Spring Fest 2011
“‘To Perfect Friends Who Were Once Perfect Strangers’”

The follow-up to a successful Fall Fest will be an even more successful Spring Fest. (Click highlights of the Fall Fest to see on the web.) The event is scheduled for April 3rd, from 4:00-6:30pm in the Tanuri Ridge Pool & Community Clubhouse. Please join us for an informal meet & greet gathering. You are also invited to be a part of the planning and attending the spring event.

Contact Diane O’Rourke for additional information. dizdiz333@yahoo.com

TUCSON’S WINTER ROUGHS UP PLANTS

November 19 to March 19 - do the dates sound familiar? They are the average first and last days of frost in Tucson. Plants are chosen based with those dates in mind, the hope being that if there is any frost damage it is only cosmetic. Plants that generally grow in Tucson could not withstand the record low temperatures that we have had this winter. Frost would have been a welcome option as opposed to the numerous nights of freezing temperatures.

So – what is next? Do not dash out and prune off the damaged portion of any plant.* The longer days and warmer temperatures may reveal less damage than originally thought. And one size does not fit all when it comes to pruning a plant. Different plants require different pruning techniques. If you are unsure on how to proceed, the local library contains two highly recommended books: American Horticultural Society – Pruning and Training Christopher Brickell and David Joyce and Pruning Made Easy by Lewis Hill.

Make sure that your plants remain as stress free as possible. Keep them well watered. Should there be any more really cold weather make sure your plants are covered. Place stakes around the plants you want to protect. Cover the plants with paper or cloth, not plastic, and make sure that each plant is covered to the ground.

*Cherry is responsible for the pruning of townhome front yards.

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River Trail Art: A Mystery In Our Back Yard

Whether you are a walker, a hiker or just like going for a stroll, the river trail down from Tanuri Ridge has much to offer, as I discovered shortly after we moved here last June. Eager to do some hiking, but not knowing where to go, plus the summer heat not too inviting, I started walking along the Rillito River early in the morning. Most of the time when I go walking/hiking, I do so with my camera, so this time was no exception. Much to my surprise, the trails included attractive art collaborations with nature -- including one of my favorites, “stone balancing.” (Continued in the left column below.)

River Trail . . . The river trail art really intrigued me, so much so I have since photographed each, from different angles, several times. The more I observed the art, the more questions I had as to its existence. Why were they there? Who was the creator? However, being new to Tanuri Ridge, and having plenty of other questions about the community to ask, including the mystery art in conversations, as we met our neighbors, was not utmost on my mind.

In time, as we got to know more people, I began to mention “my discovery” more often. I figured the artist had to be someone in Tanuri Ridge, but no one had answers.

As the weather cooled, I started spending more time hiking in the surrounding canyons, however, the mystery of the Tanuri Ridge art remained -- so much so, that when I prepared a newsletter draft for the blessing of the HOA board, I included some of the art photos. Still, no one knew of the art and its artist.

"The most beautiful thing one can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all Art and Science.”
-- Albert Einstein

Once the newsletter concept was approved, and given my belief that there is a direct correlation between the quality of a community newsletter and resident contributions, what better way to get attention than to include a mystery.

At the time of this writing, the mystery has been solved. While hiking in Sabino Canyon, as part of the the Tanuri Ridge Education & Recreation Series, Bryna Ben-Asher answered my questions -- "The Bergs did it." (More in the next newsletter addition.)

-- Kenne Turner
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Consider replacing dead plants with something that might be a little harder than what is recommended for Tucson. Look at this as an opportunity to update and make your garden more eco-friendly. Your favorite local garden center will be able to direct you to suitable plants.
-- Beth Levy

During her landscape design career, Beth owned her own design business, created custom containers of annual plants for a local high end retail nursery and garden center and taught classes at the Chicago Botanic Garden. She is now retired and works in her own garden.
Tanuri Ridge Educational & Recreation Series

Now for the third year, Tanuri Ridge resident Tom O'Rourke has organized a series of education and recreation opportunities from January to April. All are available to Tanuri Ridge residents and their guests who are on his list to receive notices of programs. All are made possible by the generosity of Tanuri Ridge residents who have agreed to donate their time, knowledge and skills to make this happen.

Events to date have included: Renowned sculptor, artist and HOA resident Malcolm Alexander, who talked about what was involved in creating an 18-foot monument dedicated to the 72,000 men and women who built the Alaskan Pipeline, and his artistic transition from the realistic (representational) to the contemporary art; A tour of the UA College of Optical Sciences and a talk on “Optics in Nature” by HOA resident and Sabino Canyon volunteer, Bryna Ben-Asher.

“Tennis Shoes Tour” tour of the Tucson International Airport; A walk in Sabino Canyon, led by HOA resident Sabino Canyon volunteer, Bryna Ben-Asher.

Remaining events for this year include: Saturday morning, March 19th – Yoga led by HOA resident Nancy Williams (sign-up now – space limited – reservation needed); Saturday morning, March 26 – Digital Photography 101 led by HOA resident Kenne Turner (sign-up now – space limited – reservation needed); Saturday, April 9th – Rillito River Bike Ride, led by HOA resident Tom O’Rourke.

Contact Tom at torourke@illinois.edu for additional information.

Meet Your Neighbors

Last June, Joy Otrey and Kenne Turner moved into the town-home previously owned by Mary Black (Lot 50). Residents of The Woodlands, Texas (located in Montgomery County, 35 miles north of downtown Houston) for over 30 years, Joy and Kenne, decided it was time to leave the humid gulf-coast, with an annual rainfall of 46 inches and an average temp of 67.9, for Tucson’s average temp of 68.4 and 12 inches of rain. The Woodlands is one of the best communities in the country, so they knew they were giving up a lot, but did so knowing southern Arizona had much more to offer life.

Kenne, semi-retired after careers in telecommunications, publishing, teaching and higher education administration, now spends his time consulting, writing and in photographic art. Joy, a Realtor, left behind a successful real estate business, knowing that she would have to retake the required real estate classes for her Arizona license, which she obtained in November.

Soon after moving in, Circle neighbors Rose & Art Nehring, invited Joy & Kenne to bring folding chairs on to the circle to watch the July 4th fireworks from nearby Tucson Country Club. Neighbors, Marsha & Steve Fishman also welcomed Joy & Kenne to the 4th of July street party.
Community Events & Calendar Dates

Tanuri Ridge HOA Board Meeting
Monday evening, April 4, 2011. If you are interested in attending the meeting, please call the president, Bill Johnston.

Tanuri Ridge Spring Fest
April 3, 2011 (additional information on page 1)

E & R Series Yoga
March 19th – Yoga led by HOA resident Nancy Williams (sign-up now – space limited – reservation needed)

E & R Series Digital Photography
March 26 – Digital Photography 101 led by HOA resident Kenne Turner (sign-up now – space limited – reservation needed)

E & R Bike Ride
April 9th – Rillito River Bike Ride, led by HOA resident Tom O’Rourke.

Gas Pipes Being Re-piped
Tanuri Ridge 30 year old gas pipes are being re-piped. The re-piping should be completed by March 18th. The streets and curbs repaired to their original condition by late March, early April.

Gas In Tanuri Ridge: Reflections from A Long Time Neighbor - Rose Nehring
“When we selected our town-home model, we were told that gas was not available. During the construction, we would come out to watch the construction. One day, the Blacks (Mary & John) asked us in for coffee. While visiting, much to our surprise Mary asked John to light the fireplace, which is how we learned that gas was available in Tanuri Ridge.”

River Readers Book Club
3rd Tuesday of the Month - 6:30 p.m. Dusenberry-River Pima Country Public Library

Tuesday Art Talks -Dusenberry-River Library
Presented by the docents of the University of Arizona Museum of Art, in partnership with Pima County Public Library, each 2nd Tuesday, 2-3 p.m.

Dear Homeowner:
The CC&Rs require Board of Director approval prior to any construction at any home site or any exterior painting of a detached home. Exterior color requirements are discussed in Part III, Section D and construction is discussed in Part IV, Sections A through E.

Reminder, town-home owners do NOT need prior approval for exterior paint color as long as the color is one of those on the previously approved list. Please contact the Architecture Chair, Norma Hirsch Palmer if you need a list of those selections.

The Board has traditionally accommodated homeowners by waiving certain requirements when they seem to serve little purpose. The Board wishes to continue that policy but in return would request that proposed color and construction changes be provided to the Architectural Committee enough time in advance so the Committee Chair may evaluate the request, make a recommendation to the Board, and allow the Board to decide and prepare a written response to the requester.

If you have any questions, please write to me at wjohnston1@comcast.net

Sincerely,
William Johnston
President, Tanuri Ridge HOA

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This newsletter will be published quarterly on a one year trial basis. Whether it continues after one year will depend on the interest and participation of Tanuri Ridge residents -- it’s not intended to be a “one-person” publication. However, like most endeavors, someone needs to take the lead in getting it started. Contributors to this first issue:

• Bryna Ben-Asher
• Bill Johnston
• Beth Levy
• Rose Nehring
• Tom O’Rourke
• Kenne Turner

Please contact Kenne Turner with your content ideas, copy and photos. Example Topics:
• What’s your favorite thing about living here?
• How have things changed since the beginning of our community?
• What was Tanuri Ridge like back in the beginning?
• Do you have an expertise or topic of interest you would like to share?
Contact kenneturner@yahoo.com