

COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

This is our first electronic only version of the Cascabel Community Center Newsletter. These newsletters are released quarterly and posted online at: <http://cascabel.org>

Community Center Update by Anna Lands

This year has been speedy. Speedy but not rushed. The Board of Directors has been active and worked steadily on maintaining the Community Center to keep it a welcoming and comfortable meeting place for the community.

Together with the Redington NRCD we supported the Rainwater Harvesters Certificate Program. This UofA Extension Service Water-Wise program is designed to promote erosion control and water conservation, to support the creation of passive and active collection systems serving as public demonstration sites. The Community Center is now such a place. This project is an on-going one which will keep all of us busy for as long as rain falls. We hope this will be for a long, long time. We can construct loose rock dams, install water catchment systems of all sorts, and Mother Nature will keep us busy if not out of trouble! The students of this class will be available to share workbooks and expertise with the community.

Please visit the additions: new gutter on the porch, new landform, new trees, new and on-going erosion control on the hill behind MTE.

Unlike previous years, the Community Center has held no fundraisers for itself. We are very grateful to the Midvale Telephone Exchange for their rent in exchange for building site and use of the Community Center. MTE has provided, in addition, wireless internet service and local telephone access. (We wrote a letter of support for MTE's project to provide 'fiber to home' high-speed internet service.) The other major income was from the Community Christmas Fair. There have been fundraisers for other causes, and the



Zone Tailed Hawk
Photo by Bob Evans

Annual Cascabel Community Fair on Dec. 5th & 6th

The Fair is almost here. As usual, donations to the bake sale are needed for both days. For more information about the bake sale please contact Linda Beasley at 4772. Volunteers are also needed. You can contact Gordan at 4772 or Anna at 212-YULE. For more info on the fair please visit <http://cascabel.org/fair.html>

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The CCC provided \$900 in scholarships this year!!

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Hotsprings Wash. Photo by Bob Evans

CCC has provided a place for parties, memorial services, meetings of many groups, fundraisers, and folks who use the high-speed internet.

A position letter on the SunZia Transmission lines was written by the CCC board. It can be viewed on the CWG website: <http://cascabelworkinggroup.org>

Thanks to Charlie and Jeannine Thomas, there is now a freezer available 1st for the garden produce and 2nd for community use. Advisement is attached to the freezer.

The internet computer is now located in the Kids' Room as is the freezer. We have three white cupboards in that room: one for paper goods, table cloths, decorations and games; another for supplies for the Christmas Fair, and the third for maintenance supplies. Also housed there are the NRCD's movie screen and water demonstration, various maps, peels for the oven, and flipchart equipment. The Garden People have changing foodstuffs: garlic, oats, wheat, etc. available there. Again, advisement is on the freezer.

The kitchen has been a lively place... and, with more use, there is a need to remind folks that there are no janitors or maids. We kindly request that folks clean up after themselves and, from time to time, one another. The library is just as active ~ books, videos, DVDs, reference and magazines ~ and remember that the Cochise County Bookmobile is at the end of the blacktop on the 2nd Wednesday afternoon from 1 to 2:45.

The Christmas Fair is coming up very soon! Together with the Volunteer Fire Department, the Com-

munity Center (and of course the Clayworks!) produces our community Christmas Fair on the first weekend of December. As we have for the past three years, we utilize the Fire Department's Incident Command System as a template. This way we can practice using the system and this way the Fair runs fairly smoothly. Since each of us knows who is responsible for what and who will be where and when, chaos is calmed, confidence reigns and everyone has an opportunity for a wonderful experience in one of our planet's most wonderful places!

To participate in the production in any way, please contact Anna Lands at 212-YULE or Gordan Beasley at 212-HSR2. There are lots of jobs!

The CCC held its Annual Meeting on October 17th with a potluck and auction to raise \$ for the scholarship fund. Thanks to last year's Board of Directors: Jim Flood, Barbara Clark, Janet Trumbule, Anna Lands, Erik Revere, Bob Evans, and to Sue Newman who served for most of the year.



Sue Newman and George Bushno do some landscaping at the Community Center during a water harvesting class. Photo by Anna Lands

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The Cascabel Working Group

The Cascabel Working Group has been focused on the SunZia 500KV transmission line proposal that would put one route through our middle San Pedro River Valley. There has been a considerable effort to get out letters to the BLM who is scoping for the project by the November 27 deadline for this first phase of review. Relevant political operatives were also contacted. This will likely be an ongoing issue for the CWG, and concerned valley citizens are encouraged to attend the meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for December 10 at 6:30 PM at the CCC. For more information on the Cascabel Working Group, please visit their Website at: <http://cascabelworkinggroup.org>

Thanks from Jacquie & Sorrely



Jacquie would like to thank all the people in the community who helped her last month after her horse was bitten by a rattlesnake. Sorrely is doing well and has fully recovered from the bite. All of the wonderful assistance and advice from her neighbors was greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Events

Cascabel Christmas Fair

The 29th annual event is going to be held on Saturday December 5th and Sunday December 6th this year. The Cascabel Community Center and Volunteer Fire Department will serve a homemade lunch and desserts and hold a dollar raffle for a multitude of prizes. There will be live music by "Los Hombres Bluegrass and Swing Band", Stefan George & Vina, "Way Out West" and "The Way-back Machine." Come out and join in the fund and help out local organizations. For more information visit the Cascabel Fair Page on the Community Website or email: clayworks@rnsmtc.com.

Center for Desert Archaeology Public Outreach Series

The first public outreach event of the series will be here in Cascabel on Friday January 22nd at the Community Center. Bill Doelle, President of the Center for Desert Archaeology, will be the presenter. This event is open to

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the entire community but it is specifically geared towards Arizona site stewards as part of their ongoing training. Event starts at 10:30 AM. We will visit an archaeological site in the afternoon. This is a brown bag event so please bring your lunch. For more information contact: Jacquie Dale at 1441.

Annual Meetings for the CVFD and CWG

Early in 2010 there will be annual meetings for the Cascabel Fire Department, and the Cascabel Working Group.

Annual Work Party at the Community Center

Watch your mailbox for flyers announcing the date of the annual work party at the Community Center.

For a complete list of upcoming events, check the online Community Center calendar at <http://cascabel.org> and click on Calendar.



Images from previous Cascabel Fairs provided by Barbara Clark and David Blocker