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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Willem Van Kempen

The annual Monsoon is gradually coming to a close and we will have to return briefly to the hot and dry summer we remember from May and June until the fall coolness descends upon us. We must remember that during that dry season we had several horrendous wild fires near the towns of Portal and Sierra Vista close to home and somewhat further north in Greer and Alpine. We will not forget these fires that destroyed many acres of valuable forest land and are thankful that our beloved Canyon was spared. But the danger is always there and we must be vigilant as to how we deal with our environment. The Forest Service prepared us by recognizing the need to thin the trees, and they even completed a prescribed burn. Without those preparations the danger would be even greater.

Currently the Canyon is lush and green. The creek is running and the bugs, birds, and other animals are having a

good time. It is beautiful out there so please come out and see it for yourselves. If you get an invitation to come to the Canyon for a bug night or a nature walk please join in and enjoy, as all you see will be spectacular.

My hope was that at this time I could give you an update on the repaving of the two paved loop trails at Proctor and Whitehouse as we are hopeful to receive a grant to do so soon. It looks promising so I hope that we can give you good news in the next *Chatter*.

Also new plans for adult education are in the works with four lectures and where possible, followed up with a nature walk (see page 5).

Our 4th grade school nature walks and visits are being prepared and will be ready for the fall season (see page 3).

Please always check our website for things to do. The event list is right there on the right margin of the home page. You will find not only the latest information but also the existing new products our marketing team has for sale.

While there was no board meeting in July, your board has been busy, meeting and talking about the future. Several projects are being discussed, some in combination with the Friends 25th anniversary. Plans are coming together to revamp the website as well as the way we communicate by email. This shortened *Canyon Chatter*, brief in part because the summer is a relatively quiet time for the Friends, represents a first step in moving from a mailed printed communication to a digital mode that will come in 2012.

This message would not be complete without thanking you for being a member of the Friends of Madera Canyon and without thanking all of our volunteers for your dedicated work in whatever capacity you participated.

I hope to see you all on the trails in the Canyon and/or welcome you at one of our board meetings.

The FRIENDS OF MADERA CANYON web site address is:

www.friendsofmaderacanyon.org

Please check it regularly for news of the canyon and up-coming events.

The Friends of Madera Canyon, a non-profit volunteer organization affiliated with the U. S. Forest Service, provides informational brochures, clean-up crews, research and education programs for adults and public schools, maintenance of trails for the handicapped, designs and maintains signs, welcomes visitors, and finances building of many facilities throughout the Canyon.

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New Members since June 2011:

Diane Allen, Michael Barry, Carl Conney, Laura Freburg, Jacqueline Garrison, Maureen Gaynor, Nancy Harwood, Brian and Kimberly Lloyd, Pete and Margie Mittleman, and Helaine Prince.

MEMORIALS

Donald and Winifred Kruper for *Richard Gates Davis*
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DONATIONS (THROUGH AUGUST 20)

To reprint the Geology of Madera Canyon Brochure:
Stanley Hart

For the General Fund:
William and Nancy McNarie, Stephen Hoge

The Friends of Madera Canyon thanks all new and renewing members and donors for their contributions that will be used to further the conservation and educational goals of the Friends in the Canyon.

The Friends of Madera Canyon encourages members to consider naming the Friends as a recipient of donations upon the death of a family member or loved one. People who make a tax-exempt memorial donation receive the gratitude of the Friends and the knowledge that their contribution will further the education and conservation work of the Friends in Madera Canyon that was important to their loved one or friend. Thank you.

The MADERA SOCIETY

By remembering the Friends of Madera Canyon in your will or estate plan, you can make a lasting gift to protect the canyon you love for generations to come. Your tax deductible gift will express, in a lasting way, your commitment to furthering environmental education in Madera Canyon.

If you would like to learn more about how to designate the Friends as a recipient in your will, please contact Willem Van Kempen at 520-762-9862 or by email at: wvkaz@msn.com for a confidential discussion. Please contact your attorney and your accountant for tax and estate planning advice.

IMPORTANCE OF PRESCRIBED FIRES WITHIN A FOREST ECOSYSTEM

By Shari Ketcham, Sabino Canyon Visitor Center Manager,
Coronado National Forest

Fire suppression practices over the past century have resulted in an accumulation of fuels within southwestern forests. These fuels are composed of dry leaf litter, pine needles, and deadfall. Wildfires traditionally burned every 10-15 years prior to the wildfire suppression era; however, wildfires today burn larger and more intensely due to increased amounts of fuels. These wildfires often burn in a mosaic pattern of unburned, low burn, moderate burn, and high burn severities. Sometimes these wildfires can burn at such extreme temperatures that the soil becomes infertile and delays plant re-establishment for up to 10 years. Due to the detrimental effects of these intense wildfires on the landscape, forestry managers and firefighters are literally combating these fuel accumulations by fighting fire with fire; commonly referred to as prescribed fires.

Prescribed fires help to rejuvenate forest structure by stimulating vegetative growth that improves habitat for wildlife and plant species. Some plant species respond favorably to wildfire, while other plant species die as a result of wildfire. However, most native plant species are well-adapted to periodic wildfire regimes, especially low intensity wildfires that do not burn as hot as medium and high intensity wildfires. Some plant species actually need wildfire to occur to open seed pods or germinate seeds.

Wildlife responds to fire about the same as plants. Some wildlife species are well-adapted and respond favorably to periodic wildfire regimes, while other wildlife species respond adversely to wildfire. Some wildlife species rely on open understory below tree canopies, while other wildlife species rely on thick understory below tree canopies.

Prescribed fires reduce fuels and wildfire hazards and can also be used as a fire line during the event of an intense, catastrophic wildfire. Reduction of wildfire hazards and fuels increase safety for the public and land managers, minimize smoke if a larger, more intense wildfire burns after the prescribed fire, and minimizes future damage to natural resources, facilities, and structures.

Structures and facilities can also be protected from wildfires by creating a 30-foot defensible space around homes and outbuildings. You can protect your home and property by cutting down trees, eliminating tall grasses and shrubs, pruning low-limbed trees, and removing fuels within the defensible space.

Wildfires are an inevitable part of forest health. Therefore, prescribed fires and defensible spaces around property need to be implemented as a best management practice not only for protection of natural resources, but also for the protection and safety of the public and the people who manage public land.

FALL 2011 EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

By Doug Moore, Director of Education

In the remaining days of summer and upcoming fall, the Friends of Madera Canyon Education Committee has a variety of activities on tap for members, local school kids, and the community.

The "2nd Saturday" community nature walks at Proctor that proved popular last spring will be continued into the fall. The docent-lead morning walks are held the second Saturday of the month and advertised in the Green Valley News "Things to Do" feature. Kicked off on Saturday, August 13, the walks are scheduled in September, October, and November. The activities are open to Friends members also, so watch for e-mail activities alerts! This is an excellent opportunity for members to get outdoors in the canyon, meet others in our community, and help talk up Friends membership! The annual Bud Gode Picnic & Bug Night on August 20 was advertised to both members and the community; other activities for this fall are being considered.

Later this fall, the Friends natural history docents will again lead nature walks for 4th graders from Sopori Elementary, Continental School, and Great Expectations Academy. The students have an opportunity to spend a morning outdoors to explore nature using direct observation and the scientific method, while also learning about the canyon's web of life, natural systems, geology/formation, and historical/cultural context. This is the 23rd year of Friends-sponsored student nature walks in the canyon. The Education Committee is also meeting with Sahuarita Schools superintendent, principals, and 4th grade teachers to officially bring our Traveling Nature Education Program into Sahuarita classrooms this fall.

Kids visiting the canyon on weekends have an opportunity to participate in the Madera Canyon Junior Ranger Program. Available at the Visitor Information Station, the self-guided child-parent pamphlet was designed with a range of fun, age-appropriate nature activities and includes a "Madera Canyon Plants & Animals" pamphlet, a ranger-signed Junior Ranger Certificate, and a colorful clothing patch. When you are taking your kids or grandkids up to the canyon on weekends, please remember to request a Junior Ranger brochure!

In the past the Friends has sponsored a variety of community talks and presentations, but not on a regular schedule. Currently, Friends board member Tamara Kahrimanis is organizing regularly scheduled adult programs, the Friends Nature Series, at the Community Performing Arts Center. The series will present programs on member-requested topics of local interest in nature, geology, history, and culture. Talks are currently scheduled for October, December, February, and April; check the Friends Website or the CPAC calendar for exact dates and information (see page 5).

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The Friends Education Committee and Education Director continue to work to bring interesting and educational programs to our adult members, local students, and the community. Your membership dues are a significant contribution to continuing programs and activities promoting "conservation through education" for Madera Canyon and the Sky Island region!

DON'T PASS UP SUMMER FUN IN MADERA CANYON!

By Doug Moore

When many of us think "summer in Arizona," it usually conjures up images of intense heat and blazing sun. It is easy to forget that the summer monsoon in August and September can be one of the most interesting times to visit Madera Canyon! Canyon mornings and evenings are usually mild and beautiful. Even at mid-day, a stroll along the creek or a picnic in the shade of the oaks at the Mt. Wrightson Picnic Area, can be 15 to 20 degrees cooler than outside down in Green Valley - and there is lots to explore!

Good precipitation brings out beautiful summer wild flowers. Walk the Proctor Loop in the morning to find seven species of morning glory, in addition to a nice variety of other beautiful flowers including Prickly Poppy, Silverleaf Nightshade, Globe Mallow, and Velvet Pod Mimosa. Use Joan Lewis' excellent Madera Canyon wildflower guide to try to distinguish between the many types of wild pea vines at trailside. Evenings, look for late-blooming white trumpets of Sweet Four O'clock and Sacred Datura. September is also the start of the butterfly season, especially around Proctor and interesting birds like Varied Bunting, Blue Grosbeak, and Bell's Vireo haunt the creekside woods.

Mid-canyon, especially on the trails from Amphitheater, keep your eyes peeled for dainty Arizona Blue Curls, Mexican Star, Santa Catalina Paintbrush, and other wildflowers. Bird watching at canyon feeders is also a fun and relaxing activity. It has been a particularly good year for hummingbirds. At the time of writing, eleven species of hummingbirds are being seen at feeders, including unusual Calliope and rare Berylline, Violet-crowned, and Lucifer Hummingbirds. There is no public parking at Madera Kubo and Chuparosa B&B, so park at Amphitheater or Mt. Wrightson and PLEASE ask permission before walking on the properties to watch feeders! Also watch for deer, squirrels, and black bear along the road.

The upper trails above the Mt. Wrightson Parking Area are also great for summer wildflowers; at higher elevations, plants often bloom into October. Special trailside treats include Chiricahua Mountain Larkspur, Toumey's Evening

Primrose, Red Cinquefoil, Goldenbeard Penstemon, and many others. Scan shady slopes for the surprisingly large leaves and ridiculously small yellow flowers of Charles Mason's Ragwort or blooms of elusive orchids. Birding can be challenging in the thicker woods up-canyon, but worth the effort. Watch for post-nesting adults feeding begging fledglings. Elegant Trogon, vireos, tanagers, warblers and maybe an owl await the sharp-eyed/eared birder.

Summer visits to the canyon present some challenges. Make sure to take plenty of water, sun screen, a good hat, and maybe a rain poncho. Insect repellent is a good idea in the grass around Proctor and Whitehouse for chiggers until the weather dries out in late September. Also, watch weather forecasts and be wary of monsoon thunderstorms; getting caught out in the lightning and cold rain high in the canyon is dangerous! Watch closely for wildlife on the roads, particularly during twilight after a rain. But with a little preparation and sensible precautions, the canyon is a summer nature wonderland. Get out and explore a side of Madera Canyon winter visitors never get a chance to enjoy!

THE YELLOW BOXES

by Phil Gantt

For frequent visitors to Madera Canyon, the ubiquitous yellow boxes containing Friends brochures soon become invisible, while to the occasional visitor, they seem to be everywhere. The bright yellow wooden boxes with their Plexiglass windows were built about 10 or 12 years ago by the Bog Springs Campground Host George Grauwen who donated them to the Friends. George passed away a couple of years ago. Although utilitarian enough, the boxes could not protect the brochures from the monsoon rains. July and August would turn hundreds of brochures into mush.

When the Bud Gode Interpretive Nature Trail was built in 2007, 19 weatherproof metal brochure boxes were included. About 10 of them replaced wooden boxes. This summer, thanks to a recent grant from the Country Fair White Elephant, the Friends have been able to purchase and install 22 more metal brochure containers, saying goodbye to the rest of the yellow boxes.

The Friends has been printing and distributing three brochures since the late 1980s. One is an introduction to Madera Canyon, the second is a trail map, and the third is a Madera Canyon bird check-list. We print about 50,000 brochures each year.



EXCITING NEW ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

By Tamara Kahrmanis

In addition to the many walks and special events planned this year at Madera Canyon, the Adult Education Committee is proud to unveil its first series of nature talks. After a test run of two successful talks in February and April of this year, we now have four exciting speakers lined up for the 2011-2012 season. These talks will take place in the theater of the Community Performing Arts Center, 1250 W. Continental Road:

Tuesday, October 18, 2:00 pm – Richard Conway (noted geologist) will address *“The Unique Rocks and Landscapes of Madera Canyon and the Santa Rita Mountains.”*

Tuesday, December 6, 2:00 pm – Mark Heitlinger (Manager of the Santa Rita Experimental Range) will speak on *“Green Valley’s Biggest Backyard.”*

Thursday, February 23, 2:00 pm – Doug Moore (Friends Director of Education) will give a presentation on *“The Flowers of Madera Canyon.”*

Tuesday, April 3, 2:00 pm – Dr. Susan Wethington (Executive Director of the Hummingbird Monitoring Network) will give insights about *“The HMN Monitoring Program.”*

Earlier this year, a questionnaire was sent out to Friends members as to which topics they would like to see addressed: natural history and geology topped the list. In addition, a separate letter went out to docents. Several docents felt there would be sufficient interest in offering a follow-up field trip to Madera Canyon, so our speakers have agreed to a field trip sign-up. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the lobby, on the day of each talk. It is only fair that there be a \$5.00 per person charge for each field trip.

The cost of attending an individual talk is \$5.00, but Friends members are eligible for a special discount of \$15.00 for all four talks in the series. This special price is for members and their friends only. You may order series tickets by purchasing them on the website www.friendsofmaderacanyon.org -- or by calling Louise Gibbeson at 648-1068.

Individual tickets for the talks may be obtained through Berdette Robison at CPAC, by calling 399-1750. Please mark your calendars, and spread the word to your neighbors and friends. Have them come with you to experience the thrill of holding a hummingbird in your hand!

NEW BUILDING IN MADERA CANYON

By Phil Gantt

After two and a half years of negotiations with the Forest Service and obtaining the required permits, the Santa Rita Lodge is constructing a new building. It will be located to the left of the bird feeders where the barbeque area once was. The Lodge office will move to the new building along with

an expanded gift shop. The Friends will be given a small area to promote their activities and solicit members. The shop will also be able to provide a few more snacks for visitors, but it will NOT be a restaurant. The new facility is expected to open by the end of the year.

FALL FUNDRAISER - NEW BROADWAY SHOWSTOPPERS

By Tamara Kahrmanis

After last year’s sell-out performances of Broadway ShowStoppers, the Friends of Madera Canyon has decided to present a sequel for this year’s fundraiser. In partnership with the Community Performing Arts Center (CPAC), Broadway ShowStoppers II will be held in the theater of CPAC on Tuesday, November 8 and Wednesday, November 9 at 7:00 pm. Please be sure to one of reserve these dates!

Emcee Tamara Kahrmanis, who has planned and organized the concert portion of this event, is proud to announce that several new voices will be joining the cast. You may have seen Aldona and Royston Small this year charming the audiences in the Spring Follies at West Center. Aldona, known for her smooth jazz delivery, also does her own nightclub act. We welcome Jay Kobler, who impeccably channeled Maurice Chevalier in a recent production of “Gigi.” We continue to savor the talents of Al and Julia Saterback, who have been described as the Jessica Tandy and Hugh Cronin of Green Valley. Also singing are Tamara Kahrmanis and the inspirational Hal Youngren.

For an added dimension this year, we will be featuring the talent of professional dancer Charese Kelly and her dance partner, Bonnie Fleming, who will entertain us with authentic Broadway choreography for “One” from A Chorus Line and “All That Jazz” from Chicago.

As many of you know, CPAC, one of our treasured community resources, almost closed its doors in June. Due to a huge outpouring of pledges and support from the public, as well as receiving certain monies from the county, CPAC is alive and well for what we hope will be a long time to come.

To offset escalating operating expenses, ticket prices this year will be \$15.00 per person, which is still very reasonable given the fact that there will be no silent auction this year. Prepare to be entertained by high-quality performers, a professional three-piece band, and medleys from some of the finest Broadway shows, including: Show Boat, Camelot, Annie Get Your Gun, Chicago, Gigi, and The Sound of Music. There will also be some wonderful surprises as members of the cast perform individual favorites.

Come early for the best seats. Doors open at 6:30 pm. All proceeds will be shared between the Friends and the Community Performing Arts Center. Tickets may be obtained by calling Berdette Robison, CPAC, at 399-1750. It promises to be another outstanding evening of music.

2011: A NOTEWORTHY YEAR FOR THE BUD AND MARY GODE FRIENDS OF MADERA CANYON SCHOLARSHIP

By Sondra Dexter

Several events marked 2011 as noteworthy for the Bud and Mary Gode Friends of Madera Canyon Scholarship Program. Established in 2007 with the goal of providing financial assistance to college-bound high school graduates from the Santa Cruz Valley, funds are earmarked for students wishing to pursue studies in natural history and areas related to the goals of the Friends. One thousand dollars per year of study is offered to qualifying students.

We are excited to announce the 2011 graduation of our first recipient, RaeAnn Jarvis, who was granted a degree in biochemistry and molecular biology from the University of Arizona. Gregory Reida, our second recipient, continues his studies and is particularly interested in building "smarter" control systems for photovoltaic (solar) power harvesting and consumption. He continues his studies this summer.

The second item of note involved a series of events. First, the Board of Directors decided to designate all funds raised through the annual fund-raising campaign be directed to the scholarship fund. Next a successful application resulted in a grant of \$3,000 from the Greater Green Valley Community Foundation earmarked for the scholarship. Then, a serendipitous event. An unexpected bequest to the Friends was received. Using a portion of those funds enabled the Board to complete full funding of the scholarship. With the money earning interest, scholarships may now be granted without depleting the fund. A goal which was expected to take years to achieve was accomplished within months.

While we celebrate the fiscal health of the scholarship fund, there are issues that concern us. We had only one applicant for the scholarship this year and none was awarded. The overall response to the scholarship has been somewhat disappointing in that few applications are received. With that in mind, we will be extending our efforts to additional schools and increasing efforts to inform teachers, students, and parents of the scholarship.

In the meantime, if you know of a local teen nearing high school graduation who has an interest in the study of natural history, please be an advocate for the Friends of Madera Canyon Bud and Mary Gode Scholarship. Share this exciting opportunity with them. Details are available on our website or contact the coordinator, Sondra Dexter at 399-2711.

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AUGUST COMMUNITY NATURE WALK IN MADERA CANYON

By Doug Moore

Fourteen people gathered at the Proctor Parking area on a sparkling 71 degree morning to explore the plants and animals brought out by monsoon rains in the canyon. The group was split fairly evenly between Friends members and community participants; there was also a father and son visiting from back east. Docents Bob and Mary Braswell and Merle Buesing helped Doug Moore lead the large group. Madera Creek was disappointingly dry at Proctor Road, but, much to everyone's delight, was full and rushing musically over the rocks under the upper bridge!

The Proctor Loop has exploded with summer life and flowers were plentiful. The Velvet Pod Mimosa bloom was possibly the most prolific ever - simply breath-taking - and morning glories, dayflowers, nightshades and other flowers lined the trail. Canyon butterflies are starting to proliferate; we saw Two-tailed Swallowtail, Pipevine Swallowtail, Marine Blue, Cloudless Sulphur, Dull Fire Tip, and Golden-headed Skipper. Small armies of Bordered Patch caterpillars munched on the thousands of Arizona Sunflower Weed that have sprouted. Other interesting insects on the walk included Gray Thorn caterpillars, a glittering Green Click Beetle, blue-black longhorn beetles, and hundreds of just-hatched mini grasshoppers. Lizards seemed to be everywhere, hunting the insects - Sonoran Spotted Whiptail, Desert Grassland Whiptail, Ornate Tree Lizard, and Clark's Spiny Lizard.

Bird life was plentiful around the loop and walkers got an opportunity to see and hear some great canyon birds. The morning's list included Varied Bunting, Blue Grosbeak, Northern Cardinal, Canyon Towhee, Green-tailed Towhee, Warbling Vireo, Bell's Vireo, Turkey Vulture, Cooper's Hawk, Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet, Yellow Warbler, Hepatic Tanager, Western Tanager, Broad-billed Hummingbird, Mourning Dove, Mexican Jay, Verdin, Bewick's Wren, and Canyon Wren.

It was a beautiful, productive morning! Community Nature Walks are held on the second Saturday of the month in spring and late summer/fall. Watch the Friends web site, the "Five Things to Do" column in the Green Valley News for walk notices, and your Friends members Activities E-mail Alerts! Your membership dues and donations support these member/community programs! Thank you!

Board Member Rozanne Roman reports that the Friends volunteers have traveled 20,720 miles and spent 5,352 hours so far in 2011 working for the Friends. We hope that all of you reading this will think, I wonder if I should take some time to volunteer for the Friends? What else could be more valuable to your own state of mind - and to the future of Madera Canyon for your children and grandchildren?

CATHY HUFAULT CHRONICLES DEATH ON MT. BALDY

By Robert Miles

“None of us thought we would die!” says the author’s brother Ralph, remembering the day in the winter of 1958 when he was twelve years old, starting out with five other Boy Scouts (aged 11 through 16) on what they hoped would be an adventure on one of the “sky islands” just south of Tucson. The boys didn’t suspect that the massive clouds which they began to notice as they hiked the Mr. Wrightson [Mt. Baldy] wilderness trail foretold an arctic-like blizzard that was to drop one of southeastern Arizona’s largest snowfalls in history. In less than a day, up to seven feet of deadly whiteness would blanket some areas. Without adult supervision, and with no agreed turnaround time to descend to their base camp, the boys continued their climb toward the 9,450 foot peak. What Hufault calls “every parent’s worst nightmare” was beginning. The author not only tells her story in gripping fashion, but has herself conquered a mountain of documentary material in the telling of it. Not content with surveying the prime accounts of the tragedy, she also tracked down more than a hundred partici-

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WISH LIST/SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Following is a list of items that the Friends of Madera Canyon would like to have in the near future. For most items listed, if we do not find a donor or sponsor, we will not be able to acquire the item or accomplish the project. For some, there would be a long delay until we can raise the funds to accomplish the activity. Although it would be nice if you could write a check for the entire amount of any one item, we would gladly receive contributions towards any of the items listed.

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| \$1,000 | One year -- Education Scholarship |
| \$1,000 | Print 600 copies of <i>The History of Madera Canyon</i> |
| \$3,500 | White House Ruins -- Interpretive Plaque & Map |
| \$2,500 | Design new Friend’s membership brochure |
| \$2,500 | Develop social media presence & group email capability |
| \$7,500 | Amphitheater Improvement Project: Site Plan |
| \$15,000 | Replace wooden USFS bulletin boards with metal (5 x \$3,000 each) |
| \$35,000 | Repave the Proctor and White House Accessible Trails |
| \$50,000 | Construct a Restroom at the Amphitheater Parking Lot |

Join the Friends of Madera Canyon!

I would like to become a member of the **FRIENDS OF MADERA CANYON**, a not-for-profit organization:

Name _____ Telephone # _____

Address _____ E-Mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Annual Household
Membership categories:

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Please check the activities you might help with:

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|-------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Friend | ___ \$35 | Contributor | ___ \$100 |
| Steward | ___ \$75 | Supporter | ___ \$250 |
| Advocate | ___ \$150 | Sponsor | ___ \$500 |
| Activist | ___ \$250 | Patron | ___ \$1000 |
| Lifetime Guardian | ___ \$500 | | |

- Canyon Clean-up Crew
- Visitor Information Station Greeter
- Education/Docent
- Marketing
- Membership & Recruitment
- Fund Raising
- Grant Writing
- Mailing
- Event Coordination
- Speakers Bureau

I prefer to contribute \$ _____

I'd like to give a memorial gift in memory of:
_____ @ \$ _____

Please mail this form with your check to: FRIENDS OF MADERA CANYON, P.O. Box 1203, Green Valley, AZ 85622-1203

JOIN THE FRIENDS OF MADERA CANYON

Benefits to Members:

- Subscription to the *Canyon Chatter*
- Friends logo window decal
- 20% discount on all Madera Canyon merchandise
- Annual membership meeting
- Education and birding hikes and workshops
- Dues and donations are tax deductible
- All funds are used to protect and preserve Madera Canyon

100% of the Friends of Madera Canyon membership dues is used to support the programs in Madera Canyon including protecting habitat, educating the public about the canyon and its environment, and supporting the U.S. Forest Service in maintaining and preserving the beautiful canyon. To become a member, see the membership form on page 7 or download an application on the Friend's web site (www.friendsofmaderacanyon.org).

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pants from this largest ever hunt for missing persons in Arizona. The searchers ranged from cowboys riding their horses through chest high snow, to helicopter pilots hovering at treacherous altitudes. Discriminating between divergent and even contradictory accounts with a born historian's judgment as she does, it's difficult to believe that this is Hufault's first book. Available from Arizona Mountain Publications. 294 pps. \$22.95.



Friends of Madera Canyon Board of Directors Meetings

The Board of Directors of the Friends meets on the first Friday of every month (except July) at 9:00 AM, usually in Room D of Friends in Deed on Camino Casa Verde in Green Valley. The meetings usually last 1 to 2 hours. Members are welcome to attend and if time is available, ask questions. We would greatly appreciate your interest and enthusiasm at meetings to support the work of the Board.

The next meetings of the Board of Directors will be held on October 7, November 4, and December 2, 2011 at Friends In Deed.



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