

38th Annual Fort Lowell Day La Reunión de El Fuerte

WHERE HISTORY COMES TO LIFE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 2018 10A.M - 4P.M

The Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood has been called a microcosm of Southwest history because people of diverse cultures have lived here for over a thousand years. Fort Lowell Day/La Reunión de El Fuerte, is an invitation from the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association to all of Tucson to explore this remarkable area.

The Day is rich with a variety of activities for the whole family to enjoy, and takes place in Fort Lowell Park, at the San Pedro Chapel and at historic sites throughout the area. We preview some of the Day's highlights, and suggest you visit our Facebook Page [facebook.com/fortlowellday](https://www.facebook.com/fortlowellday) for more information and videos of previous years' events. For specific times and venues of all activities, check the website www.oldfortlowellneighborhood.org and, on the Day, visit the Information Booths in Fort Lowell Park, at the Commissary, El Callejón, (kai yeh hóhn) and the San Pedro Chapel.

IN FORT LOWELL PARK - EAST OF CRAYCROFT

Witness the raising of the State Flag at 12 noon to open the Day's activities: accompanied by the 4th US Cavalry Band. Following the raising of the flag, visitors are welcome to meet the musicians and will be entertained by a concert of 19th Century band music.



Meet and Greet the Cavalry:

B Troop, US Cavalry Regiment (Memorial) from Fort Huachuca will conduct drills that were used to train for combat on the old Parade Grounds at the Park at 12:30 p.m. The 4th Cavalry Regiment has been one of the most famous and richly decorated regiments in the US Army since its activation in 1855. Take the opportunity to chat with the officers and explore the delights and difficulties of the life of a Cavalry soldier, his food, clothing, tent, equipment, and supplies.



Explore the life of The Fort:

Learn about the troops, scouts, doctors and Geronimo's warriors in the Fort Lowell Museum. Learn how and make your own beeswax-dipped candles. Fun for all ages!



Learn how to make the same kind of sun-dried adobe bricks that were used to build fort buildings and Fuerteño homes at the Post Hospital- enjoy playing with mud!

Kids can pick up a Passport to History to record their activities of the day. At each of the historic sites visited, both east and west of Craycroft, the Passport maybe stamped, and, at the end of the tour, each child will receive a free Popcorn Award!

**STRIKER UP! VINTAGE BASE BALL - AN EXCITING PART OF FORT LOWELL DAY
THE HURLER IS ON THE MOUND! THE CLUB NINES ARE READY!
THE CRANKS ARE CHEERING! WHAT'S THIS? A VINTAGE BASE BALL GAME OF COURSE!**

On Fort Lowell Day, the Bisbee Black Sox will play a double-header against the Tucson Saguaros. Both teams are part of the Arizona Territories Vintage Base Ball League. "We follow the rules of base ball from 1860," said Mike Anderson, the Black Sox's 'behind,' or catcher in modern base ball terminology. "Our players range in age from 15 to 71, and wear colorful uniforms reminiscent of those worn over 150 years ago. Vintage base ball is living history, entertainment and legitimate sport, because, unlike reenactors, vintage base ball players aren't portraying an event that took place long ago. We are playing competitive games by the old rules. There is no predetermined outcome."

Both games, or "matches," will be played at Fort Lowell Park, first at 10 a.m., and second at 12:30 p.m.



**HERE ARE SOME FACTS ABOUT VINTAGE BASE BALL THAT
YOU MIGHT WANT TO BRUSH UP ON BEFORE THE GAMES.**

Underhand pitching: If a ball is caught on one bounce, it's an out.....

If a ball is caught off a foul tip, either on the fly or one bounce, it's an out.....

Balls caught on the fly or one bounce by anybody (players from either team, spectators, etc.) are outs.....

If the ball is caught on the fly, you cannot tag up and advance.....

If a ball is caught on one bounce, runners may advance at will without tagging up.....

A ball is determined fair or foul based on where it first strikes the ground. It does not have to pass first or third base to be considered fair.....

Fouls are not strikes.....

No overrunning first base.

If you overrun the base, you can be tagged out.....

No lead-offs or stealing.....

Balls and strikes were not usually called in 1860. The hurler's job is to pitch balls that the striker can hit. The defense is supposed to put out the striker, not the hurler.....

The umpire's word is the law! Only the team captain is permitted to speak to the umpire, who is always addressed as "sir." Any arguing with the umpire, profane language, or ungentlemanly conduct is punishable by a 25-cent fine.

HERE ARE SOME VINTAGE BASE BALL TERMS AND THEIR MODERN-DAY EQUIVALENTS.

Hurler (Pitcher); Gardener (Outfielder); Sack/Maintainer (Baseman); Short Scout (Short Stop); Club Nine (Team)
Aces (Runs); Player Dead (Out); Three Hands Dead (Side Retired); Match (Game)
Crankers (Fans); Foul Tic (Foul Ball); Striker (Batter).

Fort Lowell will be closed to traffic between Craycroft and Beverly from noon to 4 pm. A van shuttle is available for transport between Fort Lowell Park and San Pedro Chapel. A bus tour of the historical sites at Tucson Medical Center will be available from Fort Lowell Park (12:30 pm - 3 pm) to TMC and includes an exhibit of old surgical instruments.

HISTORICAL SITES WALKING TOUR – WEST OF CRAYCROFT



The walking tour of historical sites meanders from the **Hohokám** site in **Fort Lowell Park** along Cottonwood Lane across Craycroft Road to the restored **Officers' Quarters** and then north to **Fort Lowell Road** where you can explore additional aspects of **Fort Lowell, Fuerteño, Mormon, artisan, environmental, and modern community history** and finally arriving at the **San Pedro Chapel Grounds**. Food, water, and drinks can be purchased along the route.

Along the west end of Cottonwood Lane crossing Craycroft at the hawk light, marvel at the restored Officers' Quarters of historic Fort Lowell, at the old Adkins Site. Did you know that prehistoric shell jewelry was found in the area? Or that bullets, cartridges and clothing items from the Old Fort era were discovered recently? Stop by to see displays and chat with Archaeologist Ron Beckwith, to learn more about Fort Lowell and the Hohokám people who lived here long before the soldiers arrived. Enjoy exhibits of the archaeological discoveries revealed during excavation as well as cultural artifacts from Hohokám and Native American occupations.....



North from the **Adkins** Site, along Craycroft Road is the **Commissary**. Inside the **Commissary**, on the northeast corner of Fort Lowell and Craycroft roads, meet **Duane Bingham** whose rich family history is embedded in the stories he tells of the Mormon farmers and settlers of the 19th Century in this area. Learn how this building connects **Hohokám, Fort Lowell, Fuerteño, Mormon, artisan, and today's Neighborhood communities**.....

AND IF HUNGER STRIKES, GIGI'S MEXICAN /PERUVIAN FUSION WILL BE RIGHT THERE TO TICKLE YOUR TASTE BUDS!

At "**Las Saetas**," the site of the **Post Trader's Store**, note the arch that shows the location of the "Zagwan" through which horse and carriage drove to deliver supplies and officers from the Fort. Hosts will tell the colorful history of this house that became a TB Sanitarium, a hog farm, a ruin, and finally a private residence.....



Wander down **El Callejón**, past the little store, **La Tiendita**, and the homes of the descendants of the community of **El Fuerte**, whose owners originally built homes in the northern Mexican Ranch style with sun-dried adobe bricks they made from the soils on which the buildings still stand....

Continue on to the adobe home of **Juan Xavier**, who built his home in the Hohokám Ó 'Odam style. As a young man, he was active in tribal government and a translator as well as being an artist model, a bodyguard for Ted DeGrazia on back-country excursions, and a curandero....

And a little further on, stroll through a mesquite woodland to the **Corbett Irrigation Ditch**. Here you can explore the roles that native plants, wildlife, water, and the native biological communities have played in the human communities of the Neighborhood with volunteer neighborhood naturalists....

Hungry again? Check out **AF & F Kettle Corn** or **Old Pueblo Pretzels**

Pause during your stroll through history to enjoy mariachi music from **Los Changuito Feos de Tucson**, and **Trio Gala**, and western music by **Way Out West**. Check at the information booths for the performance times of each of the groups.

AT THE SAN PEDRO CHAPEL

MARIACHI MASS 10A.M.

Before the Fort Lowell Day festivities begin there will be a Mariachi Mass at San Pedro Chapel honoring Los Fuertenos, the original residents of the village of El Fuerte. This is a lovely event to start the day whether or not you follow the Catholic faith. Looking north from the Chapel, enjoy a vista of the Santa Catalinas sparkling in the early morning light. At the call of the Chapel's historic bell, march with the Mariachis in procession from La Capillita (a small religious building on the Chapel grounds) to the San Pedro Chapel itself, and enter beneath an honor guard of mounted cavalry. Father Christopher Corbally will officiate at the Mass, and Trio Gala will provide the music. Afterwards, there is a social gathering on the Chapel grounds.



****Please note that seating at the Chapel is very limited and preference is given to descendants of the Fuertenos and their guests****



Way Out West

AND IN THE AFTERNOON.....

Shop at the San Pedro Chapel Bookstore for T-shirts, Neighborhood publications and unique souvenirs; pick up information on the Day's events and activities; learn more about the Neighborhood history from the informative Site Hosts; Tour the San Pedro Chapel ...all the while listening to **Trio Way Out West** play nostalgic western and cowboy songs.

Blood and Guts Medicine in the 19th Century Southwest: 2 p.m.

The treatment of illness and disease in the 19th Century Southwest reflected the mélange of beliefs of the diverse peoples who settled here: indigenous people with their shamanic ceremonies and herbal remedies; Spaniards with their theories of 'body humors out of balance' and treatments of 'bleeding and purging'. The arrival of the US Army in the 1840s brought western medicine and the practical skills of 'barber surgeons' active in the treatment of battlefield injuries. **Dr. Rudy Byrd**, well-known local family physician, will share his extensive knowledge of this colorful history, and **Dr. Bob Hunter** will demonstrate some battlefield surgical techniques (a mock surgical amputation of an injured leg) at the San Pedro Chapel beginning at 2:00 pm. For a preview, watch the video on Facebook. (facebook.com/fortlowellday)



In the **Adobe House** behind the San Pedro Chapel, learn how to make colorful **Mexican Paper Flowers**.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

FLEA MARKET SALE, MARCH 1-4, 2018

Susan Blaney and Patti Hartman have graciously agreed to co-chair this event, and have already initiated exciting changes regarding how the sale will run! As always, success in raising money for the Neighborhood Association and the Live-At-Home Program depends on the efforts of many volunteers. Work shifts are available from Friday, Feb 23 through Monday, March 5.

Please e-mail Susan Blaney at sbblaney49@gmail.com to volunteer.

We encourage donations of items to sell! We take almost everything (except clothes, books, electronics, & mattresses!) If you need help getting your items to us, call Dorothy Steele at 326-0056; we can pick up & store your donation. We will also receive merchandise at the San Pedro Chapel from Saturday, Feb 24, thru Tuesday, Feb 27.



LAST CHANCE TO GET SOLAR AT YOUR HOME BEFORE THE VALUE DROPS!



In mid-February 2018, The Arizona Corporation Commission is expected to decide to reduce the amount that solar homeowners may receive from TEP for power sent back to the grid, and perhaps add new fees. If you are thinking about solar for your home, ACT NOW!!! All those who file interconnection agreements with TEP before the date of the decision will be "grandfathered." For more information, contact Bruce Plenk at solarlawyeraz@gmail.com.

WANT TO HELP REFUGEES AND GET RID OF EXTRA CITRUS IN YOUR YARD?

Iskashitaa is a local non-profit that helps refugees by giving them access to affordable fresh food. They get food by harvesting peoples' trees of unwanted fruit, particularly citrus, for a small fee. So if you have oranges, grapefruits, etc., that you can't use, please contact them at harvesting@iskashitaa.org or call Micah at 520 440-0100, or go to their Website, <http://www.iskashitaa.org> for more info about harvesting, donating produce, herbs or fruit, or about the products they sell. Their motto is "No Fruit Left Behind!"



ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES SALE \$\$\$\$!

The 2017 Antiques and Collectibles Sale set a record for gross receipts; we sold over \$32,000 of merchandise! Our net profit, split between our two Neighborhood organizations, was the second highest ever. So, thanks to our consignors and volunteers and thanks to the great weather(!) for making the sale such a success! The 2018 Antiques and Collectibles Sale is still looking for co-chairs to help Susan Blaney run the event. Our Neighborhood has presented the sale for 21 years; it would be sad to see it end. If you would like to volunteer, contact Susan at sbblaney49@gmail.com.

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OFLNA 2018 Calendar

38th Annual Fort Lowell Day
February 10, 2018
(contact frank.flasch@aol.com
or colleensackheim@gmail.com if you
would like to volunteer)

31st Annual Flea Market

March 1 - 4, 2018
Volunteers needed!

OFLNA Inc. Annual Meeting

May 20, 5:30 pm: Potluck
Support your Neighborhood
and enjoy meeting your Neighbors.

Date TBA: Spring Trail Cleanup

along the Alamo wash. Contact
Frank Flasch at frank.flasch@aol.com
or 520-909-2107 to volunteer. **Keep
our Neighborhood clean and beautiful.**

Further details can be found on all of these
events on **OFLNA website**
www.OldFortLowellNeighborhood.org

Membership Made Easy!

Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association dues remain \$25 for 2018. Everyone who was a member in 2017 should have received an email that contained their current contact information and ways to renew for 2018. No need to fill out a form this year, unless your contact information has changed!

If you are not a member and wish to join, please fill out the form below and mail it with your check to: Treasurer OFLNA 5230 E. Fort Lowell Road Tucson, AZ 85712
An easier way to join is to use our Online Membership Form and pay by credit card at our secure site: www.oldfortlowellneighborhood.org.

Whichever way you do it, please consider adding a donation to your \$25 membership dues. The extra money will help us pay for maintenance projects, plus community events that enrich the lives of everyone in the neighborhood.

Membership Form

____ Voting Membership (Annual dues \$25): Property owners or residents within Neighborhood boundaries.
____ 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 \$ ____

Please make checks payable to: OFLNA, Inc.:

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

Please print: Name(s) _____

Date _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Cell _____

E-mail _____

Our correspondence is by email or hand delivery. Thank you for your email address.
(We do not share our membership information!)

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

____ Fort Lowell Day/La Reunión / (Annual Historic Walking

Tour, 2nd Sat. in Feb.) ____ Antiques & Collectibles ____ Flea Market

____ Trail Maintenance ____ Delivering Newsletters & Notices in your area ____

General Volunteering (Describe) _____