

FKC Annual Meeting in October

Mark your calendar for the FKC annual meeting and pot luck on **Saturday October 8th** at Kentucky Camp. This once-per-year event is a great opportunity to visit with your fellow members and take part in key Kentucky Camp plans. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided, please bring a side dish or dessert. At the annual meeting, a new FKC secretary will be voted-in... please consider volunteering for this position if you would like to take an active role as part of the FKC board of directors.

Keep in mind that the October 8th annual meeting coincides with our next volunteer "work weekend", so plan on coming out for the whole weekend! Or, just come out for Saturday to help out around the site. The pot luck and annual meeting will begin at about Noon.

WELCOME FRIENDS OF BROWN CANYON RANCH

By Mark Doumas

We have the rare honor of welcoming the newlyformed Friends of Brown Canyon Ranch as the newest chapter to the Coronado National Forest Heritage Society. Brown Canyon Ranch is located several minutes from downtown Sierra Vista and consists of a fourroom ranch house, an adjacent storeroom, corrals, ponds, and a spring-fed water system. It's an ideal heritage site for interpretive, recreational, and educational activities.

Here's a bit of background. When the Friends of Kentucky Camp (FKC) was formed in 1995, it was actually structured as a founding "chapter" under a broader non-profit oragnization called the Coronado National Forest Heritage Society (CNFHS). The reason for this added organization was to provide a "Friends-of" mission for future common organizations even though they are focused on a different heritage site. Each chapter forms its own bylaws and keeps separate finances but the "umbrella" CNFHS organization is available to pool the efforts and resources of all the chapters if and when needed. The CNFHS also helps reduce administrative work. For example, each year we must renew our non-profit status with the Arizona



Corporation Commission. While this is not a huge amount of effort, it's nice to be able to do this once for the whole CNFHS rather than a bunch of The FKC officers and FoBCR met for the first time at the August Kentucky Camp work day. (August 13th) From the FoBCR chapter, we had John Kugler (President), Charles Cravens (Vice President) and Bob Jones (Treasurer). From the FKC chapter, we had Mark Doumas (President), John Weiss (Vice President) and Pete Van Cleve (Director at-large). As the founding chapter of the individual "Friends" groups having to duplicate this effort.

CNFHS, the FKC officers were required to approve the bylaws of the FoBCR. The President and Treasurer of each chapter automatically become the officers of the CNFHS.

We welcome the FoBCR chapter and hope to see some new chapters in the future!

PROGRESS CONTINUES ON WALL PLASTERING

By Chris Schrager

A finish coat of mud plaster has been applied to several more walls of the Administration building at Kentucky Camp. For ten days during July, three of our "compadres" from Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico stayed in the Rental Cabin while they continued efforts to complete the rehabilitation work. Martin Teran and Isaac Romero, both employed by INAH (Instituto Nacional de Antropologia y Historia), spent part of their vacation at the site, continuing their long-standing tradition of bringing international assistance and expertise to Kentucky Camp. They were joined by Martin's son Martincito, on summer break from his studies at the University of Sonora.

The three were able to complete final plaster coats on the remaining walls of the transverse hallway, where some of the worst vandalism had occurred. In addition, they finished the room between the kitchen (currently the Tool Crib) and the parlor (with the fireplace). Their efforts, combined with those of our other longtime INAH partners, Rodolfo DelCastillo and Jorge Morales, and of the Waddells, Brittons, and other Friends of Kentucky Camp, have brought the project nearly to completion. Only four rooms and on side of the main hallway still need wall resurfacing; the baseboards, crown molding, floors and ceilings are repaired; and Mark Doumas has almost completed bringing lights and power outlets into the rooms and hallways.

Future work days planned for this winter and next spring will continue to advance these projects. We also hope to bring our beloved muchachos back soon, possibly as early as later this fall! Anyone interested in coming out to help with the work – or just marvel at the progress – is always welcome.

Mary Farrell Presented With National Award at Kentucky Camp

On July 7, 2005 Coronado National Forest Archaeologist Mary Farrell was honored at a gathering at Kentucky Camp. Mary received the "Excellence In The Heritage Program" National Award for 2004. Regional Forester Harv Forsgren, Coronado Forest Supervisor Jeanine Derby, and Nogales District Ranger Keith Graves presented the award.



The Excellence in the Heritage Program Award



recognizes overall excellence in the Heritage

Harv Forsgren and Jeanine Derby repair adobe on the Gold Processing building

Program. It is granted annually to one FS employee nationwide who has exceeded expectations in all areas of Heritage Resource management. The winner is selected from regional nominees.

Mary's nomination cited numerous examples of her innovative approach: public outreach, resource allocation, and a unique ability to visualize creative solutions and then realize them. Her years of leadership in ongoing efforts to preserve and interpret Kentucky Camp are just one example of this. The site for the presentation was chosen by Forest Supervisor Jeanine Derby, who was asked to choose a location to "show off" the Coronado to the Regional Forester. Ms. Derby noted that Kentucky Camp is her favorite site on the Forest. Several of the presenters noted that Mary was Mary with Regional Forester Harv Forsgren

indication of the admiration and respect in which she is held. **Congratulations, Mary!**



Visit Friends of Kentucky Camp on the Internet at:

http://www.aztecfreenet.org/fkcamp/

WEED WHACKER WANTED!

Do you have a used but working weed trimmer that you'd consider donating to Kentucky Camp? We are in need of either an electric or gas powered weed trimmer for keeping the weeds under control at the site. Our electric trimmer got a real work-out during the recent rainy season and ended-up getting burned out. We still have a couple of back-up trimmers but we could use a third trimmer for those busy work days when the weeds are getting out of control. We could also use a replacement gas lawn mower for maintaining some of the more level areas at the camp.

If you are interested in making an equipment donation, please contact Mark Doumas at <u>doumas@mindspring.com</u> or (520) 990-8152.

Send in Your Dues

Don't miss out on the fun, the excitement, the Chronicle, and the opportunity to participate in Kentucky Camp's future! Remember, summer is the time for membership renewals. (Thanks to those that already sent in your dues!) If you haven't already renewed, please use the form located on the last page. See your mailing label to find your renewal year. If it does NOT say "Renew in June of 06" (or later) or "Renew in June of NA", renew now! (If your renewal year is in error, contact S. (520)299-4281 Doumas at or doumas@mindspring.com.)

Don't Forget these Dates!

- > October 8/9 FKC Annual Meeting & Work Weekend
- November 12 Work Day
 December 10 Work Day

Renew Membership: Enclosed is a check for \$ made payable to Friends of Kentucky Camp for membership until 6/2006.
Please circle:Student (\$5)individual (\$10)family (\$15)contributing (\$25)supporting (\$50)lifetime (\$200)
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