



Arabian Acres POA Newsletter



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Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Center

Lower Twin Rocks Rd.
(just west of Divide)
Tours: Tues. -Sun.
10:00 AM, 12:00, 2:00,
and 4 PM. More info.
(719) 687-9742

Florissant Fossil Quarry (on Teller County #1 just past Feed Store) (719) 748-3275

Annual Meeting— Sunday May 17 at 2:00 PM

Arabian Acres POA will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 17, 2009 at 2:00 PM. As always, the meeting will be located at The Lost Dutchman in Trout Haven.

The POA will provide food and drinks to include mini sandwiches, chips, soda, coffee, and dessert. Please bring the family! We will have **DOOR PRIZES!**

This year we will have the Teller County Sheriff Department there to speak about the status of the sheriff's department, code enforcement, and the Citizen Volunteer Pro-

gram. They will also answer any questions.

The Department of Transportation's Brad Shaw will talk about the road plan for 2009 and answer any questions.

The Colorado State Forest Service will have a representative to talk about fire mitigation, provide hand-outs, and answer questions.

The AAPOA Board of Directors will be talking about the budget, plans for the future, Board elections, and anything else requested.

This is a time to find out what



The Lost Dutchman

is going on in Arabian Acres, meet your neighbors, socialize, and express your ideas.

*Bring your voucher (in your envelope with 2009 dues invoice) for your carbon monoxide detector to pick it up at the meeting (first come first serve, limited quantities will be on hand).

Upcoming Local Events

June 5 and 6: **Friends of the Florissant Library Bake, Book and Plant Sale** at the Florissant Library on Friday—3-5PM; Sat.-- 10 AM to 1PM

June 5—Sept. 26: **"The Fantastiks"/"Godspell"** (alternating days) at the Butte Theater in Cripple Creek Tickets/times/ general info. (719) 689-3247

June 12-Sept. 25: Woodland Park **Farmer's Market** Fridays 7AM-1PM Center and Henrietta Sts. Woodland Park

June 27: **Lost Dutchman Music Festival** 2 -10 PM More info. (719) 686-7738

July 4th: **Annual Arabian**

Acres POA picnic at the pavilion by the pond

Old Fashioned 4th of July: Memorial Park in Woodland Park

July 12: more **music at Lost Dutchman**—finale of Woodland Music Week

July 18 and 19: **Marigreen Pines Tours** More info. (719) 686-7512

July 25: **Heritage Day in Florissant—Pancake Breakfast** at the Florissant Firehouse plus all day activities.

Aug. 1 and 2: **24th Annual Mt. Arts Festival** Ute Pass Cultural Center in Woodland Park

Aug. 7 and 8: Ute Pass Cultural Center **Dance Contest** Fri. 7PM; **Food and Wine Festival** Sat. 1-7PM

Aug. 14-16: Lake George Gem & Mineral Club **Annual Gem & Mineral Show.** Lake George, free admission

Sept. 18 and 19: **12th Annual Rocky Mt. Oktoberfest** Fri. 5-10PM; Sat. 11AM-7PM Ute Pass Cultural Center

Local Attractions

Florissant Heritage Museum (across from Park State Bank) Summer hours: M, W—Sat. 10 AM to 4 PM (719) 748-8259

BROWN-THUMBED GARDENER - BY NELL CARNEIN, RESIDENT



The Brown-Thumbed Gardener is daydreaming about sunshine and mild weather, but has no ideas for you with all this snow. Thought some tips for helping out the birds might come in handy.

Tried and True Suet: (especially good for woodpeckers)

1 cup of crunchy peanut butter, 2 cups quick-cooking oats, 2 cups cornmeal, 1 cup of lard
1 cup of flour, 1/3 cup of sugar

Melt lard and peanut butter in microwave, and then stir in the remaining ingredients. Pour into square containers and store in freezer. Makes 6 to 8 cakes.

Bird Trail Mix: Combine 1 cup each peanuts (unsalted and unshelled), white millet, wheat germ, crushed dog biscuits, raisins, and sunflower seeds in a large container. In a separate pan, heat ½ cup of honey and ½ cup of corn oil. Once this mix is heated, mix all the ingredients together and bake at 375° for 10 minutes. Once cooled, divide into cakes

the size to fit suet containers and store in refrigerator until ready to use.

Piecrust Suet: Mix 1 cup of flour, ½ cup of shortening, ¼ tsp. of salt and just enough water to form a ball. There's no need to bake it, just put the treat out near your seed feeders and watch it disappear.

Bacon Suet: 2 cups crunchy peanut butter, 2 cups cornmeal, 1 cup sunflower seeds, 1 cup of flour, 2 cups fruit, berry and nut birdseed, ½ cup sugar, 1 cup oatmeal grease from 1 lb. bacon

Heat the grease in a skillet and add peanut butter. Stir well until melted. Add the rest of the ingredients and mix well. Put into plastic containers, then store in the freezer and use as needed.

Texas Flair: 2 cups peanut butter, 2 cups lard, ½ cup of each of the following: flour, old-fashioned oats, peanuts, raisins, sunflower seeds and chopped corn. Melt peanut butter and lard. Mix all ingredients in a large cake pan and refrigerate until hardened. Cut and place in suet feeders.

We would like to get **your ideas and suggestions** on what you would like to see in our community and **your help** to implement them!

Tip: If you are taking a walk in the subdivision, take a bag with you and pick up trash along the way. It will help make the neighborhood a more attractive place to live.



Florissant Library

Hours: M, W—F
10 AM to 6 PM;
Sat. 10 AM to 2 PM

Story Hour Thurs.
10:30 Movies
(kids and families :
3rd Sat. of the month
Summer reading
programs for kids
and adults.

From the President of the AAPOA

My name is Sue Thomas, current President of the AAPOA. I will also be running for President again for the 2009/2010 year. I have been a resident of Arabian Acres for eight years and love this area we live in.

The current Board of Directors consists of me, Bob Carnein, Vice-President; Nell Carnein, Secretary; Tammy Thoe, Treasurer; Rick Zuniga, Manager; Sandy Zuniga, Director; and Lanny Hoel, Director. I will be nominating Barbara Gulla to the position of Vice President, as Bob Carnein is stepping down. Tammy Thoe has been appointed to the Treasurer position during this past year but is also nominated to the Treasurer position for the new year. If there is anyone else interested in a Board position/role we will be having annual elections at the Annual meeting.

During the past year the Board has worked to maintain our neighborhood and also has discussed ways to improve and beautify the area in the coming year. If you haven't been down to the pond area in a while the pavilion is completed and looks great, thanks to the efforts of Lanny Hoel, who worked tirelessly with the contractor to complete it by the annual picnic last August. Due to the lack of moisture, the pond is low and we have put plans to re-stock it with fish on the back burner until the water table rises.

We have also discussed the Arabian Acres sign at Cty Rd 42 and Denwood Dr. and ways to make it more eye catching. We would like to put in solar lighting, brighten up the sign and plant around it as well.

In light of the recent fire that crept dangerously close to our subdivision, the need for a Neighborhood Watch has been addressed and we plan on having information available at the Annual Meeting. The Board has also decided to purchase carbon monoxide detectors for all members of the AAPOA in good standing, as it is now a Colorado State requirement when buying/selling a home. As we all know and have read in recent news, we can never be too careful when it comes to our homes and our families.

We would love to see you attend the annual meeting on May 17th, at the Lost Dutchman in Trout Haven so that we can meet our neighbors and gather your ideas for the development of the AAPOA. It is to everyone's benefit that we work together

Sincerely,

Susan M. Thomas, President, AAPOA

AAPOA 2009/2010 Budget

Contributions

CD -1,000

Discretionary

Annual Dumpster Costs -400

AAPOA Landscaping -3,000

Annual Picnic-4th of July -250

Newsletter Costs -500

Welcome Committee -200

Certified Letters -75

Filing Fee -75

Carbon Monoxide Det -2,175

TOTAL Discretionary Expenses -6,675

Mandatory Expenses

Postage -250

Website Fees -99

Bank Charge -6

Office Supplies -300

Other Admin Cost -50

Annual Meeting -250

Insurance -2,500

TOTAL Mandatory Expenses -3,455

TOTAL Expenses -10,130

Income

Association Dues and Fees 12,075

Interest Inc 160

TOTAL Income 12,235

Carryover from 2008/2009 9,000

Overall Total Income 21,235

Total minus expenses 10,105



Fox in Arabian Acres
Picture taken by Rick Zuniga, resident

Meet Your Neighbors



Pete and Barbara Gulla

Pete and Barbara Gulla have lived in Arabian Acres for about 3 years. They moved in 1995 to Colorado because their son, Dr. Brad Gulla, a Chiropractor, wanted to begin his practice in Colorado Springs. Their daughter who was not married at the time was able to come with them, keeping the family together.

Pete has been in the construction business all his adult life, but he now does the easy stuff, remodeling, painting, etc. Since he works with wood, he also is a wood turner, that is making bowls and other items out of a chunk of wood. They are beautiful, and he sells them at arts & crafts shows.

Pete is also a wonderful musician. He plays keyboard, but doesn't like to play in bars anymore; he prefers private parties, and other functions, or just jams with friends. Pete is also a sign painter, very good at lettering and art.

Barbara loves to sing along with Pete's music. They do easy listening, country, and also the oldies. Barbara is also an artist, she belongs to the Mountain Artist group in Woodland Park. They have the Mountain Arts Festival each year, on the first weekend of August in Woodland Park, and she is very involved with that. Barbara also enjoys making jewelry that she sells at crafts shows with Pete.

Barbara enjoys meeting people and being neighborly. She will be working on a neighborhood emergency preparedness & notification project in the next few months. If you like to help call Barbara at 687-1374.



Local Hiking Trails

Mueller State Park off Hwy 67 between Divide and Cripple Creek. 687-2366

Florissant Fossil Beds Natl. Monument. - 14 miles of trails. Find out more in the Visitor Center located on Teller 1; 748-3253 (no dogs allowed on trails)

Your Current AAPOA Board Members

Sue Thomas: President

Bob Carnein: Vice President

Tammy Thoe: Treasurer

Nell Carnein: Secretary

Rick Zuniga: Business Manager, Architectural Control Committee

Sandy Zuniga: Board Member

Lanny Hoel: Board Member

NOTE: Bob will not be running for re-election; therefore, we **need a Vice-President!**



AAPOA



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WE'RE ON THE WEB!

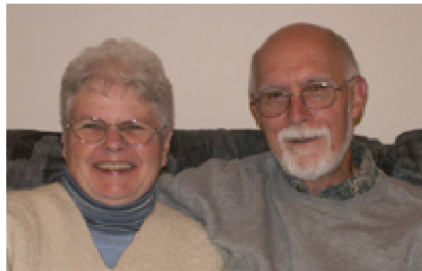
WWW.AAPOA.ORG



3 legged coyote in Arabian Acres

Picture taken by Rick Zuniga, resident

Meet Your Neighbors



Nell and Bob Carnein

Bob, Nell, and their cat Argie moved to Arabian Acres in July, 2007 when Bob retired from teaching geology at Lock Haven University in north central PA. They had spent many summers in the vicinity--Bob had taught a field course in Florissant from '72-'88 and Nell had lived in Indian Creek from '78-'83. They both volunteer at the Florissant Fossil Beds; Bob is active in the Lake George

Gem and Mineral Club, on the board of the Friends of the Fossil Beds, an officer of both AAPOA and Metro District boards.

Nell is a member of the book discussion group at the Florissant Library and the Above the Clouds quilt guild, and is an officer on the AAPOA board. They both belong to the Friends of Florissant Library and are life members of the Historical Society.

"Now that we live closer, we hope to see more of our four children, 9 grandchildren and 3+ great grandchildren who live in KS/CO, AZ and CA."