

# **The Kentucky Camp Chronicle**

## **January - April 1997**

### **Announcements**

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

**Ward Edwards  
Victoria Mattox  
Chuck & Ann Phillips  
Marlan Smith**

### **Upcoming Events**

**WORK DAYS** - April 12 and May 10 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

The April 12th work day will follow-up the PIT program. We hope to be available to assist in any clean-up and completion of any PIT projects that have been taking place during the week. Bring your lunch and come join us.

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### **PASSPORT IN TIME (PIT) Program - April 7 - 11**

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#### **PIT Project Information.**

**Supplied By Mary Farrell**

**Project: Archaeological Excavation**

**Leader: Billee Hoornbeek**

Water has been seeping from the ground into the lower part of the wall, on the north side of building D. When it evaporates on the inside of the building, it leaves behind salts that accelerate deterioration of the adobe bricks. Our goal is to re-contour the ground surface outside the building, so water drains away from the walls. But we will do this excavation archaeologically, so that we can find and record any buried clues about "features" such as pathways, porch or building foundations, or garden borders.

*Need 5 volunteers each day until it's done-- may take all week if features are encountered.*

**Project: Rock collection and Sign Installation**

**Leaders: Bill Gillespie and Mark South**

One critical task involves collecting good flat rocks from Boston Gulch so that the foundations can be repaired before the new door thresholds are built. Lifting and hiking required, but we need small rocks as well as large ones. Then, this same crew (or a different one) will drive over to Gardner Canyon to the Arizona Trail, where they will install an interpretive sign at a penstock along the water system.

*Need 2 or 3 volunteers Monday afternoon.*

**Project: Foundation repair**

**Leader: Terry Melius**

**Foundations under the door thresholds need to be repaired so that the door sills are well supported by a solid, flat surface. Involves carrying rocks, fitting them together, maybe using a little mud mortar where necessary.**

*Need one to three volunteers beginning Monday and probably extending into Tuesday.*

**Project: Wood Work Replacement & Repair**

**Director: Jack Glenn**

**Team leaders: Don Fisher, Tom Tompkins, Mark South**

We have several wood working projects planned, including replacing missing fascia and installing gutters on Cabin C, installing new door frames and casings on Cabin C and the Gold Processing Building ("E"), repairing/replacing window sills and casing in the Gold Processing Building, and, if there's time and interest, repairing the ceiling in Building D.

*Need 4 to 6 volunteers.*

**Project: Adobe repair**

**Leaders: Evalyn Neuhaus and Terry Melius**

It's messy but it's fun, especially for patient, artful types— adobe patching involves application of thin coats of mud to eroded areas on both the interior and exterior of the buildings. This is also one of the most time-consuming, never-ending tasks in adobe maintenance, so we hope to get a lot done this week.

*Need up to 6 or 8 volunteers each day— try it! Sign up with your friends, or count on making new ones— it's most conducive to chit-chatting. OR ask for a secluded wall section and catch up on your meditation.*

**Project: Adobe mixing and brick making**

**Leaders: Frank Hoornbeek and Kathy Makansi**

Mixing dirt and sand to get the proper sand/silt/clay mixture for both patching and brick making, and then using wooden forms to make bricks. We'll be using a cement mixer at least part of the time, and maybe wheelbarrow mixing, too. Some shoveling and bucket-hauling and wheelbarrow-pushing involved.

*Need one volunteer for mixing, three or four for brick-making— check schedule for dates and time.*

**Project: The Grounds**

**Leader: Tom Gordon**

A variety of work is planned— Monday - installation of donation tube; Tuesday - Installation of hitching posts and steps; Wed - Fri. - rock wall work.

*Need 1 or 2 volunteers Monday, and up to six the rest of the week.*

**Project: Adobe wall repair**

**Leader: Drum Haverstock**

Rebuilding sections of eroded walls in Building D — hard work, requires lifting heavy adobe blocks or carrying buckets of mortar, climbing scaffolds, maybe using a pick or saw to make good key-ins. But fun, with fast results.

*Need 2 or 3 volunteers Wednesday and Thursday, possibly Friday.*

**Project:** Archaeological survey

**Leader:** Bill Gillespie

Escape from camp and look for and record other sites in the area! Involves lots of hiking, sometimes over steep, rough terrain, but you'll see different things and learn how to do some archaeological paperwork, maybe see GPS survey equipment and metal detectors in action.

*Tuesday - Louisiana Gulch; Wednesday - Gardner Canyon; Thursday - Bear Spring; Friday - Kentucky Gulch. Need 4 volunteers for each.*

**Project:** GPS survey

**Team leaders:** Travis Pasqual and Jim McDonald

This team will plot precisely the dimensions of the hydraulic mining pits in Boston Gulch, using satellite technology — results will give us a better understanding of the scale and profitability of the SRW&M Company's operations. Involves some hiking, some of it over steep and rough terrain.

*Need two volunteers Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.*

**Project:** Photography

**Team leader::** Ginny Fisher

Photographers will be kept busy, using still 35 mm and video cameras to document "before" conditions for each project, taking level photos for the archaeological excavations, and taking action shots of the work in progress.

*Need one volunteer each day to assist Ginny.*

**Project:** Basal Coving repair

**Leader:** Mary Farrell

When the archaeological excavation is complete, it'll expose some severe erosion at the base of the north wall of building D. We'll mortar in half bricks or quarter bricks to build this area back up.

*Need one or two volunteers when archaeological excavation is complete, probably not before Thursday.*

**Additional PIT Information.**

**Supplied By Mary Farrell**

**Press Release**

#### **"Passport in Time" at Kentucky Camp**

From April 7-11, 1997, thirty volunteers will converge on Kentucky Camp, in the Santa Rita Mountains, to daub mud, build walls, repair woodwork, make adobe bricks, and search for clues to the past buried in the clays or hidden in the grass. It's all part of a Passport in Time project, sponsored by the Coronado National Forest, to help repair and restore Kentucky Camp. This site, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, includes four adobe buildings

constructed almost 100 years ago as the headquarters of a once-promising mining company.

Passport in Time is a national Forest Service program which invites volunteers to join Forest archaeologists in interpreting and preserving the past. "PIT" projects occur on National Forests all over the country; volunteers help search for historic and prehistoric features and sites, work at archaeological excavations, conduct research, analyze artifacts, interview local folks, and, as is the case at Kentucky Camp, help stabilize and restore historic buildings.

The non-profit volunteer group "Friends of Kentucky Camp" is co-sponsoring the Passport in Time project. "Friends" have honed their skills in historic preservation techniques at monthly workdays, and will help provide supervision and training. Lectures, demonstrations, and hiking tours will provide additional information and background. Three of the talks are open to the public:

**Monday, April 7**

4:30 - 5:15 p.m. History of the Santa Rita Water and Mining Company, by Lew Orrell, researcher, author, and metallurgist. The SRW&MCo built Kentucky Camp and an extensive water system with hopes of large-scale hydraulic mining in the Greaterville area. One newspaper reported the company was "tearing up the ground with splendid results," but various personal and financial disasters thwarted the operations.

7:00 - 7:45 p.m. History of mining in the Santa Rita Mountains, in general, with special attention to Greaterville, Helvetia, and other early mining, by Erik Berg, author and researcher.

**Tuesday, April 8**

7:00 - 7:45 p.m. Earthen Architecture, by David Yubeta, Facilities Manager at Tumacacori National Monument and world-renowned adobe expert.

**Wednesday, April 9**

The media are especially invited-- Arnold Franks, historic researcher, long-term caretaker of the site and current president of the Friends of Kentucky Camp, will be available for tours and questions.

Kentucky Camp is located about 9 miles northwest of Sonoita, and 45 miles southeast of Tucson. Call the Coronado National Forest at 670-4552, or the Nogales Ranger District, at 281-2296, for more information.

## **FYI**

**\*\*\* Wednesday April 9th \*\*\***

PIT Public Visitor Day - This will be an opportunity for the public to come out to Kentucky Camp and see what the Passport In Time Program is all about. We hope to see this announcement in the newspapers and generate additional public interest.

**\*\*\* Thursday April 10th \*\*\***

FKC members and friends are invited to attend a potluck that will be held that evening starting at 5:00 PM. Bring a dish and come down early. This will be a good opportunity to meet the PIT crew socialize with others who enjoy preserving historical sites.

**YES, I want to be a member of the Friends of Kentucky Camp !**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ annual dues for the type of membership indicated below.

\_\_\_\_ Student (\$5)      \_\_\_\_ Individual (\$10)      \_\_\_\_ Family (\$15)  
\_\_\_\_ Contributor (\$25)      \_\_\_\_ Supporting (\$50)      \_\_\_\_ Lifetime (\$200)

**Optional**

I might be interested in volunteering or participating in the following projects:

\_\_\_\_ Restoration work      \_\_\_\_ Historical research      \_\_\_\_ Oral history  
\_\_\_\_ Fund raising      \_\_\_\_ Archaeological survey or excavation  
\_\_\_\_ Living history      \_\_\_\_ Serving as chair, secretary, or other officer  
\_\_\_\_ Public tours, speaking

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your membership renewal to:

Friends of Kentucky Camp  
c/o  
Arnold Franks  
716 W. Calle Rita  
Tucson, AZ 85706

## Progress Report

A big thanks goes out to the Boy Scout Troop 445 of Sierra Vista, AZ for their contribution to Kentucky Camp on Saturday, March 15th. Thirteen scouts and six adults were there relocating suitable rock from nearby Boston Gulch to Building D. The rock will be used during the PIT program to extend the retaining wall along the back side of building. The scout troop plans to return April 25-27 for a campout at the site and more rock relocation. They will be collecting flat rocks this time from Boston Gulch for future building foundation repairs.

## Acknowledgments

The following members & organizations have generously donated tools & equipment to Kentucky Camp.

Arlis Witz -      Photographs of the Rosemont Junction & Greaterville, circa 1930.  
Pipe threader.

## In the Future

Arnold's vacation is just around the corner, actually he's taking off around the end of April. The USFS and FKC have received some interest from individuals who would like to become a temporary Site Steward and Care Taker for Kentucky Camp during Arnold's absence; however, we would still like to hear from others who might be interested in this position. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Arnold Franks for more details regarding this opportunity.

## ETC....

If anyone has anything they would like to share in the KENTUCKY CAMP CHRONICLE newsletter please contact Chip Llewellyn at [ telephone - 885-8099 / email - arclight@rtd.com ].

**Information about KENTUCKY CAMP and THE FRIENDS OF KENTUCKY CAMP can now be found on the Internet.**

<http://www.azstarnet.com/public/nonprofit/coronado/Intro.htm>  
<http://www.rtd.com/~arclight/fkcindex.htm>

## 1997-98 Membership Drive

Our current 96-97 yearly memberships will be expiring on June 30th, 1997. We appreciate all of Friends of Kentucky Camp members support over the last year and look forward to your continued support for this worthwhile cause in the coming year. Don't delay, fill out the renewal form (next page) and send it in with your tax deductible membership dues today.