.

Your tax-deductible donation will help us accomplish the above activities as well as others that support our mission.

These other activities may include urging our legislators and state officials to keep the promises they have made to preserve our key desert lands, provide hikes and programs for senior adults and school children, purchase tools and equipment for trail building and maintenance, and keep interested citizens like you aware of what is happening with lands in your neighborhood. And when all is said and done, help ensure that future generations have same opportunity as we have had to enjoy the wonders of the Sonoran Desert.

Please act now. Use the enrollment card and return envelope inserted into this issue to become a member of the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy's Circle of Friends today. Your contribution matters - both today and tomorrow!

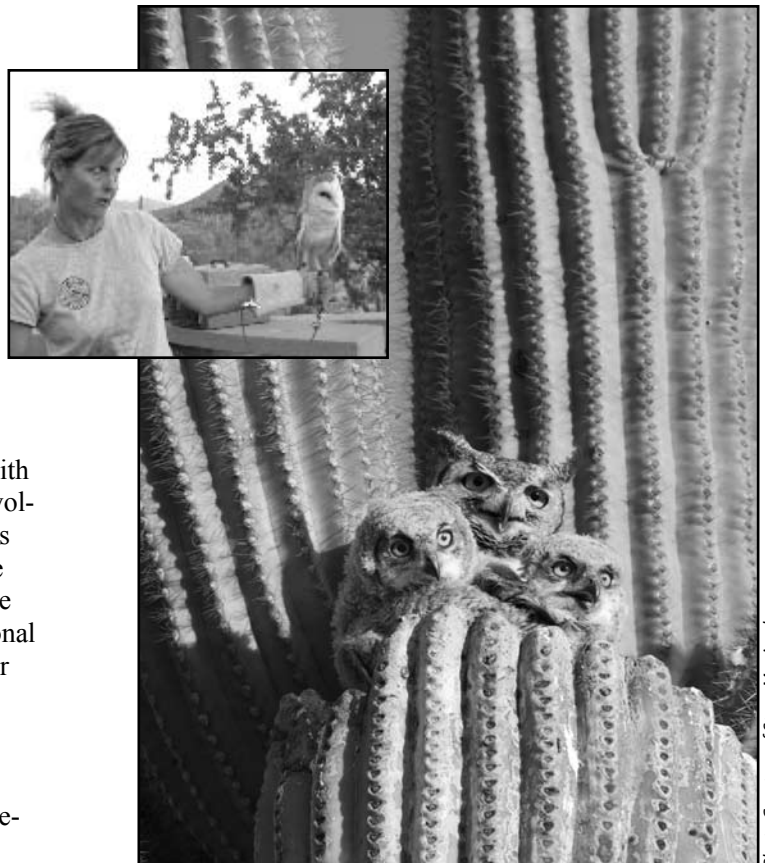


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MASTER STEWARDS RECOGNIZED



MSC's newest Master Stewards. From Left Steward Chair Bernie Finkle, Executive Director Carla, Managing Director Ruthie Carll, New Master Stewards Jim Smith, Dick Benson, Tom Karn, Shirley Dickman and Fred Klein, Board of Directors Chair Melinda Gulick.

MSC stewards Dick Benson, Shirley Dickman, Tom Karn, Fred Klein, Dick Rossler and Jim Smith were designated as Master Stewards on Saturday, February 10, at the annual MSC Steward Retreat.

The Master Steward designation is given to stewards who have served for a minimum of four years and have distinguished themselves through substantial and meritorious contributions in four or more of the following stewardship

activities: Patrolling; Pathfinder Service; Trail Building and Maintenance; Advocacy; Education; Hike Leadership; Mentoring; Systems and Procedures Development; Special Projects and Events Support.

The Master Steward designation is bestowed through a nomination and selection process administered by veteran Master Stewards. Candidates are evalu-

ated on breadth and depth of contribution, as well as demonstrated commitment to Preservation values.

Master Stewards receive a saguaro pin to be worn as a device on their uniform, as well as a special ID badge denoting their Master Steward status.

Previous Master Steward designations have been awarded to: Chet Andrews, Art Agosta, Don Bitterman, Bernie Finkel, Bob Freund, Sue Livingston, Rick Rickard, Tom Walsh, and the late Myrna Smith.

Volunteers Help Shape The Future

This year, MSC used the retreat as an opportunity to get feedback from and to pick the collective brains of our stewards—the people who are literally on the ground in the Preserve and interacting most closely with Preserve visitors. The process was started by sending an email survey to the entire volunteer corps, asking them to answer a dozen or so questions about the future of the MSC and on how the MSC can best meet the goals that have been laid out for us by our partners at the City of Scottsdale. The questions focused on opportunities for improvement and future growth. About 20 people responded to the survey. Stewards Joni Millavec and Dan Gruber with support from Ruthie Carll analyzed the answers to identify common themes and concerns and to develop a few important questions to discuss at the retreat.

The first question was how to motivate volunteers to devote more time to MSC. As trails and access areas open, use of the Preserve is rising. The City of Scottsdale staff feels that the patrol, trail maintenance, and trailhead needs

are growing substantially and they're looking to MSC to fulfill those needs. So we need more stewards spending more hours in the Preserve as well as other volunteers supporting the required infrastructure for that to happen. Obviously recruiting, training and deploying more volunteers doing more things will take more resources. Therefore, the second question focused on how volunteers could help raise money for MSC. Finally, delivering the services that the City feels are needed in the Preserve will require a little more organization and management of our growing number of stewards. Since we're all volunteers, there's a balance that needs to be struck between more management and preserving the freedom of schedule and action that we all enjoy. The third question explored this challenge.

Joni Millavec drew upon her prior experience to organize and lead a group brainstorming session for the 117 stewards at the retreat. The stewards divided themselves into discussion groups, each with a facilitator, and spent an hour

after lunch discussing answers to the three questions. Based on the buzz in the large room and the many groups that ran slightly over the allotted time, there was no lack of spirited conversation! In fact, there was no sign at all of the usual post-meal lethargy. It appears that discussing some tough, important questions is as good as caffeine at keeping people awake and engaged. All ideas were recorded on flip charts by the facilitators and will be analyzed by Joni, Ruthie, and Dan. The intent is to report back to the participants within a month and to provide the summarized ideas to the board along with proposals for implementation.

Based on the interest in and success of this first session, we can expect these to become a permanent part of future steward retreat agendas. Kudos to Chief Steward Bernie Finkel and Ruthie for adding this feedback opportunity to the retreat schedule and also to Joni for a superb job of planning, design, and coordination. Now stay tuned for the answers.



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news and notes

New Board Member: Craig Palmer



Craig moved to Scottsdale from Fargo, ND in 2003 and quickly became an avid hiker. He joined MSC as a steward, became a Pathfinder and then became active on the IT Committee. Craig retired from the computer industry after a distinguished career in sales and senior management. He has served on Advisory boards for Microsoft, Hewlett Packard and Fujitsu and was the Treasurer of CompTia and President of CT Pioneers, both industry trade associations. We are fortunate to have Craig as our newest member of MSC's Board of Directors.
Welcome Craig!

Honoring...

MSC is honored to be the recipient of contributions in honor of special events in the lives of our supporters and the people who are important to them. The following gifts were contributed between December 1, 2006 and February 21, 2007.

- In Honor of Karen LeDonne
By Allan Winston
- In Honor of Mary Manross
By Catherine Roberts, M.D.