



THE SAN PEDRO CHAPEL, WITH ITS RICH HISTORY, SERVES MANY USES TODAY.

If you or someone you know is interested in renting the Chapel, contact Linda Walker at [info@sanpedrochapel.com](mailto:info@sanpedrochapel.com) or 520-302-9265.



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## The Jewel of the Neighborhood

The San Pedro Chapel, which sits on a hillside overlooking the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood, is both a neighborhood icon and a national treasure. It was built by residents of the neighborhood in 1932 and served as their principal place of worship for decades. Designated in 1982 as the City of Tucson's first Historic Landmark, further recognition came in 1992 when it was placed on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

Today, this beautiful building is the site of many weddings and other events, such as neighborhood gatherings, historic lectures, art exhibits, parties, and memorials. Rental income helps to support the maintenance of the Chapel and grounds and the venue is open to anyone throughout the City who would like a special ambiance in which to host a celebration.

The Chapel is an especially beautiful setting for weddings and re-dedication ceremonies. "Once they see it, most people planning a wedding area eager to reserve it for their special day," said Linda Walker, the Chapel

Rental Coordinator." They love its beauty, historic charm, and the fact that it can be rented for far less than many other wedding venues in Tucson." Completely restored, the historic Chapel provides seating for 100 guests. The exposed beam ceiling, rustic details, and charming artwork provide an elegant and authentic setting for virtually any event. Guests are particularly struck as they leave the Chapel by the panorama of desert landscape against the backdrop of the Santa Catalina Mountains.

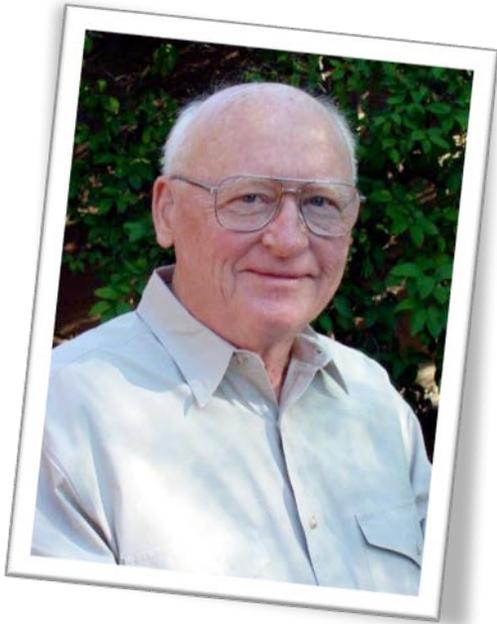
The venue is open to all religions, denominations, and spiritual traditions, and each couple is free to create their own unique ambience. One springtime ceremony was a replica of an early western 'hitching.' The bride arrived in a stagecoach and wore a ruffled dress, boots, and a black velvet ribbon around her neck; and the men sported ten-gallon hats, western jackets and mustaches!

The Adobe House, adjacent to the Chapel, is the perfect location for rehearsal dinners, family gatherings, and small meetings. This building provides a table that seats 16-18 with a cozy, corner fireplace. A separate support building provides a kitchen with refrigerator, dishwasher and prep area.

Unlike the typical wedding location, San Pedro Chapel can be rented for the entire day the ceremony takes place. There are also many decorations stored on site that can be used free of charge.

We encourage everyone to consider the San Pedro Chapel as a venue for the special celebrations of your lives.





backpacking, and the infinite discoveries that the natural world offers to those with curiosity and imagination. Dave followed this passion into studies at the University of Minnesota in forestry. His first venture out west came with a job as a Junior Forester on the Kaibab National Forest. His career was then interrupted with a stint in the Army in South Korea. He then returned to the Kaibab with his bride, Pat. Soon after, he returned to Minnesota for a PhD in natural resource economics. An invitation in 1966 led to a position at the University of Arizona in what became the School of Natural Resources. Dave enjoyed a career in research and teaching with the publication of numerous articles and a well-loved sabbatical collaborating with a colleague in New South Wales, Australia.

philosophy of living, his boundless curiosity, wry sense of humor, and abundant interest in history, nature, and the value of neighborhood.

In the early editions of the Gazette, Dave fostered an open discussion of what constitutes a 'neighborhood.' He posited that the common element was less based on a place than on a community of people and their relationship to one another. He proposed the value of neighborhood as a personal haven, a source of roots, and a forum in which to contribute. Dave encouraged debate on the question of neighborhood rights versus the rights of developers, the values that evolve from families living in close proximity, and an exploration of the many questions and decisions that arose in the choice of direction for the fledgling organization of OFLNA.

Later the Gazette ventured into more literary topics. Dave, himself a talented writer, took great pleasure in calling on the work of other great writers he discovered locally to feature stories of local history, observations of wildlife, and commentary on the issues of the time. Early editions of the Gazette were hand-produced with aid from several neighbors who made and folded copies, and distributed the completed edition. Many felt a great loss when the Gazette ceased publication in the year 2001.

Dave and Pat now in their 80's rejoice in being at home with a sense of place in a neighborhood that values history. They have truly lived their vision of the engaged life, and the rest of us are the richer for it and infinitely grateful for their many contributions.

## May we introduce.....

*The Fort Lowell Neighborhood with its many attributes is now a well-established enclave of Tucson. Yet, in the late 1970's, this area was a sparsely populated, quiet corner on the edge of the city, its boundaries ill-defined, until the rural ambience began to attract the attention of property developers. That prompted a group of local residents headed by the Spicers and the Sackheims, to come together to examine what influence they might have on inevitable growth, and thus, in 1980, was born The Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association. Some 40 years later we pay tribute to these pioneers and, in the first of a series of profiles, honor a founding Member of OFLNA, **Dave King**.*

Dave grew up in Minnesota in a childhood that fostered a lifelong love of the outdoors,

Dave and Pat moved into the Fort Lowell area in 1980, intrigued by the newly established Fort Lowell Historic District which echoed their own deep interest in history, and by the unusual qualities of homes being built by Bob Barnes at Fort Lowell Place. Bob had re-introduced the age-old concept of using sun dried adobe made from local clays as a building material, with its heat retaining properties that promoted energy conservation. Grounded in the calm beauty of this home, Dave and Pat each continued to pursue their academic careers, (Pat in the College of Nursing).

In the early days of OFLNA, Dave was 'assigned' to create an informative Newsletter. The publication, the 'Old Fort Lowell Gazette', became noted as a literary gem reflecting the thoughtful and provocative insights of Dave's

### Lizards

Based on my casual scientific observations in our backyard and along the Alamo, I am pronouncing this to be the Year of the Lizard. All kinds of them are everywhere. Twice one of our large backyard lizards came running towards us when we stepped out onto the patio. So, we thought he had adopted us and we named him Garfield. Further observations disclosed that he wasn't coming to us, but to the Chinaberry tree that shades our bedroom. *Dave King*



## The Annual Fall 2017 Potluck Dinner

**Sunday, September 24 at 5:30 pm San Pedro Chapel (Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Center) 5230 E Ft Lowell Road**



Please come and join us at the OFLNA, Inc. Fall Potluck Dinner. It is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors in a friendly atmosphere, even if you are not yet a member, but simply curious to know who we are. We ask that you bring a favorite dish to share to serve 6-8 people. (Contact Frank Flasch at [frank.flasch@aol.com](mailto:frank.flasch@aol.com) or by phone at 520-909-2107 for further information.)

## Antiques and Collectibles Sale



With cooler weather coming and residents returning from summer vacations, it's time to think ahead to our annual fall fundraiser, the Antiques and

Collectibles Sale. Proceeds go to support the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association and the Old Fort Lowell Live-At-Home Program.

Please consider consigning or donating. Consigning is a safe and easy way to turn unwanted items into cash. Donating gets the donor a tax receipt for the value of the items given, and we are happy to pick the donation up at your convenience to store it for the sale or for the Flea Market. (Please no clothing, electronics, books, or mattresses.) For information on either of these processes, contact one of the co-chairs listed below.

**THIS YEAR'S SALE TAKES PLACE FROM THURS, NOV 2 THROUGH SUN, NOV 5. PREVIEW NIGHT (OFLNA MEMBERS ONLY): 5-7 THURS, PUBLIC SALE: 8-1 FRI, & SAT, & 10-1 SUN.:**

We will need volunteers to help from Oct 22 with setup, receiving, the actual sale, and cleanup - e-mail Dorothy Steele at [tndsteele@msn.com](mailto:tndsteele@msn.com) to volunteer. For more information on consigning, donating, or volunteering, contact co-chairs Dorothy Steele [tndsteele@msn.com](mailto:tndsteele@msn.com); Julie Miller [miller.julie28@yahoo.com](mailto:miller.julie28@yahoo.com) or Diana Warr [dianawarr@hotmail.com](mailto:dianawarr@hotmail.com).

***This is the last Antiques and Collectibles sale to be directed by the current co-chairs. Patti Hartmann has graciously volunteered to take over the fundraisers in 2018 – thank you, Patti! But she needs assistance, so please consider being a co-chair with her. It's fun, it's rewarding, and it's a wonderful way to get to know your neighbors.***

## Pantano River Park / The Loop Nears Completion

Construction on a local portion of the River Walk path at Glenn and Sahuara is set to be completed in November, 2017. Special about this park is its ability to accommodate several horse trailers at a time (equestrians do not use the walking path but can access and ride in Pantano Wash). The River Walk is part of 'The Loop,' a Pima County project coupling flood control with recreational pathways that now run more than 120 miles along rivers through Oro Valley, Marana, and Tucson. These paths serve up to 750,000 visitors a year on foot, bicycle, and skateboard. A ceremonial opening is planned for completion of this section of The Loop, called *Pantano River Park*.

The Loop brings health, economic, and environmental benefits to the community and there are reports of a 10-20% increase in nearby property values. You can read more about these and other topics online: *The Loop 2015-2017 Report*. For more information visit [pima.gov/theloop](http://pima.gov/theloop) or call Parks and Recreation at 724-5000.

For an up-to-date map of the Loop go to any bike shop.

## The "Millions for Tucson" Raffle

Grand prize:



2017 Ford Explorer Platinum. 2nd Prize: two 1st-class, round-trip airline tickets anywhere in the world & 3rd prize \$5,000.

The OFLLAH and the OFLNA, Inc. have joined together once again to become part of the 2017 Ford Explorer Platinum Raffle sponsored by The Jim Click Automotive Team. What is unique about this raffle is that for just \$25 for one ticket or 5 tickets for \$100, you not only have the opportunity to win but all the money is contributed to OFLNA and the OFLLAH. Tickets will be on sale at the Annual Potluck, A&C Sale, OFLNA, and from Kate Flasch or Frank Flasch by phone 520-909-2107 or e-mail at [frank.flasch@aol.com](mailto:frank.flasch@aol.com).

## The Alamo Wash Brush & Bulky Cleanup Fall 2017

This event is scheduled for late October/early November 2017 Saturday 7am –10am



Most of you know Bob Lindrud that guy that is always cleaning the Alamo Wash and footpaths. Well twice a year (Fall and Spring) we help (group of volunteers) remove all the debris he has collected so that we can ensure the safety and beauty of this resource. The FALL cleanup is especially important after the monsoon rains have helped to bring so much new growth (and clutter) to the Alamo Wash.

For the last six cleanups, the volunteers came from 3 groups: the Catalina Foothills High School National Honors Society, The Church of the Latter-Day Saints (LDS Binghamton Ward), and members of OFLNA. Your help in this endeavor will continue to be part of an overall effort to maintain the beauty of the Old Fort Lowell Area.

Please come and join us. The date of the cleanup will be announced shortly. Please contact Frank Flasch at [frank.flasch@aol.com](mailto:frank.flasch@aol.com) or by phone 520-909-2107 if you plan on participating

## OLD FORT LOWELL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.

Membership Form for 2017 Year

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Voting Membership (Annual dues \$25): Property owners or residents within neighborhood boundaries (Rillito River on the north, Glenn St. on the south, Swan Road on the west and the Pantano on the east)

\_\_\_\_ Associate (Includes Businesses) Membership (Annual dues \$25): Friends near and far who choose to be informed and /or participate in neighborhood events and activities.

This is a \_\_\_\_ New Membership \_\_\_\_ Renewal

Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donations are greatly appreciated and are tax-deductible as OFLNA, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. A written receipt will be provided for donations.

Please make checks payable to: OFLNA, Inc.

Mail to: Treasurer, OFLNA, Inc., 5230 E. Fort Lowell Road, Tucson, AZ 85712

Please print:

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Our correspondence is by e-mail or hand delivery. Thank you for your e-mail address.

**[We do not share our membership information]**

I (we) would like to help with the following:

\_\_\_\_ La Reunión /Fort Lowell Day (Annual Historic Walking Tour, 2nd Sat. in Feb.)

\_\_\_\_ Antiques & Collectibles \_\_\_\_ Flea Market \_\_\_\_ Trail Maintenance

\_\_\_\_ Delivering Newsletters & Notices in your area \_\_\_\_ General Volunteering

(Describe) \_\_\_\_\_

(You will be contacted when volunteers are needed)

Special talents, skills, expertise that you're willing to donate?

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### Dates to Remember

#### OFLNA Calendar 2017

- Sep 24th – **Fall Potluck**
- Late Oct/Early Nov – **Fall Cleanup of the Alamo Wash**
- Nov 3rd-5th – **Antiques & Collectibles**
- Nov 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday – **Dia de Los Muertos Fort Lowell Cemetery**

#### OFLNA Calendar 2018

- Feb 10th – **Fort Lowell Day**
- Mar 1<sup>st</sup> - 4th – **Flea Market Sale**
- Late Apr/Early May – **Spring Cleanup of the Alamo Wash**
- May 20th – **Annual Meeting**

#### OFLNA Council

- Jeanne Anderson *President*
- Julie Miller *Secretary*
- Charlie Boyd *Treasurer*
- Aaron Botelho
- Frank Flasch
- MaryLou Fragomani-Nuttall
- Mike Grassinger
- Gary Olson
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