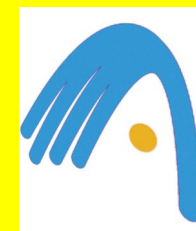


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Spring is here . . . almost! FHCCA activities are in full swing! The Community Chorus is planning a really special performance for their 20th Anniversary Concerts! On March 27th & 28th they will be joined by the Community Band, the Fountain Hills High School Chorus, the Fountain Hills Chamber Players, and a number of additional musicians to celebrate this special anniversary. Speaking of the Community Band they have performances scheduled on March 3rd with the Fountain Hills Middle School Band, on Sunday March 13th when they will perform at the Fountain Park Amphitheatre at 1:15 PM and at the Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church on April 12th.

The Piano Competition Finals are scheduled for March 20th at the Presbyterian Church, and the annual Choir Fest is scheduled for April 3rd at the Rio Verde Community Church. Both of these are free to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

The Greening Committee will have a special wine-tasting fundraiser on March 12th at the home of Curt Dunham and Peggy Fiandaca, Fountain Hills residents, wine makers and owners of the Lawrence Dunham Vineyards in Pearce, Arizona.

Mark your calendars. Please join your fellow FHCCA members for a delicious dinner at the Appian Way restaurant on Tuesday, May 10, at 5:30. The Annual Meeting and election of officers and board members will be held after the dinner.

You, the members of FHCCA, make all of this possible. Your support of the programs, the fund raisers, and the activities is absolutely necessary in enabling the FHCCA to bring you these programs. Thank you for helping make Fountain Hills the incredible town it is!

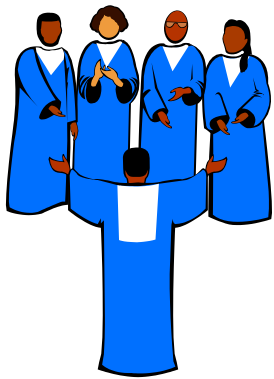
Sincerely,

Boyce Baldwin, FHCCA President

FOUNTAIN HILLS COMMUNITY CHORUS CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

The Fountain Hills Community Chorus, under the direction of **Matthew Frable**, will perform its annual Spring Concert on Sunday, March 27 at 4:00 pm and Monday, March 28 at 7:00 pm. This will be a very special concert as the Chorus celebrates 20 years of singing and delighting audiences of all ages. The 85-member group is made up of local residents who love to entertain their friends and neighbors with several performances each year.

Entitled "Celebration of Music," the Chorus will be joined by members of the Fountain Hills High School Choir, Fountain Hills Chamber Players, and Fountain Hills Community Band. All performances will take place at the Fountain Hills Community Center. Tickets will go on sale in early March and are available from any chorus member, Gridley's, or at the door. A limited number of seats will be available for each performance, so buy your tickets early.



The Community Chorus, founded in 1991, is a non-audition group that sings in four-part harmony and is open to anyone who loves to sing. There are two main concerts every year, a Holiday Concert in December and a Spring Concert in late March or early April. Rehearsals are held every Monday evening from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Fountain Hills Community Center. In addition to the full Chorus, the Chamber Singers (consisting of a small group of select members) perform several songs at each concert.

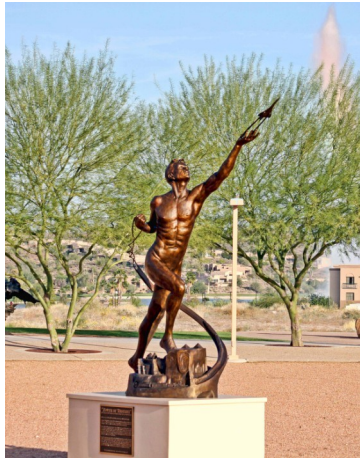
On Sunday, April 3 the Chorus will participate in the annual Choral Festival being held at the Rio Verde Community Church at 2:00 pm. Several local choral groups and church choirs will each perform two songs from their repertoires, after which all singers join together to perform one final piece. Admission to the event is free and everyone is welcome. We hope to see you at one of our upcoming concerts!

5th ANNUAL FOUNTAIN HILLS PIANO COMPETITION

The 5th annual Fountain Hills Piano Competition will take place on Sunday, March 20, at 3:00 in an Honors Recital at the Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church. Piano students ages 11 to 18 from throughout the State of Arizona have applied to enter this competition. The six winners of the February 27th interim competition will compete for prizes totaling \$5000. The public is invited and there is no admission to hear this group of extraordinarily talented young students perform.



THE FOUNTAIN HILLS CENTENNIAL CIRCLE



Over the next year, the 19,100 square foot circle of land between the Community Center and the Library/Museum building will be turned into the **Fountain Hills Centennial Circle**. This will be one of the key tributes to be made by Fountain Hills to the Arizona Centennial, to be celebrated on February 14, 2012.

The centerpiece of the Centennial Circle will be the new sculpture, *Power of Thought*, by **Victor Issa**, which was dedicated on February 13th.

Eight monuments will be installed beneath the eight light poles around the circle. The monuments will be in the same style as those installed in the Veterans' Memorial to hold the official seals of each of our branches of the armed forces.

Five of the monuments will be dedicated to the "Five C's" upon which the development of Arizona has been based, Cattle, Cotton, Citrus, Copper and Climate. In each case a three foot by two foot photograph, etched in steel will be mounted on the monument to illustrate that particular "C". The one for Cattle will be a 1950 photo of a branding roundup which took place on the P-Bar Ranch, upon which the Town of Fountain Hills has been built. The Citrus photo will be a photograph of the Ft McDowell citrus grove.

One monument will contain a time-line of Arizona history. Another will bear the official Arizona State Centennial Seal and the last will be available for a salute to the Ft. McDowell reservation.

Additional improvements will include benches, low walls, ground cover such as pavers or pathways and such other improvements as the Centennial Circle development committee shall suggest and the Town Council shall approve.

Sites for additional pieces of sculpture will also be set up in the circle.

The project is a joint effort of the Town of Fountain Hills, the Town's Centennial Commission, the Fountain Hills Cultural & Civic Association, the Chamber of Commerce, the Fountain Hills Library Association and the Fountain Hills & Lower Verde River Valley Historical Society. Cost of improvements will come from both public and private sources. The FHCCA Public Art Committee is taking the lead in putting the project together although all named organizations are participating in the planning and funding.

The circle was designated as the "Centennial Circle" by the Town Council at its January 20, 2011 meeting.

FOUNTAIN HILLS COMMUNITY BAND



Future concerts include a Concert in the Park on March 13 at 1:15 P.M., and concerts with the Fountain Hills Community Chorus on March 27 and 28. The final concert will be held at the Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church on April 12 at 7:00 P.M., followed by a Band Picnic. The Fountain Hills Community Band is a nonprofit performing group that is part of the Fountain Hills Cultural and Civic Association. The band relies on donations from the community to increase the music library, purchase instruments, and pay for administrative and marketing materials. The band rehearses at the Fountain Hills Middle School on Tuesday evenings and is directed by **Dale Larson**. If you are interested in joining the band or making a donation, please contact Dale at daleslars56@hotmail.com.

ST. PATRICK'S "GREEN TIE" AFFAIR

Please join us for an exceptional opportunity - - -



Please join us for an exceptional opportunity - - - A "Grape to Glass" Wine tasting symposium at the Shadow Canyon home of **Curt Dunham** and **Peggy Fiandaca**, Wine Makers and Owners of the **Lawrence Dunham Vineyards** in the heart of the Chiricahua Mountains of Southern Arizona.

This affair will include a Wine tasting of the first release of the Lawrence Dunham Vineyard 2009 Grenache, 2009 Sky Island Grenache, and 2008 Syrah. There will be a special "Grape to Glass" discussion of the wines.

Saturday, March 12th \$25.00 per person

Two seating times are available:

Session #1 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Each session will include light refreshments.

Session #2 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

For more information e-mail jwilligrod@cox.net or call 480-816-0347.



PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

We are now starting to gather funds for a new piece by local artist, **Brian Schader**. His sculpture is called *Waves & Windows*. It will be installed soon in Fountain Park with eighteen months to pay for it. If anyone is interested in donating, please contact **Sandi Thompson**, sandinorm@cox.net or 480-816-1298.

Rolland and Jean Lorenz are donating a beautiful sculpture called *Return to Puye* by **Doug Hyde**. It is a marvelous piece depicting an Indian girl climbing a ladder to enter her pueblo home. It is made of bronze and stands 39" tall. The location is to be determined.



Our Docent led Art-Walk, which is the first Saturday of each month from October through April, has a new name: **Milestones: A Desert Odyssey Through Public Art**. When you take this tour, you will discover many things about the sculpture and flat art, which encompasses in and outside the Community Center, the Avenue of the Fountains and Fountain Park. There is a \$5.00 administration fee. You will receive a coffee mug and coupons from local businesses. Register at Town Hall, Parks & Recreation Dept. (480) 816-5200.

Please note: The FHCCA Public Art website is now fountainhillspublicart.org rather than ".com".

IN-HOME CONCERTS

The final In-Home Concert of the 2011 Season will feature **Danny Long**, the jazz pianist who "cut his teeth on Chicago's Rush Street". Danny has been playing in the Valley for many years, and on March 13, Danny will bring **Judy Roberts** and **Tony Vacca** to Fountain Hills to entertain us in our season finale. Please contact Jean Linzer at jlinzer@aol.com to inquire as to any remaining tickets.

FHCCA ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

Please mark your calendars to join your fellow FHCCA members for a delicious dinner at the Appian Way restaurant on Tuesday, May 10, at 5:30. The Annual Meeting and election of officers and board members will be held after the dinner. Please be advised that the membership will be voting to make a change to the FHCCA By-Laws and a quorum is required.

FHCCA EVENTS MARCH - MAY, 2011

All Events open to the public - tickets may be required. Call 480-816-1753 for details

- March 3 Combined concert - Fountain Hills Community Band & Middle School Band 6:30 PM
- March 12 "Grape to Glass" Wine tasting benefiting the Greening Committee
- March 13 Fountain Hills Community Band at Fountain Park Amphitheatre 1:15 PM
- March 13 In Home Concert - Jazz Series
- March 15 FHCCA monthly Board meeting - Community Center 5:30 PM
- March 20 Piano Competition Finals - Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church 3:00 PM
- March 27 Community Chorus 20th Anniversary concert - Community Center 4:00 PM
- March 28 Community Chorus 20th Anniversary concert - Community Center 7:00 PM
- April 3 Annual Choir Fest - Rio Verde Community Church 2:00 PM
- April 12 Community Band Concert - Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church 7:00 PM
- April 19 FHCCA monthly Board meeting - Community Center 5:30 PM
- May 10 FHCCA Annual Meeting - Appian Way Restaurant 5:30 PM

Call Boyce Baldwin at 480-816-1753 for details.