

# Catalina Pueblo Chronicle

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## Message from the Prez Joe Thompson

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Something new! Rain. Sure has been a long in coming.

We started the New Year quickly. The annual meeting on January 5th was followed the next day by our first board meeting of the year.

New officers were elected and committees appointed. The changes from last year are Jay Book will serve as Treasurer and Jo Ann Marcus will replace John Cushman as chairman of Landscape and Architecture. Joe Thompson, Carol Sinclair, Cherry Rosenberg, Marianne Van Zyl and Steve Church will retain their responsibilities.

The annual meeting minutes for 2009 were amended and revised according to motions made at the 2010 annual meeting.

The annual meeting also saw the resounding death of ramada idea at Minera pool. There was sentiment for a restroom and shower. The board will explore the cost of those amenities. I would like to mention that John Cushman's report to the annual meeting included mention of much needed maintenance to many individual properties. He noted that a number of houses are in need of painting and general repairs. Judging from the number of contractors I see around the neighborhood you are taking this to heart. We have had several calls at our house regarding various trades people and I refer you to the "Tried and True" page in each newsletter as an excellent source of references.

A new master calendar was established and will be part of each newsletter. Be sure to consult it for dates of various community events.

Have a good winter. It's almost over!

## Neighbors

### Joseph Sheppard, M.D.

Our friend & neighbor, Dr. Joe Sheppard, left on January 27th to work with the Northwest Haiti Christian Mission in the northern part of Haiti. Joe is an associate professor of clinical orthopedic surgery at the UA's College of Medicine and specializes in the hand and upper extremities. Volunteering to help people in need around the world is nothing new to Joe. As many of you know, for years he has done extensive work with extremely poor and underserved people in places like Honduras.

When Joe returns, we hope to get a detailed account of his adventure for the next newsletter.

### Luanne Maxon-Provencher and Dick Provencher

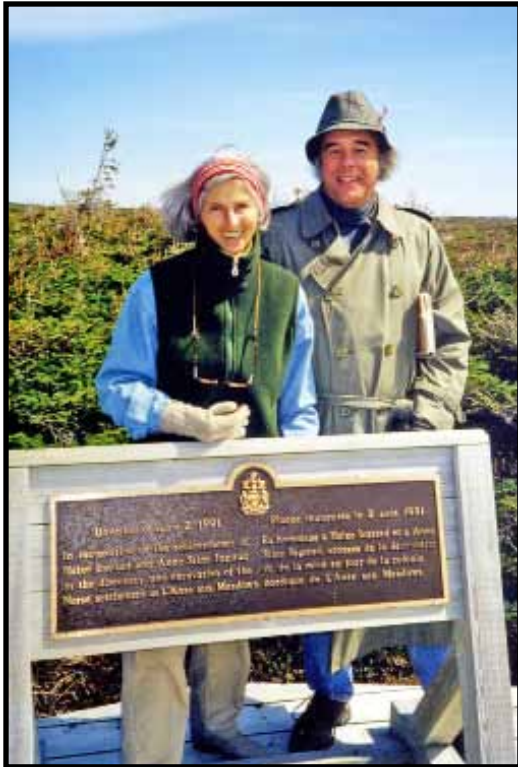
Luanne & Dick . . . Congratulations on your marriage . . . January 30, 2010!



Photo by Terry Temple

## Spotlight on a Neighbor

### Daniel Peters



Daniel Peters came to Tucson in 1988, riding the coattails of his illustrious wife, Annette Kolodny, who had just been named the Dean of the College of Humanities at the University of Arizona. Almost twenty years later, prior to Annette's retirement from the University, she and Dan decided to downsize and look for a new home. They were delighted by what they saw in Catalina Pueblo and purchased a home in our community in July, 2003. Soon after they had completed the renovation of their townhouse and moved in, work began on the Plaza Colonial development, which was literally in their

backyard. As a result, Dan was drawn into negotiations with the developer and the builders, which led in turn to a position (the first of three) on the Catalina Pueblo Board of Directors, and then to a place on the board of the Skyline Campbell Community Coalition. He still feels that his greatest accomplishment was the work he did with the site manager and the Pima County Flood Control experts to make sure the Plaza Colonial retention basic drains properly after a rainstorm.

Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Dan attended public schools and in high school was president of his class, captain of the basketball team, and an All-City point guard. He also played on the varsity basketball team during his college years at Yale, from which he graduated cum laude in 1970. It was at Yale that he first met Annette and married her shortly after his graduation. Because of his steadfast opposition to the war in Vietnam, Dan applied for conscientious objector status and then moved to Canada, where Annette became a professor at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver and Dan began his writing career. Four years later, after the Vietnam War had wound down and Dan had been granted CO status, they returned to the United States, where Annette had accepted a faculty position at the University of New Hampshire.

Dan's first published novel, *Border Crossings*, appeared in 1978 and told the story of a young man facing the draft at Yale during the tumultuous 1960's. When that book didn't make him famous, Dan shifted gears and embarked on what became a trilogy of historical novels about the major Mesoamerican civilizations. As part of the research for these novels, Annette and Dan took wonderfully memorable (not to mention tax-deductible) trips to Mexico, Bolivia, and Peru, visiting places like Uxmal, Palenque, Tiahuanaku, and Machu Picchu. The first book in the trilogy was *The Luck of Huemac* in 1981 (a novel about the Aztecs). The second was *Tikal* in 1983 (a novel about the Maya), and the third was *The Incas* in 1991. *The Luck of Huemac* was an Alternate Selection of the Book of the Month Club, and all three novels were translated into German, and one into Italian. After the trilogy of historical novels, Dan used what he had learned along the way to write *Rising from the Ruins* (1995), a semi-comic novel about a writer who participates in an archaeological dig on the Mexico-Guatemala border in the 1980's.

Dan has taught creative writing at the University of Maryland and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and has lectured on the writing of historical fiction. He is currently at work on an historical novel about the captivity of the ancient Hebrews in Babylon. Because of hip replacement surgery in 2004, Dan had to hang up his basketball shoes but can be seen just about every day taking long walks through the neighborhoods around Catalina Pueblo, communing with the saguaros and trying to stay fit. Please say hi if you see him walking by.

***Border Crossing* (1978)**

***The Luck of Huemac* (1981)**

***Tikal* (1983)**

***The Incas* (1991)**

***Rising from the Ruins* (1995)**



Available at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)

## Social & Membership

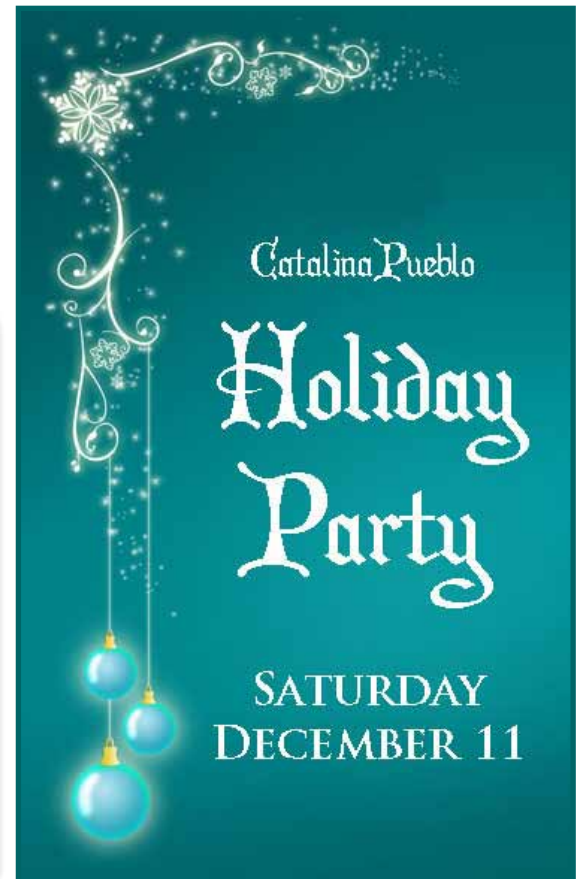
Marianne Van Zyll

Whether you've just moved into the community or have been here for years . . . mark your calendars for our upcoming 2010 Catalina Pueblo social events. These events are a great way to get together with your old friends and meet new neighbors.

Details of each party will be in the newsletter just prior to the event.



## 2010 Pueblo Social Events



## Garden Gallimaufry

### Jo Ann Marcus & Mark Sammons

#### FEBRUARY GARDENING CALENDAR

- Begin feeding established roses, add Epsom salts. Deep water 3x a week.
- Plant cool weather annuals, i.e., violas, pansies, gerbera daisies, snapdragons, geraniums, ranunculus, and petunias.
- Feed established citrus.
- Still time to plant cool weather veggies from seed; carrots, radishes, spinach, peas. Start spring veggies; cucumber, squash, & peppers from seed indoors.
- Tomato starts are available this month.
- Most established trees and shrubs should be receiving irrigation about every 2 weeks. Water slowly & deeply.
- Cover frost sensitive and new plants on nights when there is frost warning.
- Plant bulbs such as gladiolus, tigridia, cannas, dahlias, and zephyranthes for late spring & early summer bloom. Locate in an area that will receive afternoon shade.
- Prune deciduous trees & shrubs (if not done in January) before new growth begins, while plants are still dormant.
- Apply a pre-emergent to prevent early spring weeds.
- Start established iris regular feeding.
- Purchase geraniums toward end of the month for containers. Keep in full sun until it's really hot, then move to a shaded area or the summer months.
- Cut back and divide chrysanthemums.

#### TUCSON GARDENING CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS:

The Gardeners of Tucson is a local gardening club since 1959. They meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM at 3202 E. 1st St. (1 block E. of Country Club & 1 block S. of Speedway). They do not have a website however further information can be found [here](#). For more info call the President, Jacqueline, at 292-0504.

[Tucson African Violet Society](#) has monthly meetings on the Northwest & Far East side, & a monthly newsletter is on their website.

[Tucson Area Iris Society](#) meets monthly (more or less) in various locations (except summer). In spite of Tucson's hot summers, irises do very well in Tucson. For info on how to grow irises there's a [culture](#) page on the T.A.I.S.'s webpage.

[Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society](#) has nearly 1,000 members meeting the 1st Thursday of every month at 7PM at 2099 E. River Rd. at the Jr. League of Tucson Kiva Bldg.

[Tucson Organic Gardeners](#) meet at 7:00 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month, September thru April at St. Marks Presbyterian Church 3809 E. 3rd St. (near Alvernon/Speedway).

[Tucson Rose Society](#) meets at 6:30 PM on the 1st Tuesday of the month at St. Phillips in the Foothills Church, N.E. corner of N. Campbell & E. River Rd.

[The Tucson Watergardeners](#) meet the 4th Thursday of every month from February to October at 7:30 PM at the Jr. League of Tucson Kiva Bldg, 2099 E. River Rd. They are a club for people who enjoy the many aspects of watergardening; plants, fish or both.

#### TUCSON GARDENING TALKS, LECTURES, & DEMONSTRATIONS:

The local Master Gardeners from the University of Arizona Pima County Extension offers talks on timely gardening topics weekly. Talks are every Wednesday at 9:00 AM at the Cooperative Extension Garden Ctr, 4210 N. Campbell & at 1:00 PM at the Wilmot Library, 530 N. Wilmot Rd as well as Fridays at 1:00 PM on the N.W. at the Oro Valley Public Library, 1305 W. Naranja Dr. in the large meeting room. No talks June, July or August.

For subjects of these weekly talks visit

<http://www.ag.arizona.edu/pima/gardening/talks.html>

#### TUCSON GARDENING WEBSITES:

[Arizona Native Plant Society](#)

[Arizona Sonora Desert Museum](#)

[California Rare Fruit Growers-](#)

[Southern Arizona Chapter](#)

[Community Gardens of Tucson](#)

[Desert Survivors](#)

[Native Seeds/SEARCH](#)

[Pima County Master Gardeners Website](#)

[Southeast Arizona Butterfly Association](#)

[Tohono Chul Park](#)

[Tucson Area Iris Society](#)

[Tucson Bonsai Society](#)

[Tucson Botanical Gardens](#)

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# pueblorecipes

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As we are in the dead of winter (don't complain to your friends in the Midwest or Northeast!), occasionally, a cup of hot chocolate is just the thing. Mexican chocolate is a wonderful combination of chocolate, cinnamon, almonds and vanilla. It comes in disks, as seen in the photo to the right, and each disk is divided into eight wedges. Two wedges is about perfect for a mug of chocolate. I grate the chocolate into a blender and then add the hot milk and blend till it has a nice froth. Pour into mugs and serve!



## Chocolate, Cinnamon & Chile Pork Tenderloin

- 2 one-pound pork tenderloins, trimmed of fat and silver skin*
- 1 tablespoon olive oil*
- 2 tablespoons grated Ibarra or Abuelita Mexican chocolate*
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon*
- 1 tablespoon New Mexico chile powder*

Preheat oven to 400°F. Rub pork tenderloins with olive oil. Mix the chocolate, cinnamon and chile powder in a bowl. Rub mixture into the tenderloin. Place tenderloins in a foil-lined baking pan and roast for 25 minutes. Let rest 5 minutes before carving. This timing will produce a slightly pink pork; if you prefer, roast an additional 5 minutes. Serve with quinoa and black beans.

## Quinoa and Black Beans

- 1 ½ cups quinoa (small disk-shaped seeds)*
- 1 ½ cups cooked black beans, rinsed if canned*
- 1 ½ tablespoons red-wine vinegar*
- ¾ cup finely chopped green bell pepper*
- ¼ cup finely chopped fresh cilantro*
- 5 tablespoons fresh lime juice, or to taste*
- 1 teaspoon salt*
- 1 ¼ teaspoons ground cumin, or to taste*
- ¼ cup olive oil*

In a bowl wash quinoa in at least 5 changes cold water, until water runs clear; drain. In a saucepan of salted boiling water cook quinoa 10 minutes. Drain in sieve and rinse under cold water. Set sieve over boiling water (quinoa should not touch water) and steam, covered with a kitchen towel and lid, until fluffy and dry, about 10 minutes. While quinoa is cooking, toss beans with vinegar and salt and pepper to taste in a small bowl. Transfer quinoa to a large bowl and cool. Toss with beans, bell pepper, and cilantro. In a small bowl whisk together lime juice, salt, and cumin and add oil in a stream, whisking. Drizzle dressing over salad and toss well with salt and pepper to taste. Salad may be made 1 day ahead and chilled, covered. Bring salad to room temperature before serving.

## Tried & True Trades

### Adobe

Rudy Martinez of Adobe Specialists, Inc.  
883-8883  
Recommended by Joe & Sandy Thompson

### Appliance Service & Repair

Bill Bender-The Appliance Doctor of Tucson  
742-6759  
Recommended by Marianne Van Zyll

### Audio, Video, Internet

Channel Choice TV 888-0044  
DirecTV - DISH network - QWest Products  
Recommended by Jake Robbins

### Computer Repair

Corey Walton 498-4854  
Recommended by Dan Peters

Student Experts 762-6687  
Recommended by Marianne Van Zyll & Pat Wagner

### Drywall

Neil Bentley 888-6015  
Recommended by Paul Maxon

### Electrician

Phil Clouch 390-0471  
Recommended by Jeff & Judy Mott

### Household Handymen

Cesar Leyva 551-6367 or 406-4140  
Recommended by Paul Maxon

Joe Colwell (our former mailman)  
Sunrise Handyman  
977-0683 [josephcolwell@comcast.net](mailto:josephcolwell@comcast.net)  
Recommended by John & Pat Cain

Roy J. McSweeney 774-254-3121 (cell)  
Recommended by Paul Maxon

Enrique Espinoza 312-4562  
Recommended by Luanne Maxon

### House Cleaning Services

Levinia 406-5630 & Pamela 269-6217  
Recommended by Steve & Connie Church

### Interior Design/Room Make-overs

Nanci Hartwick-Inside/Out Interiors 881-8308  
Recommended by Cherry Rosenberg

### Plumber

Oracle Plumbing, Mark E. Hartwig 490-6569  
Recommended by Jeff & Judy Mott

### Roofer

Jack Hewitt 400-4631  
Recommended by Roy & Pat Langenberg

### Windows

Miraco (Locally manufactured ) 622-8862  
Recommended by Bill & Lee Strang

### Landscaping/Gardeners

Margaret L. Joplin 623-8068 or 271-6585(cell)  
Design & Installation  
Recommended by Paul Maxon

Bill Thompson -- Best Trimming 825-1470  
Recommended by Joe & Sandy Thompson

Francisco Enriquez 405-8527  
Recom: by Joe & Sandy Thompson & Dana & Gisele Nelson

Daniel Enriquez 240-3712  
Recommended by Bill & Lee Strang, Tom & Joan Harris

Alejandro Estrella 808-5518  
Recommended by Jeff & Judy Mott

### Painters

Luis Romirez, Romirez & Hijos Painting  
909-4140  
Recommended by Friedel Von Glinski

Christian Brothers Painting, David Moats, Owner  
349-3192 (cell) 297-1889 (office)  
Recommended by Connie Pochyla

### Remodels & General Construction

Catalina Associates, L.L.C. ROC 087795  
John M. Cushman 906-1121  
Recommended by Charlotte Freedheim & Marjory Wack

Mike Clay 319-1025  
Recommended by Steve & Connie Church

Levi Conrad - Customs & Renovation LLC  
982-0275  
Recommended by Jeff & Judy Mott

### Termite & Pest Control

Arizona - Territorial  
Ken Van Zandt, Owner 881-8535  
Recommended by Steve & Connie Church

### Tile Installation

John Pesqueira, Hunter's Tile Interiors 975-6995  
Recommended by Jeff & Judy Mott

American Tile West 444-8788  
Recommended by Jo Ann Marcus

## Gone to the Dogs

Dog Walker  
Patty Monson  
572-1467

Camalot Canine Resort  
Boarding  
742-6279

Recommended by Walter Gaby

## Landscape/Architecture

### Jo Ann Marcus

Well it looks like we might be having a very wet February this year. This is the proverbial good news and bad news. It means we'll have lots of lush beautiful blossoming, some wonderful wildflowers and exuberant spring growth, AND lots of desert broom, rotted cactus, plus other noxious stuff overgrowing in our gardens and adjacent walkways. It means we all must be vigilant in keeping the bad stuff out so the good stuff (and we) don't suffer for it.

Springtime this year should be quite lovely and as we all know – the most beautiful time to be here in the desert. Many folks just don't realize how green the desert is, and how bursting with buds and bloom it all is as well.

Let's all pay special attention to our outdoors areas, removing dead agaves, mistletoe and broom as soon as we spot it, so everyone can enjoy the special beauty of the Pueblo, especially as springtime draws near.

## Da Pool Guys

### Steve, Jeff & Terry

Pools were recently inspected by Pima County and all three passed with flying colors. The Adelita pool pump failed on January 29th and will be replaced on February 1st. The Ramadas and the wrought iron perimeter fences are being painted as needed. The three new tables are now in place (at Adelita) with the matching chairs and we're painting the old round wrought iron table black to match all the new stuff. We've also moved the old picnic table from Adelita to Minera and it was painted weathered brown.

The Association lighting at the Minera Pool may be up for a major service call as it seems that rain shorts out the wires in the underground metal conduit.

We're looking into the possibility of installing ADA compliant access stairs at Caballo for handicapped entry and exit. Note: If anyone finds a good product for this on the web or elsewhere, please email one of the pool guys.

And, finally . . . the Minera bath and shower is legislatively complicated and we are working on a solution with Jo Ann Marcus, our Landscape/Architecture Chair. After getting three bids, we've picked an architect and are trying to schedule a meeting with Pima County. We want to make sure the Minera project does not trigger mandatory code improvements at the other two pools which would be extremely costly.

The vice president is getting quotations and suggestions about our roads and a couple of drainage situations. If any one has a road drainage problem please call Carol @577-5120

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## Board Meetings 6:00 p.m.

February 23  
@ Steve Church's

March 16  
@ Jo Ann Marcus'

April 20  
@ Jay Book's

May 18  
@ Joe Thompson's

September 21  
@ Marianne Van Zyll's

October 19  
@ Carol Sinclair's

November 16  
@ Jo Ann Marcus'

December 14  
@ Steve Church's