# KRNTUCKY CAMP CHRONICLE

Newsletter on the gold mining and ranching heritage of Kentucky Camp, AZ

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### New Roofs will Protect Adobe Buildings

Fall 2010 saw the adobe buildings at Kentucky Camp get new roofs, just ahead of December rains. The roofs were replaced under a contract funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (often referred to as "stimulus" funds). The Coronado National Forest allocated some of their ARRA funding to replacing roofs at recreational and historic sites – in addition to Kentucky Camp, two buildings at Camp Rucker in the Chiricahua Mountains, Powers Cabin in the Galiuro Mountains, and two CCC-built fire lookouts all received new roofs.

In order to maintain the look and feel of the site, wood shingles were used. But the new material is a significant improvement: these are fire retardant cedar shingles, treated to resist ignition from sparks and embers. In the event of a wildfire, they could prevent significant damage to the roofs.



Kathy Makansi installs "mouse-prevention" blocking on the sub-roof of the rental cabin

While the sub-roofs were exposed, deteriorated rafters and purlins were replaced as needed. On the

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rental cabin, wood blocks were nailed between the purlins along the gables to close off entry to mice, who occasionally keep our cabin renters up at night. To complete the project, the ceiling above the manta cloth will be sheet rocked and insulated later this spring.



New Roof on Headquarters Building

All permanent buildings at Kentucky Camp received the new roofing treatment: The Gold Processing Building, Headquarters Building, Cabin "C" (Stetson Cabin), Cabin "A" at the north end of the site and even the more recent pump house! The only roofing that did not get completed is the porch around the Headquarters Building. We have enough shingles to cover the porch in the future. Keep in mind that the porch is "only" 10 years old and it's roof still has a few years of life left!



New Roof on Cabin C

New roof and downspout on Cabin A

### Mary Farrell's Retirement Party

On Saturday, December 12, 2010, we held a pot luck retirement party for Mary Farrell. Mary has retired from her many years of service at the Forest Service. She has been a motive force behind the preservation of Kentucky Camp and she will be sorely missed.

Only one hitch at the "Farrell Farewell" party: due to circumstances beyond her control, Mary was unable to attend the party! (High wind conditions in California resulted in her flight to Tucson getting cancelled.) We carried-on without her and hope for a "do-over" next time she is in Tucson.



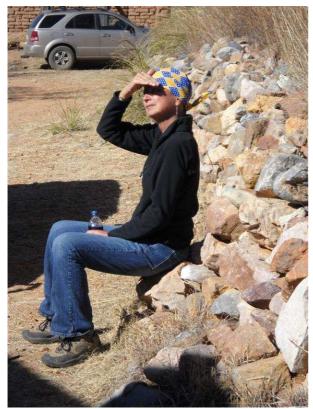
Rupert and Frances Stephens



Lindsey Smith, Chris Schrager and Melissa Schroeder



Marie Britton prepares for pot-luck



Marci Donaldson



Judy Van Cleve



Ron Kaczor

## Photos from the October 2010 Open House



Pete Van Cleve prepares posters for display.



The Desert Bluegrass Association provided music for the event again this year.



Youg gold-seekers look carefully for "color".



The Friends of Kentucky Camp board of directors and Forest Service liasion. From left to right: John Weiss (Vice President), Mark Doumas (President), Nancy Hough (Treasurer), Pat Spoerl (Secretary), Kathy Makansi (Forest Service), Chris Schrager (Forest Service), Pete Van Cleve (Director Atlarge)

### 2011 Dates to Remember

A new year is upon us, so get out your pencil and mark your calendar for key important events at Kentucky Camp.

- January 8, Saturday Volunteer Day
- February 12, Saturday Volunteer Day
- March 12, Saturday Volunteer Day
- April 19, Saturday Volunteer Day
- May 14, Saturday Volunteer Day
- June 11, Saturday Volunteer Day
- July 9, Saturday Volunteer Day
- August 13, Saturday Volunteer Day
- September 10, Saturday Volunteer Day
- October 8, Saturday Annual Board of Director's Meeting and Open House
- November 12, Saturday Volunteer Day
- December 10, Saturday Volunteer Day

We're not planning on a PIT-like work week this year. Will likely group-together some larger projects for a week-long event in 2012.



**Reminder:** If you would like to join the Friends of Kentucky Camp email discussion group, send an email to:

#### FriendsofKentuckyCamp-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

If you have changed your email address recently and wondered why you no longer receive discussion group email, you need to resend an email to the above address from your new email account.

Our next volunteer day at Kentucky Camp is Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. We'll be connecting some of the new downspouts to drainage tiles in preparation for this summer's rainy season/.

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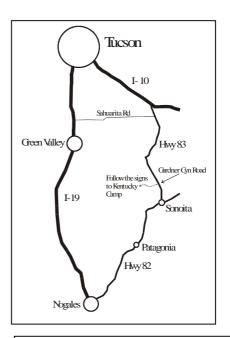
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