

NEWSLETTER

of the Fountain Hills Cultural
and Civic Association

EXPRESSIONS!



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Message from the President:



A New Year and FHCCA activities are in full swing! The Community Band has five concerts between January 29th and the end of March. The In-Home Concerts are going strong. On February 7th the FHCCA sponsors a Town Council candidate forum. The Centennial Circle Dedication will be followed by a Centennial Celebration cocktail party fundraiser on February 12th. Then on February 15th is the 3rd annual Club, Organization and Volunteer Expo. WOW! There's no reason anyone should be bored in Fountain Hills!

If you have not already sent in your membership dues for 2012, I strongly urge you to do so; and spread the word to your friends and neighbors! The Fountain Hills Cultural & Civic Association is famous for the Public Art Committee and they continue to do incredible things. The newest addition "Lincoln" will be installed in early February. But the FHCCA is so much more. The many activities, cultural events and public forums all designed to inform, enlighten and enrich. The FHCCA needs your support, and please spread the news!

You, the members of FHCCA, make all of this possible. Your support of the events, the fundraisers, and activities is vital for the FHCCA to be able to bring you these programs. Thank you for helping make Fountain Hills the incredible town it is!

Sincerely,

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FOUNTAIN HILLS COMMUNITY CHORUS

The Fountain Hills Community Chorus has been delighting audiences for 21 years. Led by **Matthew Frable**, the group entertains with beautiful choral music and provides an enjoyable musical experience for all.



The Chorus 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. Additionally, the group performs for various community functions throughout the year. Rehearsals are held every Monday evening from 6:30 - 8:30 at the Fountain Hills Community Center.

On December 4 and 5, the ballroom of the Community Center was once again packed with nearly 700 people who came to enjoy "A Family Holiday" presented by the 70 singers who made up this season's chorus. Songs ranged from traditional favorites, such as "Over the River and Through the Woods" and "I'll Be Home for Christmas" to more contemporary sounds, such as "Grandma's Killer Fruitcake" and "Somewhere in My Memory."

In addition to the two concerts in December, a group of chorus members entertained at holiday luncheons for the Friends in the Hills and the Fountain Hills Women's Club, and were enthusiastically welcomed at each event.

For more information about any of these performances, please call **Joan Evans** at **(480) 837-5135** or visit our website at fhcca.org. We hope to see you at one of our upcoming concerts!

3rd Annual Fountain Hills Volunteer Club & Organization Expo

On February 15th the FHCCA will co-sponsor the 3rd Annual Fountain Hills volunteer, Club and Organization Expo. Held in the Fountain Hills Community Center from 3:00pm until 6:00pm this event will host over 40 organizations and clubs from within the community who will have tables set up with members ready to provide information and answer questions about their organization. Find out what the organization offers, what activities might interest you and where you might want to volunteer your services. There will be social organizations, service and support clubs, and clubs for kids and hobbyists.

If you have ever been bored and wondering what there is to do in Fountain Hills, this is the place to find out! The Expo is open to all ages and is free to the public and to the participating groups. Come join us for light refreshments and find out what fun and rewarding opportunities are available to you in Fountain Hills.

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE by Sandi Thompson

Several new additions to our public art collection are about ready to be installed. A new work by artist **Mark Lundeen** called "*Lincoln*", showing the 13th president sitting on a park bench, is scheduled to be installed on or around February 10th, in time for the Town's Centennial Celebration on February 12th. While the actual Centennial date is Tuesday, February 14, the Centennial Commission decided to move the celebration up to the preceding Sunday.



Mark Lundeen will be in Fountain Hills to supervise the installation of *Lincoln* in Fountain Park near the sculpture of Theodore Roosevelt.

A fundraising party to help raise the \$30,000 price for *Lincoln* was held at the home of **Jackie and Jerry Miles** on January 15th. All members of FHCCA were invited to attend.

A second piece, a charming rabbit by **Martha Pettigrew**, will also be installed before February 12th. The rabbit, originally called "**Shima II**", was the subject of a renaming contest held by the Fountain Hills Library Association for children and youth under age 18. Martha Pettigrew revealed the contest winner and new name at the January 15th party. Ten year old **Sydnee Pilarski** named the rabbit "**Dewey**", in honor of the newly decorated Fountain Hills Branch Library. All necessary funds to pay for the rabbit have been donated, although an additional \$500 would be welcome to pay for the base. This piece will be installed in the new Centennial Circle near the entrance to the library/museum.

Another work by Native American Artist Doug Hyde called *America* has been purchased and is also ready to be installed in the Centennial Circle. This work has been donated by Jean and Roland Lorenz. This piece, representing a soaring eagle, is the fifth piece by Doug Hyde that Mr. & Mrs. Lorenz have donated.

One additional work is ready to be installed in the Centennial Circle. *Truth*, donated by Jackie & Jerry Miles and the Fountain Hills Civic Association several years ago will be moved from the Community Center parking lot to the circle. (continued next page)

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE (continued)

(continued from Page 3) The February 12th Centennial Celebration will also feature the dedication of the Centennial Circle, which has been a joint project of the Fountain Hills Library Association, the Fountain Hills Historical Society, the Town's Centennial Commission, the Fountain Hills Chamber of Commerce and FHCCA, under the general supervision of the Public Art Committee. In addition to the three works to be installed initially in the Circle, there are sites for an additional three more, as appropriate works and donors are located.

FOUNTAIN HILLS IS CELEBRATING THE ARIZONA CENTENNIAL ON FEBRUARY 12, 2012

FHCCA will have an exhibit table at the Fountain Hills celebration of our state's Centennial on Sunday, Feb. 12. The celebration begins at 3 p.m. in the Centennial Circle, which will be dedicated at that time. There is no charge to participate.

The celebration will feature performances by the Community Band, the Community Chorus, the Yavapai Nation kindergarten class from Ft. McDowell, and the OK Chorale.

Three pieces of public art will be placed in the Centennial Circle for the event. Two of these are new sculptures and one is being relocated from the Community Center parking lot. One of the new sculptures is a rabbit by Martha Pettigrew. The Library Association has been holding a naming contest for this piece, and the winner will receive a prize at the Centennial event.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend the celebration. One hundred Fountain Hills organizations will be represented, and several will be exhibiting centennial projects that they have done or are planning to do.

The program will close at 4:30 p.m. with the serving of refreshments by local scout troops. And then at 5:00 p.m., all are invited to participate in the FHCCA annual fundraiser inside the Community Center. Admission to the fundraiser is \$25 per person.

Join us on Sunday, February 12 as the Centennial Circle is dedicated in celebration of the State's 100th birthday on February 14, Arizona's actual birthday.

All residents and visitors from Fountain Hills, Rio Verde, and the Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation are invited to participate. The event will be held at the Fountain Hills Centennial Circle adjacent to the Community Center and Library/Museum buildings.

The Centennial Circle, developed by FHCCA's Public Art Committee and the Town Greening Committee, is an official Arizona Centennial Legacy project. The Circle will be dedicated at this time, and, in addition, there will be performances by the Fountain Hills Community Band, the OK Chorale, and State Historian Marshall Trimble. (continued next page)

THE ARIZONA CENTENNIAL ON FEBRUARY 12, 2012 (con't.)

(Continued from Page 4) Past and present elected officials and dignitaries have been invited, pictures of the Town's history, and past issues of the Times, will be displayed, Museum volunteers dressed in period costume will be present, winners of a Centennial art contest will be announced, residents 100 years of age or more will be introduced, a time capsule will be buried, and cake and other refreshments will be served by our local youth.



FHCCA CANDIDATES FORUM

Fountain Hills Civic and Cultural Association Candidates Forum is set for **Tuesday February 7, 2012** to be held this year at the Fountain Hills Town Hall. Starting at 6:30 pm.

FHCCA's sponsorship of civic forums and town hall meetings follows a tradition of presenting non-partisan programs that began three decades ago. By involving voters in knowledge of the issues the Association aims to focus on these issues and increase turn out for the local elections.

The non-partisan forum will again include index cards for the questions submitted by the attendees and distributed to the candidates. If someone would like to submit a question before the event they can do so by submitting an email to **Jerry Caldwell**, FHCCA's Civic Affairs Committee Chairman at carellc@cox.net. Also available will be voter registration forms and precinct maps for the attendees. Attendees will find that being at the event matters for the candidates and for the voters.

With only one candidate for mayor, the forum will feature the seven candidates for election to the council and one challenger in the recall election against Henry Leger, current council member this will be a very interesting forum.

Since the election this year for the Mayor and Town Council is an all mail ballot the early date of February 7th was chosen. A large turnout is expected due to the large number of candidates. The forum will be setup specifically to present the question and answers separately to the Mayoral Candidate, Council Candidates and the recall candidate that is running against the incumbent Henry Leger so it will be fair to all attending".

A new Mayor and 3 new council members will be elected to guide a town that has had tremendous challenges in the past. Everyone is encouraged to register to vote, come to the forum, seek information on the candidates and vote so your voice can be heard.

FHCCA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Please help us celebrate Arizona's 100th anniversary as a state. On **Sunday, February 12**, the Fountain Hills Cultural & Civic Association (FHCCA) will sponsor a Centennial Celebration cocktail party fundraiser from 5:00 pm until 7:00pm held in the Community Center ballroom. This event will immediately follow the dedication ceremony of the Centennial Circle which has recently been constructed adjacent to the Library and Community Center.

In keeping with the spirit of the State of Arizona's 100th Birthday celebration, this fundraising party will have an early Arizona theme featuring live music, a reverse raffle, a menu of appetizers and drinks with names that sound like they may have come from our State's earlier days. Dishes with names such as Coyote Beans with Buffalo Stew, Old Tombstone Potato Salad, and Western style Chicken Skewers will be served. Wash that down with choices of Prickly Pear infused wine, Jalapeno Lemonade, beer or wine.

The Dirt Music Express will provide musical entertainment for the event. The talented group is known for their "America Roots Music" which is a fun mixture of Blues, Country, Bluegrass, and Jazz music.

In addition to food, drink and entertainment, everyone who purchases a ticket to the Centennial Celebration will automatically be entered into a "reverse raffle" with a \$500 grand prize. For those of us not familiar with a reverse raffle, it is a raffle with a delightful twist. You must be present to win.

All proceeds will benefit the FHCCA General Fund which supports various community activities such as the Choir Fest, the Piano Competition, and an upcoming Town Council Candidate Forum, along with the Club, Organization and Volunteer Expo. The FHCCA is also the parent organization of the Public Art Committee, the Community Chorus, the Community Band, the In-Home Concert Series, and many more wonderful activities and community events.

The **Centennial Celebration** will be held in the Community Center ballroom from **5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 12**, immediately following the Centennial Circle dedication. Tickets are \$25 and include food, two drinks, music, and an entry for the reverse raffle's \$500 prize. Additional raffle tickets may be purchased at the door for \$5.

Tickets to this special event may be purchased by contacting any FHCCA board member or **Denise Baldwin** at DennieB@cox.net or by calling 816-1753. Tickets are also being sold at **Gridley's** located at 16830 Avenue of the Fountains.



Dennis Rowland
performing @January 8th
In-Home Jazz Concert

16TH ANNUAL JURIED ART SHOW

Fifty-four artists have entered the 16th Annual FHCCA Juried Art Show which features the talent of painters, photographer, and sculptors from the greater Fountain Hills community, including the Verdes, Goldfield Ranch, and Ft. McDowell. Most artists have entered two pieces for the show.

Several media will be represented this year. They include acrylic, oil, watercolor, mixed media, pastels/charcoal, graphics, sculpture, porcelain painting, black and white photography, color photography, and digital painting.

The three jurors this year are **Karla Primosch**, FHHS fine art and career technology teacher; **Marcia McClellan**, co-owner of Fountainside Arts and Studio; and Scottsdale artist **Laure Reynolds**.

The show will hang in the Fountain Hills Community Center during the month of January. The event is being chaired by **Candy Caldwell** and **Jackie Miles**.

POINSETTIA TREE GREAT SUCCESS!



The FHCCA has been happy to undertake the placing of the largest and arguably most beautiful natural work of art in Fountain Hills. The Poinsettia Tree project this year was the most successful ever. Over 160 donations produced a full A frame of notations memorializing and honoring loved ones. Hopefully those who demonstrated such love were rewarded by their acknowledgement and affection in this most important event. Thank you and wishing all a healthy, wealthy and wise New Year.....HO....HO....HO!!!!

Fountain Hills Cultural and Civic Association Membership Application

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ E-Mail * _____

(must be included to receive our newsletter)

_____ Individual or each Band Member \$25.00 _____ Family \$35.00 (2 people in the same household)

_____ Individual Artist \$35.00 (includes a page on our web-site)

_____ Non-Profit Organization \$40.00 _____ Business \$50.00 _____ Supporter \$50 - \$70

_____ Patron \$76 - \$100 _____ Grand Patron \$101 plus

Please mail this form, along with your tax-deductible check payable to

FHCCA to: FHCCA, P.O. Box 18254, Fountain Hills, AZ 85269-8254

Website: www.fountainhillssca.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday January 29th

4:00 pm In Home Concert - Jazz Series featuring Jack Radavich.

7:00 pm Community Band concert at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

Tuesday February 7th

6:30 pm Forum for Town Council Candidates and Recall Election in Town Hall's Council Chambers.

Sunday February 12th

1:00 pm Dedication of "Lincoln" along Saguario at Fountain Park (Near Teddy Roosevelt)

3:00 pm Centennial Circle Dedication (between the Library & Community Center)

5:00 pm Centennial Celebration Fundraiser inside the Community Center

Wednesday February 15th

3:00pm until 6:00 pm 3rd Annual Club, Organization, & Volunteer Expo at the Community Center

Friday February 17th

12 Noon - Community Band performs at Munch & Music in the Community Center

Sunday February 19th

4:00 pm In Home Concert - Classical Series featuring Opera ABC

Sunday March 4th

4:00 pm In Home Concert - Classical Series featuring the Clark-Schuldmann Duo

Tuesday March 6th

Community Band performs a Joint Concert with the Middle School Band (time TBA)

Sunday March 11th

4:00 pm In Home Concert - Jazz Series featuring Trio Three - Eighty

Tuesday March 27th

7:00 pm - Community Band in concert at the Presbyterian Church

Sunday April 1st

4:00 pm Community Chorus performs annual Spring Concert at the Community Center

Monday April 2nd

7:00 pm Community Chorus performs annual Spring Concert a second time.