

for Country Club Estates Friends and Neighbors • September 2009

Tour Old Mesquite in September

GHOST TOWN TOUR
Friday, September 25, 2009
10 AM

Get ready to take a trip back in time

to see how early Deming may have appeared. Randy McDowal, author of the book, *El Perdido*, has built his own ghost town on his property on the outskirts of Deming. He calls his town **Old**

Mesquite. It is a replica of a long-abandoned town. Mr. McDowal takes the group around the town telling tales



of what might have happened during the town's heyday. He also provides beverages for your enjoyment as you take his tour. There is no fee for entry

to the town but donations are appreciated. A sign-up sheet is located in the CCE clubhouse for those who want to attend, but only a maximum of 20

accommodated. So sign up soon for this western adventure.

Walk the new labyrinth at Rockhound

By Charlene LeMaster

On Wednesday, Aug. 10, 18 volunteers from Friends of Rockhound Park met with park ranger, Robert Apodaca, to lay out the design for a meditative walking path called a labyrinth. After the center was determined, Robert drew the circle path lines in the dirt. River rocks and Rockhound Park rocks were placed on the lines by volunteers to define the pathways.

The Rockhound labyrinth is located west of the Native Garden by the Visitor Center.

Begin walking the labyrinth at the opening on the north side and turn left into the first open path. Follow it to the center, then turn around and walk back the other way and follow it to the beginning.

The Friends of Rockhound hope you enjoy the labyrinth.

Bowling Leagues are forming

If you're interested in joining a bowling league, check the Star Max to sign up. Several CCE residents are already on the list.



CCE residents were startled on Sunday morning, Aug. 23, when several hot air balloons launched in connection with the Great American Duck Races landed on CCE streets and yards. Photo by Marta Jackson.

Sharon Galbraith (1942-2009)

By Betty Buman

Sharon Galbraith, 67, died Sunday July 12, 2009 at her home on 3024 Eagle. Sharon served as president of the CCEHA in 2005 and 2006. In spite of contentious meetings and CCEHA challenges, we commend

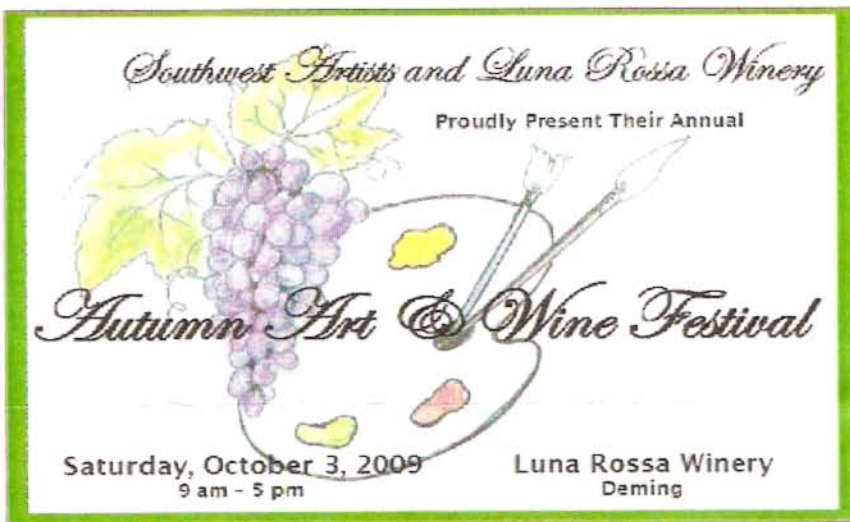


her for persevering and serving her entire term. I was CCEHA secretary at the time and I remember the hours and hours Sharon spent on CCEHA matters.

Her attitude can be summed up by what she said when she took office in early 2005: "One important element in a successful organization of any kind is the WE spirit. We are all focused on preserving our investment in our homes by keeping the community strong yet being cost-conscious. I believe we have the WE spirit here and will continue to be part of the solution, not part of the problem."

Her obituary (www.terrazasfuneralchapel.com) lists Sharon's history, so I won't repeat it here. Many of us remember Sharon's participation in the groups she was part of and miss her presence. I just want to say I remember Sharon for her generosity of spirit, good humor, her pride in her family and her unfailing good nature. Our little community of Country Club Estates is poorer for Sharon's passing.

CCE Artists Drive Major Art Event



Southwest Artists and Luna Rossa Winery proudly present their first annual Autumn Art & Wine Festival to be held at the Luna Rossa Winery in Deming on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 9 am to 5 p.m.. Come see your neighbors: Ron Bohuslov, Cheryl Fontane, Debbie Gwin, Dick and Debbie Hayhurst, Pete Martinez, Lynn and Richard Orona, Jean Roosenberg, T.L. Welch, Tony and Lee Wildschutte, and Ron Wolfe display the finest painting, sculpture, metal art, jewelry, and photography in the Southwest. Taste Luna Rossa's award winning New Mexico wines and enjoy delicious Southwestern cuisine while you browse the major art event of the season. (Above ad created by CCE resident Jean Roosenberg)



Shakespeare on Tap debuted at the Holiday Inn Saturday, Aug. 8 to an overflow crowd who heard a snippet of King Lear. Shakespeare players, above, are Carl Buman, Sue Wolfe, Tim McAndrews, Renee Carkin, Esther Buchanan and Barry Dunleavy. The next Shakespeare on Tap will be staged at the Holiday Inn on Saturday, Sept. 12.

Rants ...

Cell Phonies

by Bob Rockwell

A lot has been written about cell phone etiquette, or our lack thereof, so I'm hesitant to add my little rant. What the hell, these people deserve all of the complaining we can muster. Does anything make you madder than the airhead in her huge SUV whipping in and out of traffic with one hand on the wheel and her cell phone stuck to her ear? How about the inconsiderate moron that answers his phone in an otherwise quiet waiting room and shares his meaningless conversation with everyone within shouting distance? I especially dislike the voyos that answer their phones while you're talking to them without batting an eye or saying a word to you. Recently, I was halfway through buying my stuff at a convenience store when the clerk's cell phone rang. She stopped tallying up my purchases and began a long conversation that was far more important to her than me or her job. I don't know how long she talked; I left. What can we do about these jerks?

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This issue's front page banner photo, of a desert scene near the Floridas, was taken by **Ron Bohuslov**.

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Meet Your Neighbors



The Almquists

Welcome our new neighbors, Judy and Jim Almquist. They have moved here from Grand Island, Nebraska, to 2911 Eagle Drive SE. Judy has worked as an administrative secretary for a computer company, and Jim has worked for the IRS. Judy enjoys playing cards, including bridge, and Jim enjoys reading in his retirement.

@ the Brew

by Bob Rockwell

Terry, the owner of the Patio restaurants in Deming and Columbus, is opening her newest endeavor **@ the Brew**. She is planning a huge salad bar, homemade soups and desserts in one of the prettiest settings in Deming, the cute little place in the alley behind the Wells Fargo courtyard. She'll open at 7 a.m. with pastries and coffee and continue through lunch with salads, soups and desserts, closing at 3 p.m. Mondays through Friday. She also plans to open on select Saturdays when there is something going on in town. This quaint little spot includes a lovely garden for dining in what will be Deming's first *al fresco* luncheon spot. She plans to offer wireless internet and open around September 15th. I'll see you there. I'll be the guy slurping the big bowl of soup in the shady part of the garden.

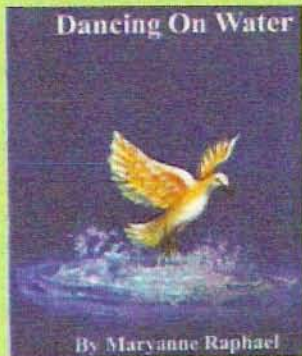
CCE's new NM-certified green sales office

By Bob Rockwell

The new sales office sprouting up on the corner of Slice and Play Thru is CCE's first building project under the new Build Green New Mexico program. This entails installing a 2 x 6 frame built on 24-inch centers for better insulating and putting in energy-efficient heating and AC units, along with lower-power appliances and lighting. These larger-than-normal wall cavities will be filled with blown-in blanket insulation. The state gives rebates depending on how "green" the home is. After a homeowner purchases all of the more energy-efficient appliances, fixtures and insulation up-front savings are about a wash. The real savings will come from utility bills, which are expected to be at least 50% below equivalent, non-green homes. Jim Reedy says, "These new green techniques will give you about a 15% increase in efficiency over the Energy Star homes I've built in the past." Jim expects to move to the new office in November.

You can learn more about Build Green NM at <http://www.buildgreennm.com/>

Around the Community



Jean Roosenberg designed the cover for *Dancing on Water*, a book by California author Marianne Raphael. Jean will also display her art at the October Luna Rossi art show.

ALSO, congratulations to Jean for having her story selected by *Desert Exposure* for its annual contest!

Yenny Wins Again!

CCE resident Yenny Van Dinter won the silver medal in the 200 breaststroke and bronze medals in the 50- and 100-yard breaststroke events at the National Senior Olympics held at Stanford University in Palo Alto, CA in early August. In the process, she shaved seconds off of her seed times.



Yenny, 75, was among over 700 swimmers who competed from all over the U.S. She plans to compete again at the Houston games.

Board News

Since the last newsletter, CCEHA sponsored a Town Hall meeting on July 11, along with a follow-up special meeting the same day, and a Board meeting was held on July 23. Because of the newsletter's publishing schedule, it is not possible, nor is it the purpose of the newsletter, to be current in reporting the results of these meetings. Because of the positive results of this first town hall meeting, the Board plans to sponsor another one in October.

Local Businesses

Recommended business

Performance Window Cleaning
Residential and Commercial
Senior discounts
575-543-5123

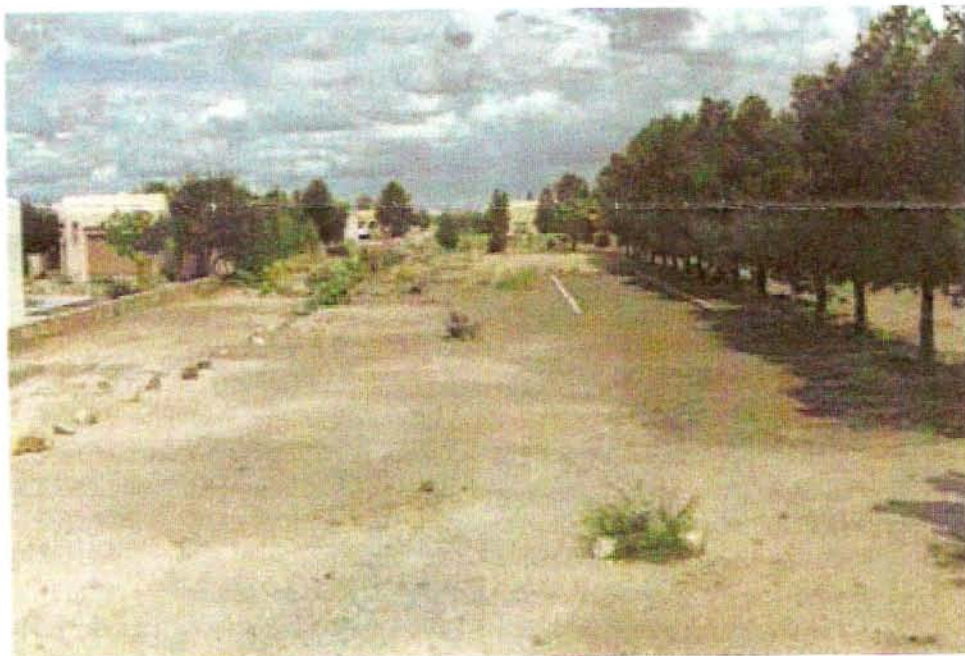
Businesses opening

Artspace, 601 S, Silver; Stop in and see Ron Wolfe's photos and Marta Jackson's dolls.

Bocce Ball Court could see new life

Joe and Eve Meyer have sold their Driver Rd. house to Mary Kay Brady, who is a master gardener. Mary Kay plans to present a proposal to the Board in September to turn the bocce ball court into a garden.

By the way, Eve and Joe are next door in Ed Mills' development so they're gone from CCE, but they're not far away!



This piece of barren CCE land could bloom into a garden. The bocce ball court has not been used as a bocce ball court in a long time. Photo by Mike Guerrero.