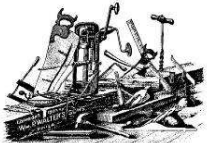


KENTUCKY CAMP CRONICLE



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April Work Week

By Mark Doumas

A week-long work session was conducted at Kentucky Camp from April 22 through April 27, 2012. There were 14 participants during the week, most of whom camped on-site.



Kentucky Camp Work Week Crew 2012. Standing: (l-r) Steve Waylett, Kathy Makansi, Mark Doumas, Drum Haverstock, Pete Van Cleve, John Weiss, Don Marion, Chris Schragger, Unknown, Betty Leavengood. Seated (l-r) Ron Parrish, Doug Maus, Jim Britton, Marie Britton, Martha Jo Billy (and Ringo)

The primary goal of this work week was to remodel the rental cabin. (Cabin C, aka "Stetson Cabin") After many years of rental, the cabin was in need of updates for normal wear and tear.... plus we needed to address mouse infestation issues and requests from renters for improved amenities.

First and foremost among these projects was to replace the ceiling. The previous cloth manta ceiling was removed, additional ceiling joists were installed and a solid drywall ceiling was installed which effectively seals the attic area from mouse access.

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Doug Maus and John Weiss install drywall ceiling in rental cabin

The manta ceiling was reinstalled over the drywall ceiling at a regular Friends of Kentucky Camp workday the following week to help retain the historic sense of the building.



New ceiling joists, hangars and insulation were also installed

While the ceiling was being worked on, the surface-mounted electrical conduit in the living room and bedroom was reinstalled using the buried-in-adobe approach. This brings the rental cabin electrical system into alignment with the style used in the Headquarters building and eliminates one potential path for mice to access the attic.



Steve Waylett plasters-over electrical conduit channels

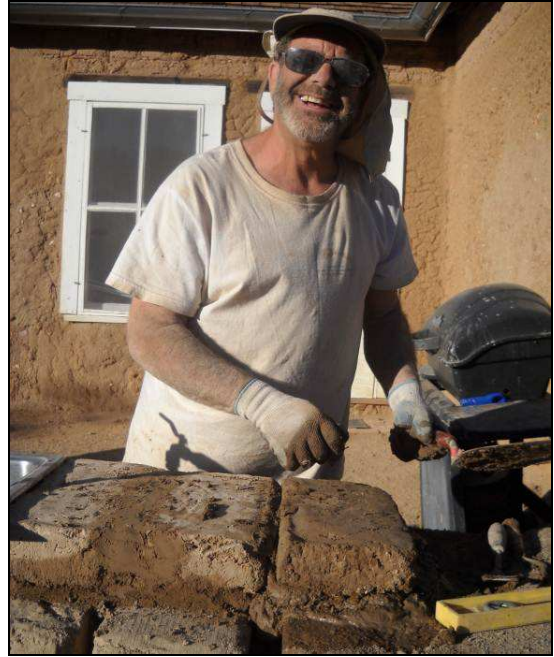
A new electrical circuit was brought into the attic for the purpose of powering ultrasonic rodent deterrent devices.



Mark Doumas installs new electrical outlets in rental cabin attic

The sink and counter area outside the cabin was also completely remodeled. Tiles on the previous countertop had popped loose after numerous

freeze/thaw cycles. This counter was removed and replaced with a stabilized adobe countertop space which is much more in the same style as the rest of its adobe surroundings.



Chris Schrager builds new adobe countertop for rental cabin

In response to numerous renter requests, a motion-activated floodlight was installed on the outside of the cabin to illuminate the patio and sink area. This will facilitate access to the vault toilet and enable renters to wash dishes and use the barbecue after sundown.

A broken water line near the Cabin was repaired and reinforced.



Pete Van Cleve, Chris Schrager and Doug Maus repair water line near rental cabin

Mud plastering of interior walls was another focus of the weeks' efforts. The walls of the small room in the Gold Processing Building were replastered. Also, damage from the 2011 roof leaks was plastered over in the Headquarters building.



Jim Britton applies mud plaster to Headquarters Building hallway

Another project addressed during this work week was the continued digitization of the Kentucky Camp photo archive. The remaining Forest Service slides were digitized as well as several albums of individuals' photo collections.



Marie Britton and Mark Doumas scan photos into the digital photo archive

The digital archive now contains approximately 7,000 images and spans the years 1979 to the present.



Wild Turkeys were seen near the entrance to Kentucky Camp

We had plenty of time to enjoy the Southern Arizona setting too. Chris Schragger provided a tour of nearby Empire Ranch. And we had a great time relaxing and visiting in the evening!



Martha Jo Billy, Marie Britton and Betty Leavengood enjoy some afternoon down-time.

Arnold Charles Franks, Jr.

By Nancy Hough

Long-time member Arnold Franks passed away on September 21, 2011. Arnold was a Charter Lifetime member of Friends of Kentucky Camp and was instrumental in forming the group in the mid-1990s. Arnold served on the board of directors for several terms as President as well as Director-At-Large.

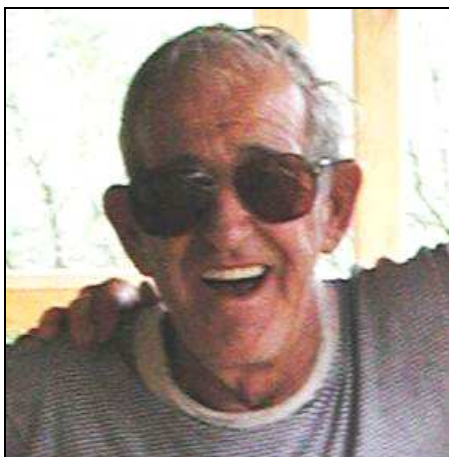
Arnold was born on September 15, 1936 and served in the US Marine Corps. He was a serious researcher of mining and military history. He served as an on-site caretaker for Kentucky Camp for more than six years, and was always the first one to volunteer to help other members set up their camp during the PIT Projects.

Arnold had a great sense of humor, loved to tease, and laughed a great deal. He was always willing to go the extra mile, working hard at any task that needed done at Kentucky Camp, giving tours, and talking at length about the site and mining history.

Arnold's presence and enthusiasm about Kentucky Camp encouraged many others to join as members of Friends of Kentucky Camp.

An interesting quote from a 1997 Kentucky Camp newsletter indicated that: "He keeps the grounds spotless at all times, and devotes a lot of his time to welcoming the visitors coming through Kentucky Camp."

Arnold was preceded in death by his wife Arlene who was also a Charter member and Treasurer of Kentucky Camp.



Wild Flowers of Kentucky Camp

By Mark Doumas

Have you ever driven the last five miles into Kentucky Camp and wondered: "what are all of these white flowers"? Or: "how about those rare six-petal yellow flowers that stay hidden close to the ground?"

I've had an amateur interest in wildflowers for many years but it wasn't until about six years ago that I realized how varied and beautiful the wildflowers in and around Kentucky Camp can be. I started taking some photos of the better-looking blooms whenever I had a chance. It wasn't long before I had almost a dozen different types of flowers identified. I selected eight of the most common ones to share here. These flowers were found in the Kentucky Camp historic area (inside the fenced area around Kentucky Camp) or very near the fenced area.

When is the best time to see wild flowers at Kentucky Camp? Like wildflowers throughout the southwest, rain is the most important factor. If the winter rains persist into the early part of the year, there will be a good wildflower bloom starting in March. These flowers will dwindle as the summer wears on but the monsoon rain (generally mid-July) will bring on a fresh crop of blooms through September.

I used the *Southeastern Arizona Wildflower* web site (<http://www.fireflyforest.com/flowers/>) to identify most of these flowers. This web site is run by Beth Kinsey and is very well organized for the amateur wildflower enthusiast.

You might be wondering why I didn't include the white Iris blooms near the Headquarters Building. It's because these flowers aren't technically wildflowers. There were likely planted there by the Hummel family when the buildings were being used as a ranch. There is probably some good history behind the planting of those Irises.... Maybe that's material for another article!



Tufted Evening Primrose (Onagraceae – Evening Primrose family) Blooms at night and is lightly fragrant. Attracts large hummingbird moths.



Beardlip Penstemon (Scrophulariaceae – Figwort family) This wildflower is especially good at attracting hummingbirds.



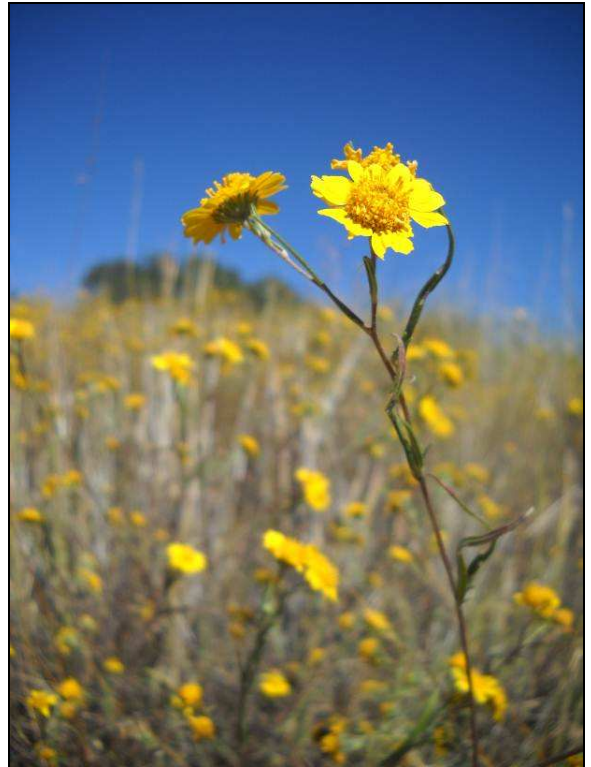
Prickly Poppy (Papaveraceae - Poppy Family) All parts of this plant are poisonous.



Arizona Phacelia, Arizona Scorpionweed (Hydrophyllaceae – Waterleaf family)



Desert Mariposa Lily (Liliaceae - Lily Family) This is a native protected plant and is "Salvage Restricted".... (don't pick it)



Golden Crownbeard (Asteraceae – Aster family)
This wildflower is poisonous.



Wild Dwarf Morning-glory, Arizona Blue Eyes (Convolvulaceae – Morning-glory family)



Desert Hyacinth (Liliaceae – Lily family)
Traditionally, the underground bulbs were collected for food. It's now a native protected plant and is "Salvage Restricted".

Kentucky Camp Visitors

By Betty Leavengood

A total of 689 people from 40 states and 11 foreign countries signed the register at Kentucky Camp from January 1 to April 26 this year.

An additional 24 signees did not indicate their place of residence which brings the grand total of visitors that signed-in 713.

As you might expect, the majority of those visitors (329) came from Arizona. Other states with a substantial number of visitors were Colorado (38), Michigan (31), Washington (28), Oregon (22), Minnesota (20), Wisconsin and California (17 each), New York (15), Illinois (12), Maine (11), and Idaho (10).

Other states represented are Pennsylvania (9), Indiana, New Mexico, North Dakota, and Oklahoma (7 each), Alaska and Massachusetts (6 each), Iowa (5), Florida, Kentucky, and Utah (4 each), Arkansas, Connecticut, Missouri, Ohio, and Texas (3 each), Maryland, New Jersey, Nebraska, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Virginia (2 each), and Nevada, Vermont, and Wyoming (1 each). We also had a visitor from the US territory of Puerto Rico.

We also had a good showing of visitors from other countries. Canada leads other countries with 22 visitors. Following is England (4), Spain (3), New Zealand, Mexico, Denmark, and Czechoslovakia (2 each), Greece, Japan and France (1 each).

Thirty-six of the signatures come from Arizona Trail hikers. The Arizona Trail starts on the Mexican border, runs right through Kentucky Camp and ends in Utah.

Sign-in comments include everything from "Fantastic," "Beautiful Wilderness," "Looking better each visit", "Nice job of restoration - thank you very much," to "I wanna live here!"

Reminder: Our next volunteer day at Kentucky Camp is Saturday, June 9th.

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. You don't need to put anything in the subject line or body of the email. Additions to the distribution list are screened for spammers!

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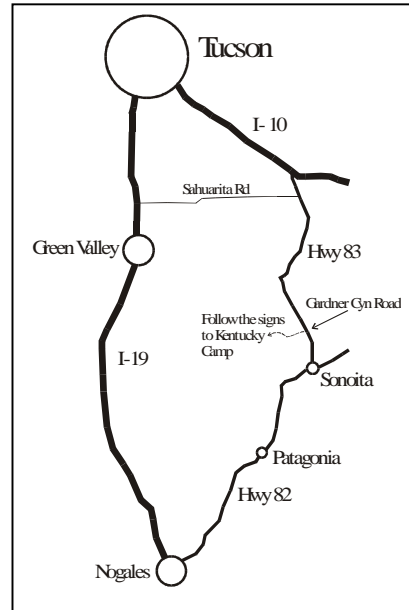
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