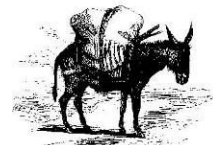
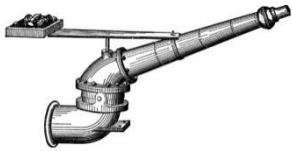


KENTUCKY CAMP CHRONICLE



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

June 2022

Southwest Regional Volunteer Award

By Chris Schrager

You may remember that the Coronado National Forest Heritage Society was recognized in 2020 with a regional award for Partnership and Citizen Stewardship. The actual award finally came; it comprises a low wooden pedestal with a plaque, and a ceramic vessel (Navajo, I believe).

The Coronado National Heritage Society is the umbrella organization for two chapters: Friends of Brown Canyon Ranch and Friends of Kentucky Camp. Through a "friends" group at each site, they are responsible for extensive accomplishments in resource restoration, maintenance, interpretation, adaptive re-use, and public outreach, supporting agency and departmental priorities

Through the partnership with the Friends of Brown Canyon Ranch (Near Sierra Vista, AZ), an early 20th-century homestead cattle ranch has become a multi-use recreation site; a habitat for protecting and enhancing the survival of endangered species; and an educational site for schools across the county.

Readers of this newsletter know that the Friends of Kentucky Camp was formed in 1995 to support restoration efforts at the site of the Santa Rita Water and Mining Company near Sonoita, AZ. This award recognizes the volunteer efforts to repair, rehabilitate and maintain historic adobe structures at the site, including adaptive re-use of a 1904 residence for the "Rooms With A View" Arizona Cabin Rental program. This was the first rental cabin on the Coronado National Forest and based on its success, there are now eight.

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Friends of Kentucky Camp was also recognized for work with other National Forest partners including the Arizona Trails Association, Scout groups, and high schools, providing leadership, organization, and skills mentoring for projects at the site.



Rental Cabin Ceiling Replaced

By John Weiss

On May 12, 2022, we had a large turnout for a work day. Several members of the Coronado National Forest Heritage staff were there and also an ACE crew. American Conservation Experience (ACE) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing rewarding environmental service opportunities for youth, young adults, and emerging professionals of all backgrounds to explore and improve public lands while gaining practical professional experience.

Additionally, several Friends of Kentucky Camp were there and Steve Waylett, long-time Friend and current camp host, was also on-hand and helped us throughout the day.



The old manta was worn and stained

The primary task was replacement of a manta. (Fabric suspended below the ceiling of historic buildings with adobe walls or roofs.) Our specific goal was the kitchen in the Stetson Cabin. (Also known as the rental cabin which is in the *Rooms With a View* program.) This manta had become worn due to age and the tough environment of a kitchen.



Removing the old manta

We were fortunate to find a seamstress who stitched together the muslin to the dimensions of the kitchen. Karen Lukacs, does custom sewing, and she did an excellent job with the new manta.



Putting up the new manta

Karen has her own business, the Karen Lukacs Studio. She does upcycling and repurposing of textiles; her website is <https://www.karenlukacs.com/>. It took many hands to position the new manta!



Installation of the new manta is nearly complete

Sacrificial Adobe Repairs

By Mark Doumas

One of the most important maintenance duties at Kentucky Camp is applying a coat of adobe mud on the exterior walls of the historic buildings. This layer of mud is what the wind and rain assaults instead of the underlying adobe bricks. We certainly don't want the bricks to get eroded by the elements because those bricks are what hold up the buildings. We've had several work parties to apply sacrificial mud during the past year mostly on the Stetson rental cabin and the Gold Processing Building. Here are some photos of that work in progress!



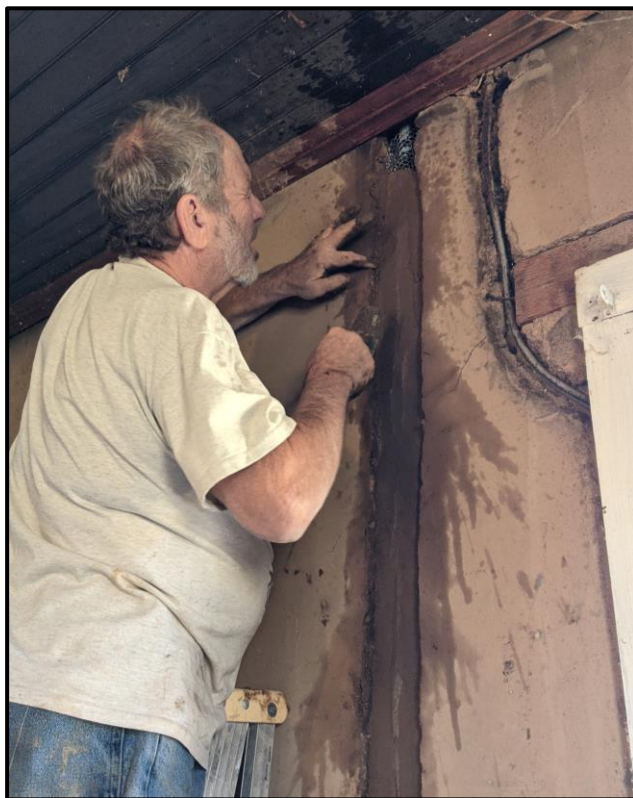
Headquarters Building Kitchen Rehabilitation

By Mark Doumas

Rehabilitation on the Headquarters Building Kitchen has progressed albeit on a moderate pace during the past year. All the tools have been moved from the historic kitchen to the new tool room in the Gold Processing Building. Electrical conduit has been installed and mudded-over.



John Weiss and Pete Van Cleve organize tools in the new tool room



Chris Schrager applies adobe over the electrical conduit in the Headquarters Kitchen

Membership Renewal

Don't miss out on the fun, the excitement, the Chronicle, and the opportunity to participate in Kentucky Camp's future! Renewing your membership is a simple way to support our ongoing rehabilitation efforts at Kentucky Camp and represents our primary source of funding. Student, Individual and Family memberships are very reasonably priced. If you'd like to give at a more substantial level, consider a Supporting or Contributing membership..... Or, even a Lifetime membership! Remember, Friends of Kentucky Camp is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization: your membership fee may qualify as a charitable deduction for federal income tax purposes.

To see if your membership is current, look at the mailing label on the front of this newsletter. If it says "Renew in June of 22" then your membership has expired and it's time to renew. (If your mailing label says "Renew in June of NA", then you are a lifetime member or have received a courtesy copy.) If your renewal year is in error, contact John Weiss at 520 323-0358 or jweiss25@cox.net.

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Choose "Support Kentucky Camp". Using the online renewal process, you can also choose to have your newsletter delivered electronically versus hard copy.

2) Renew using the traditional mail-in form on the next page.

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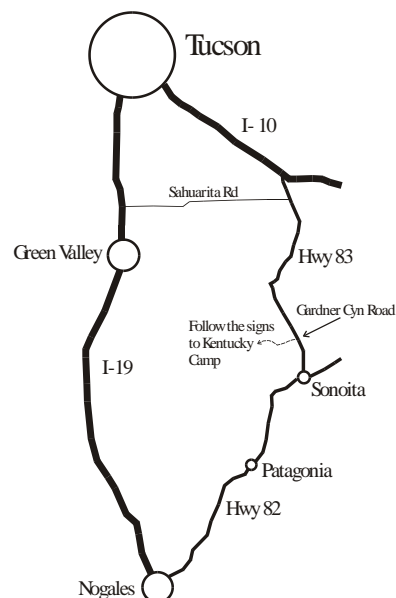
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