

BELLASERA

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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Veterans Day

In the month of November we not only get to celebrate and enjoy Thanksgiving, we also get the opportunity to honor our service men and women who have served our country to protect our freedom.

Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on November 11, 1919, first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and November 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. In 1954, President **Dwight D. Eisenhower** officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

On page 12 of this newsletter is a list of Bellesera residents who have served our country. We thank you all for your service.



N o v e m b e r - 2 0 1 8

Message From President Dennis Carson:

Lately, there seems to be a large number of contractors and guests entering the community, and increasingly through the back gate, which makes it worthwhile to review the HOA rules regarding visitors (guests, vendors and contractors), as well as offer a suggestion.

First the suggestion: Today, just about everyone is using a GPS system for directions to your home. Most likely, that will route your visitor to the back gate, which is a major inconvenience for the visitor, not to mention other residents trying to enter the community. It's especially problematic for contractors with larger vehicles that then have to negotiate a turn around in the driveway, as well as wasted time. As a courtesy to your visitor, and out of respect to the other residents, please instruct your visitor to use 7350 E. Pontebella (the guard house address) as the GPS primary destination address, and then after entering the gate, insert your home address as the second destination. I do this regularly and it works exceedingly well.

As for Bellasera's rule, all visitors must enter through the front gate and register with the guard. There are no exceptions.

Contractors may enter through the main gate and perform work only between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays, and only between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays, whether the work is indoors or outdoors.

No contractor will be admitted into the community before the start times.

No contractor of any type is permitted to work in Bellasera on a Sunday or major holiday unless the guard receives prior approval based on an emergency, or there is published a standing exception. For emergencies, residents must contact the guard on duty, who will then contact a Bellasera Board representative for authorization to enter.

Further, as for enforcement, the guards will begin increased monitoring of the back gate to make sure vendors and guests are complying with the rules. We do have photo capabilities to monitor entry at both gates.

The Board regretfully announces that due to complaints from Owners, it has no choice but to invoke its enforcement remedies for violations, which may be substantial if the Board determines a resident willfully facilitated the entry through the back gate, as well as a denial of the resident's privileges to use the communities facilities. Contractors who violate this policy will be asked to leave immediately, and may be denied all future access to the community.

Please pass this information on to renters or guests in your home.



CLUBHOUSE CORNER

*By Laurie Forte,
Community Manager*

SAVE THE DATE

The Board of Directors of Bellasera invites you to a Welcome Back/Welcome New Residents reception! The event will be held at the clubhouse on **January 13th** starting at **6:00pm**. Dessert and coffee/water will be provided (bring your own 'adult' beverage if you choose!)

Art in Bellasera

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, December 1st** from **10am – 2:00pm** for an opportunity to meet and greet artists here at Bellasera and make some holiday gift purchases at the same time! This event will be held in the Bellasera Clubhouse. Feel free to bring a friend!

We still have space for more artists from Bellasera, please call **Laurie** at **480-488-0400** or email at **lforte@associatedasset.com** if you would like to get involved!

Cloudy Pool

For those residents whom use the pool regularly, we have been experiencing some cloudiness of the water. This is NOT harmful. This is a reaction to the chlorine and other chemicals used to balance the water. The pool company we use assures me that there is no risk swimming in the cloudy water, it is just not very pretty or clear for a short time.

PARK UPDATE

The community park and the dog park finally got re-seeded for our winter rye. We should be seeing green again soon! Some

of you may have noticed that the giant mesquite trees in the park took a real beating during our monsoons and the October rains. They have been trimmed up and much of the weight on those trees has been removed. We have one tree in the park that is now lying on its side and still growing! We will let the tree grow in its own unique way and continue to watch that there is no risk of damage to either property or person's.



HOUSE NUMBERS

Can you read the house numbers on your home from the street? If you can't that means that others cannot read them either! Stop by the office to get a black permanent marker to color in your faded numbers! It's just that easy!

Interesting Fact

Last year I was curious as to how many of the original homeowners are still at Bellasera so I did some quick research and came up with the following numbers.

Original owners	151 or 42%
Second owners	112 or 31%
Third owners	73 or 20%
Fourth owners	19 or 5%
Fifth owners	5 or 1%

This and That

Ladies Lunch

Ladies lunch is **Thursday, November 15th, at 12 noon**, at Liberty Station at 34522 N. Scottsdale Rd. Hosted by **Dawn Hulej 425-241-2377** or **dawnhulej@hotmail.com**

Bellasera Book Club

Our October attendance was light, so we tabled our discussion of “Pachinko” by **Min Jin Lee** until November. Our November read is “The Address” by **Fiona Davis**. Both these books will be discussed. For those who like to read ahead, our December read is “Winter Solstice” by **Elin Hilderbrand**. Our meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month, at our clubhouse at **12 noon**. Our Holiday meeting and luncheon date and location will be announced in December. Any questions, please contact **Sandi Berger, sandals85@live.com** or **Karen Moore, kresmor60@gmail.com**.

Yoga

Haven’t tried Yoga yet? Now’s your chance! We have an excellent instructor, **Joy Blonstein**, who offers 3 classes a week in the Bellasera activities room at the clubhouse. The schedule is: **Monday 8:45 a.m., Tuesday 6:00 p.m., Thursday 8:45 a.m.** Note: **No class on Thursday, November 22, Thanksgiving Day**. All classes are \$7.00/per class, cash or you can purchase a 10-class pass for \$63.00. Please bring your own Yoga mat, your clubhouse key FOB, (especially for the 6:00 p.m. Tuesday class as the clubhouse is often locked by that time) and arrive early to sign in and get set-up as classes are first come, first served and start on time.

Hidden in the Hills to Feature Jewelry by Bellasera Artist

Arizona’s largest and longest-running artist studio tour, Hidden in the Hills, takes place during the last two weekends of November, Friday through Sunday, November 16-18 and November 23-25. A signature event of the non-profit Sonoran Arts League, Hidden in the Hills features 174 artists in 44 studio locations throughout the scenic Desert Foothills communities of Cave Creek, Carefree and North Scottsdale.

The free, self-guided studio tour offers seasoned collectors and art enthusiasts a rare chance to observe artists at work in their private studios, which are open to the public from 10 am to 5 pm during the six-day tour. Each studio has one or more guest artists who also display and sell their work.

One such artist is **Shelly Taylor**, who resides in our Bellasera community. This will be her second year participating in the art tour.

“I design and handcraft jewelry, specializing in contemporary beaded kumihimo, and other bead weaving techniques,” Taylor said. “I strive for comfortable elegant pieces that can be worn effortlessly. My work often incorporates semi-precious gemstones, hand-blown glass, and metal beads. I love the tactile experience of beading, and the ever-evolving combination of techniques, colors and textures.”

Art enthusiasts can find details about participating artists, custom-build their own map or download a map at **www.HiddeninTheHills.org**. In addition, the Sonoran Arts League’s Center for the Arts will serve as the information headquarters for the popular art tour. Visitors can pick up artist directories, maps and inquire about other tour details prior to and during the tour. The League office is located at 7100 E. Cave Creek Road, Suite 144, at Stagecoach Village in Cave Creek. For details, call **480-575-6624**.

Storage Facility Application Withdrawn

The application for the development of a large self-storage facility adjacent to Scottsdale’s Scenic Drive has been withdrawn by the applicant. The project was proposed for the northwest corner of Lone Mountain and Scottsdale Roads.

More This and That

Bellasera Hikers

The November hike will be to Balanced Rock in Browns Ranch. We will hike the Chuckwagon Trail in & out for a total of 5.5 miles. These trails are rated easy/moderate with beautiful scenic views & gentle ups & downs. The hike is **Tuesday, November 13**. Meet at the clubhouse parking lot at 9 a.m. Remember to bring water & wear a hat. A sign-up sheet is in the clubhouse or contact **Karen Meiliken, Meiliken1@aol.com**.

November Wine and Cheese Gathering - Paso Robles, CA Wines

We're inviting all wine and cheese lovers to join us at our November wine and cheese gathering on **Friday, November 16** from **4:30 to 6:30 p.m.** Bring a bottle of a nice red or white wine from Paso Robles, CA, a favorite cheese or an appetizer, and a desire to share with and learn from each other.

The November gathering will be hosted by **Tom and Dianna Saari** at 7628 E Pontebella Drive. Please contact **Dianna, 480-361-8392, disaari@aol.com**, to let us know if you can attend or have any questions. You can also sign-up on the sheet in the clubhouse. We look forward to hearing from you.

Cooking Group?

Would anyone be interested in being part of a cooking group where residents can get together and learn from each other? There are so many talented cooks in Bellasera with tremendous gifts and techniques to share. We could meet to teach each other; share ideas and discuss food trends and area restaurants—among other things. It could be very rewarding and a lot of fun for those of us who love food and cooking. I had a late start last year but would like to actively start a group this winter. If this appeals to you please contact **Rae Culotta, 516-987-2897, rsugarrae@aol.com**.

Holiday Bazaar in Carefree

Our Lady of Joy Catholic Parish will hold the 12th Annual Holiday Bazaar on **Friday, November 2 and Saturday, November 3**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The church is located on the northeast corner of Pima and Cave Creek roads in Carefree.

This popular community event sponsored by Our Lady's Guild features more than 70 hand picked vendors. Complete your holiday shopping with great selections of a wide array of unique gifts, including jewelry, photography, pet boutique, purses, gift baskets, custom napkins, holiday ornaments and books, ladies apparel, doll and children's clothes, glass creations, imported olive oils, Native American crafts, metal outdoor ornaments, cutting boards, painted rocks, water color paintings and more. Not to be missed: the Book Nook, fun for the whole family, Sweet's and Treats, and the Corner Café serving breakfast/lunch. Bring your family, friends and neighbors, and enjoy a day of holiday shopping magic in beautiful Carefree.

Additional information and Classified

Citrus Trees - From Laurie Forte

I have recently been contacted about concerns with rats in/around our community (pack rats and roof rats). The BEST way to get rid of these pests is to remove the food source. Of course rats will eat most anything, in particular they love to eat fruit (oranges, lemons, limes etc.).

Knowing that they like to eat from Citrus trees, it is my role to remind ALL Bellasera residents that IF you have any Citrus trees on your property they MUST be of a true dwarf variety that will NOT exceed a mature height of six (6) feet and must be completely screened from view of any other residents (See the Design Guidelines page 48).

If you do have a Citrus tree on your property, it MUST be less than 6 feet tall. Please trim down your tree to the required height.

Thank you for your assistance in trying to rid our community of these critters.

Mosquitos - From Bruno LeDonne

With all the rain we had please make sure your potted plants, flower saucers are DRY and not holding water along with buckets, pots, dog bowls, wheelbarrows and anything that will hold water in it. Please check your gutters if you have them to see if they are holding water.

Have your landscaper check them when they arrive. If you have a water feature install chlorine tablets and run it for 1 hr daily or pump it out.

Please walk around your property and look for items holding water. It's amazing how we cannot sit in our back yard because of mosquitos in Arizona. For further reading on this matter, go to mayoclinic.com and read about West Niles Virus.

Additional Classified

Introducing Desert Dwellers Home Watching Services, LLC, available exclusively to Bellasera residents. Desert Dwellers is owned and operated by year-round Bellasera residents, **Jennifer Brummet** and **Ross Strozewski**. We are dedicated to ensuring our neighbors have access to reliable and trustworthy home monitoring services while they are away from their desert dwelling. We are licensed, bonded and insured and can provide a variety of weekly, bi-monthly, and monthly home monitoring visits. Services are based on our clients' preferences and include inspections of both the interior and exterior perimeter of the property. All visits include a comprehensive home watching report. For a complete list of services and to schedule a complimentary assessment, please contact us, **480-634-1452**, ddhomewatch@gmail.com.

For sale - children's furniture gently used on visits to grandparent's house: High chair, \$40; Pack N'Play crib with mobile, \$50; Children's Aerobed with mattress cover (used only once), \$30; Child sized wood table and chairs with built in toy box, \$50. Contact **Maddy Geuther**, **480-991-3416**, Maddygeuther@aol.com, for details.

Meeting Notices

Board of Directors will meet on **Wednesday, November 28** at **1 p.m.**

Budget & Finance Committee will meet on **Monday, November 19** at **1 p.m.**

Building & Grounds Committee will meet on **Tuesday, November 13** at **10 a.m.**

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, November 14** at **8:30 a.m.**

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, November 13** at **noon**. Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, November 8** at **12 noon**.

October Weather in Bellasera

(October 1 - October 31)

Highest Temperature: 86 degrees

Lowest temperature: 51 degrees

Rainfall: 6.79 inches

Rainfall this year: 12.18 inches

Bellasera weather 24/7/365: weather.azbellasera.org

Newsletter Copy Deadline

If you have classified ads, meeting dates, or articles for publication, please e-mail to editor@azbellasera.org, or turn them in to the Association office no later than the **20th** of the month. The monthly newsletter is produced by the Communications Committee. The editor is **Keith Christian, 480-382-9310**.

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City of Scottsdale Brush & Bulk Collection

The City of Scottsdale will pick up brush and bulk items in the Bellasera community during the week of **Monday, December 3, 2018**. Brush and bulk items to be picked up should be at curbside by 5 a.m. at the start of the week. It will be removed during the week. For more information, contact Solid Waste Management, **480-312-5600**.

Community Calendar

November 2018

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Yoga - 8:45 am	2 Water Aero- bics - 10 am Bridge - 1pm	3
4	5 Yoga - 8:45 am Water Aero- bics - 10 am	6 Yoga - 6 pm Poker - 7 pm	7 Water Aero- bics - 10 am	8 Yoga - 8:45 am	9 Water Aero- bics - 10 am Bridge - 1pm	10
11 	12 Yoga - 8:45 am Water Aero- bics - 10 am	13 Hikers - 9 am Building/Gds 10 am Modifications - noon Yoga - 6 pm Poker - 7 pm	14 Communica- tions Commit- tee - 8:30 am Water Aero- bics - 10 am Book Club - 12 noon	15 Yoga - 8:45 am Ladies Lunch - 12 noon Office Closed	16 Water Aero- bics - 10 am Bridge - 1pm Wine & Cheese 4:30 - 6:30 pm	17
18	19 Yoga - 8:45 am Water Aero- bics - 10 am Finance Comm. 1 pm	20 Yoga - 6 pm Poker - 7 pm	21 Water Aero- bics - 10 am	22  Office Closed	23 Water Aero- bics - 10 am Bridge - 1pm	24
25	26 Yoga - 8:45 am Water Aero- bics - 10 am	27 Yoga - 6 pm Poker - 7 pm	28 Water Aero- bics - 10 am Board Mgt. - 1 pm	29 Yoga - 8:45 am	30 Water Aero- bics - 10 am Bridge - 1pm	

B e l l a s e r a C l a s s i f i e d s

Electrologist with 25 years of experience. For all unwanted hairs, no need to suffer in silence. Electrolysis works on any hair type, any skin type and any area. Call **Suzanne Rothfeld, 480-473-7313**, or e-mail, **masuzannie@yahoo.com**, for an appointment or any questions you may have.

Electrician, third generation, I guess it runs in the family, shocking. Local guy, great no extra service fees. No job too small. I'm recommending **Chris Moen, 602-919-8543**. **Terese Carnahan, tcarnahan77@gmail.com**, resident of Bellasera. Will give reference. Thanks for supporting our local business.

I love living in Bellasera! Did you know that real estate inventory levels in our community are very low? I have buyers who want homes in Bellasera. Have you been thinking about making a move? Now is a great time to sell. Contact me today for a market analysis: **Audrey Fischer**, Realtor, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, **480-740-4223** or **audrey.fischer@azmoves.com**.

Everyone needs help now and then. I can help with the quality of life your loved ones are used to. From little things, like getting dressed to big things, like showers and fall prevention. Even help you cope with your loved ones and daily activities. I've been in the Home Health field for over 20 years. Contact **Terese Carnahan, 623-694-1305**.

Massage is a potent medicine. There is no question that proper massage can relax tense muscles, and decrease pain. Relaxing therapeutic massage is available in the privacy of your home or at the clubhouse Massage Room. For an appointment or further information contact Bellasera resident **Jim Birkholz**, licensed Massage Therapist at **480-244-9567**. Gift Certificates available.

All about Cleaning *** Professional Window Cleaning. Inside-Outside-Tracks. Power Wash (After Monsoon season Must). Request an over the phone estimate or on-site free estimate. Call **Maria at 480-206-5237**, **www.AllAboutCleaningArizona.com**, e-mail: **Info@AllAboutCleaning Arizona.com**.

Cabin available for rent in Munds Park. enjoy fall foliage or plan ahead for snow adventures. 3 bedrooms, 2 sleeper sofas/2 baths; gas fireplace; fabulous deck; full kitchen; washer/dryer. \$300 weekend/\$500 for 3 night Holiday weekend. Cleaning fee negotiable. Call Bellasera resident **Marti Bening** at **480-488-4297** for details.

Bellasera Residents: The Kiwanis Club of Carefree can pick up your unwanted furniture, clothing and household goods. All items will be sold in our Marketplace resale store in Cave Creek. Proceeds go to support kids in our local school district. Contributions may be tax deductible and a receipt will be provided. Call **480-488-8400** for information and to schedule an appointment. Thanks for your support.

All About Cleaning ***Regularly scheduled Home cleaning ***One Time Cleaning ***Move In/Out cleaning ***After Remodeling Cleaning. We have excellent references from long-time Bellasera Resident customers and surrounding areas. Call **Maria at 480-206-5237** (owner-operator, Bellasera resident for over 10 years). Licensed-Bonded-Insured. **www.AllAboutCleaningArizona.com**, e-mail: **Info@AllAboutCleaningArizona.com**.

*Classified Ads are only accepted from Bellasera homeowners. Real estate for sale, non-resident business or commercial ads are not accepted. Editor reserves the right to edit or reject any ad. Your ad will run for 3 months, and may be extended upon request. E-mail your ad to: **editor@azbellasera.org***

Bellasera's Volunteer Trash Collectors

The Residents Below Helped in a City-wide Event



Back Row (L-R) **Sandra Lynch, Dick Lynch, David Rasmussen, Tom Saari**

Middle Row (L-R) **John Nielsen, Dennis Soeffner, Mary Soeffner, Janet Bottarini,
Jeff Thormann**

Front Row (L-R) **Cheri Valuet, Pat Nielsen, Joe McDade**

Pictured above are the 12 Bellasera residents who volunteered on Saturday, October 27, to remove roadside visual clutter (aka trash) from Lone Mountain Road adjacent to our community.

For the past 4 years the Communications Committee has organized a similar effort, to coincide with the City of Scottsdale's semi-annual community-wide cleanup.

Thank you to everyone who helped.

Desert Botanical Garden

One of the more popular outdoor sites to visit in the area is the 140-acre Desert Botanical Garden located in Papago Park, at 1201 N. Galvin Parkway in Phoenix. The garden was founded by the Arizona Cactus and Native Flora Society in 1937 and established at this site in 1939. The garden now has more than 21,000 plants, one-third of which are native to the area, including 139 species which are rare, threatened or endangered.



In the 1930s, a small group of local citizens became interested in conserving the fragile desert environment. In 1936, they formed the Arizona Cactus and Native Flora Society to sponsor a botanical garden to encourage an understanding, appreciation and promotion of the uniqueness of the world's deserts, particularly the Sonoran Desert.

Eventually Gertrude Webster, whose home encompassed all of what is today the neighborhood of Arcadia, joined the Society. She offered her encouragement, connections and financial support to establish the botanical garden in Papago Park.

Besides being able to wander the numerous paths among the varied plants, the Garden offers a variety of special programs throughout the year. In the Fall, a wonderful time to visit the Garden, you can visit the Fall Butterfly Exhibit (open until November 18), the Electric

Desert, a light and sound experience which will be open until May 12, 2019 and is best viewed after dark. Sunday Concerts in the Garden are offered on November 11, 18 and 25th at 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.



One of the most popular events held at the Garden is Las Noches de las Luminarias. This special holiday event will be offered this year for 29 magical evenings - from December 1-23 and 26-31. This year the Luminarias will be brighter as the Electric Desert unite for a dazzling display. You will also be able to enjoy music performances, entertainment and the chance to dine at the Garden.

You can become a member of the Garden by doing so online at www.dbg.org or when you visit the garden. With your membership, you receive unlimited free admission to the garden, 20 percent off guest admission, discounts on event tickets, 10 percent discount at the Garden Shop and so much more. And, you'll be supporting this wonderful Botanical Garden.





VETERANS DAY

Paul Agranoff - U.S. Army, 1953-1955

Mike Alldredge - U.S. Navy, 1972-1978

Glenn Annexstad - U.S. Army, 1953-1954

Walter Bleakney - U.S. Army, 1954-1956

Edward Burch - U.S. Navy, 1955-1958

Phil Castrovinci - U.S. Navy, 1956-1957

Keith Christian - U.S. Navy, 1968-1974

Richard Cote - U.S. Air Force, 1971-1993

Michael Culotta - U.S. Navy, 1965-1968

Jerry Factor - U.S. Army, 1961-1967

Robert Farrington - U.S. Navy, 1956-1964

Bob Gromko - U.S. Army, 1959-1965

William Ingler - U.S. Air Force, 1955-1985

Charlie Johnson - U.S. Army, 1971-1973

Ron Junier - U.S. Navy, 1966-1972

Bob King - U.S. Air Force, 1970-1975

Raymond Klodt - U.S. Army, 1965-1967

Alan Lang - U.S. Army, 1965-1967

Dee Luse - U.S. Army, 1958-1962

Diane Luse - U.S. Air Force, 1980-1984

John Mattox - U.S. Army, 1966-1969

Joe McDade - U.S. Navy, 1960-1965

Gerald Meiliken - U.S. Army, 1953-1962

John Moore - U.S. Army, 1970-1973

Ray Rhodes, U.S. Army, 1972-74

John Richardson - U.S. Army, 1965-1990

Paul Rippens - U.S. Navy, 1956-1963

Chuck Roach - U.S. Army, 1966-1969

Carlton Rooks - U.S. Army, 1959-1963

Jerry Rose - U.S. Army, 1954-1957

Mike Ruotolo - U.S. Army, 1958-1967

Larry Seres - U.S. Army, 1960-1962

Charles Schroeder - U.S. Army, 1955-1963

Lawson Singer - U.S. Navy, 1944-1946

Rick Stevens - U.S. Army, 1968-1974

Arvid Straume, U.S. Army, 1986-1997

John Storer - U.S. Navy, 1942-1946

Russ Toosley - U.S. Marine Corps, 1955-1958

Ralph Vernacchia - U.S. Army, 1969-1971

Vernon Veron, U.S. Navy, 1956-1959

Dave Zumwalt, U.S. Marine Corps, 1958-1961



NOVEMBER IN THE GARDEN

By Joe McDade

Bellasera Is Aglow With Color!

After a hot and dry September, I postulated that cool morning and evening temperatures in October would provide much needed relief to your garden. Well, we got that and more! Our unexpected, but certainly welcome, record rainfall, along with the cooler temperatures, have rejuvenated our entire landscape. As you travel throughout our community, you can't help notice that we are awash in colors with our trees providing a perfect green backdrop. It has also left your garden full of moisture making it very receptive for any planting or renovation that you might have planned.

November, What to Expect...How to Care for your Garden

November is one of my favorite months here in Bellasera as it begins the transition to winter providing us with an opportunity to truly enjoy and appreciate our surroundings. In addition to all of the obvious seasonal changes we undergo, it is also an uplifting month full of positive happenings such as: Thanksgiving, outdoor dining, pumpkins and, if you're into sports, College and Pro Football kick into high gear.

All of the above certainly has nothing to do with your garden but, after suffering through a long summer, we certainly welcome the climate changes as does your garden. Our change in weather will invigorate us and, at the same time, lull your plants into a much needed rest now through January which will result in major changes as well as necessitate making adjustments in how to care for your garden. I should also remind you that our gardens in Bellasera don't go dark in the winter as they will exude plenty of color. I'll attempt to provide some insight along with suggestions on this topic.

Prepare for Winter

Water Efficiently- Plant requirements for moisture diminishes as weather cools and day length shortens. Reducing water helps plants go into dormancy, thereby preparing them to resist freezing temperatures, and also lessens the likelihood of root rot from too-wet soil. Adjust irrigation timers to run less frequently. Our ground is currently very moist and, as the weather gets cooler, the ground will stay moist longer. So, if we get rain this month, consider shutting down your irrigation system for the winter.

•**General Guideline-** Apply the same amount of water to soak through the entire root zone.

Some specific tips:

Herbs- Water established herbs once a week or less depending on the temperature.

Vegetables- Should be watered every three days.

Desert Adapted Plants (established) - Water every 14 to 30 days through December.

*Container Plants -*Water twice per month or even less for cacti and succulents.

Succulents generally do not enjoy being cold and wet.

Cleanup- It's time to clean up the entire garden. We are already starting to see weeds appear as a result of all the rain we've had. So, go ahead and pull weeds and take out spent annuals and vegetables which can harbor insects and diseases during the winter season.

Avoid Frost Problems- Historically, the first freeze can occur as early as November 15 although our current long term forecast doesn't bear that out, the following steps are suggested:

- Purchase and/or stage your frost protection so that if and when an event occurs, you are prepared. Use a fabric such as N-Sulate (which can be found at various garden centers), burlap or old sheets. Cover cold-tender plants, along with flower and vegetable beds, if temperatures dip.
- Stop fertilizing cold-tender plants, such as bougainvillea, citrus, hibiscus, natal plum and roses.

Feeding promotes fresh, tender growth, which is susceptible to frost damage.

Pruning- Pruning is necessary for health and safety. Some guidelines:

Trees- Most trees are dormant by the end of this month. Avoid lion-tailing, which is excessive interior thinning. This forces the growth of branches outward, straining and weakening them.

Deciduous trees (those that lose their leaves)- Can be pruned now as it is easy to see flaws that need correcting, such as crossed branches.

Palo Verde - Avoid pruning in the winter.

Mesquites - Should receive a light pruning now.

Shrubs and Perennials - Can be pruned now including: •*Texas Ranger* • *Globe Mallow*
•*Brittlebush*

Do **not** prune Yellow Bells or Lantana.

Most herbs can be pruned this month.

Plant for Winter Color in Your Garden

November is a good time to make preparations to brighten your garden for the winter and spring. To get a head start, you might want to pay particular attention to some plants that will provide both color and contrast. Let's start with one that is very prominent in Bellasera.

Bougainvilleas – These are nice plants but occasionally they refuse to bloom. They actually do better with little care and lots of pruning. However, pruning is best done in the early spring after all danger of frost passes. Remove dead branches and keep its height in check. It will quickly recover. Bougainvilleas like well-drained soil and full sun. They do not bloom well in partial shade. It is best to plant them in the spring. You can feed them lightly but do so in the spring and summer. If you over fertilize, the plant will bloom sparsely or not at all.

Other planting options for Winter color.

Vines-You can reduce intense reflected heat with vines as well as providing color. They can be grown easily here in Bellasera on walls with the help of a trellis. Some suggested low-water-use vines with pretty flowers include:

- Lilac vine •Primrose Jasmine •Queen's Wreath •Yucca vine
- Potato vine- This is another consideration which blooms on and off year-round, if temperatures don't drop below freezing.

Shrubs- you can continue to plant frost-hardy and native woody shrubs and include items that will brighten your garden for the winter and spring. Some recommendations:

Barberry – This shrub is evergreen and has yellow flowers that bloom from late winter to spring. It makes a good informal hedge and attracts birds.

Weeping Dalea – This shrub that has a spreading shape and is evergreen. It has purple clusters of flowers that bloom from the fall to the spring.

Red Erempholia – Rounded evergreen shrub with red tubular flowers that bloom from late winter to spring. This plant attracts hummingbirds.

Chuparosa – Sprawling plant that is semi-evergreen with orange to red tubular flowers that bloom from late winter to spring. It attracts hummingbirds too.

Red Justicia – Sprawling evergreen shrub. It has bright red flowers that bloom from the fall to the spring. It can be used in containers.

Green Feathery Senna – Round and airy shrub with yellow clusters of flowers that bloom from late winter to spring.

Vegetables for the Month

Seeds- Beets, Bok Choy, Broccoli, Cabbage, Chinese Cabbage, Carrots, Cauliflower, Chard, Collard Greens, Endive, Kale, Kohlrabi, Lettuce (Head & Leaf), Mustard, Onions (Bulb & Green), Peas, Radishes, Rutabagas, Spinach, Turnips.

Transplants- Asparagus, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Chinese Cabbage, Cauliflower, Chard, Kohlrabi, Lettuce (Head & Leaf).

Miscellaneous

Pre-emergent herbicides can be applied from October through early December for winter annual weed control. Follow the package directions carefully for best results. DO NOT use pre-emergent herbicides where you will be planting seeds this season.

Keep your garden tools clean and sharp. To avoid spreading plant diseases via your tools, follow these steps:

- Hose soil off of garden tools before moving to another area of the landscape.
- Sterilize pruning tools after each and every cut if there is any chance the plant is infected with a disease.
- Keep your tools sharpened. Sharp tools make for clean wounds which heal quickly.

Take care of your tools, they will last longer and so will you and your plants!

Herbs- Sow seeds for cilantro, dill, parsley, oregano and thyme. Transplant anise, caraway, chamomile, fennel, marjoram, mint, rosemary, sage and salad burnet.

Spring-blooming Bulbs- Plant in well-drained soil that is rich in organic matter. Mix a phosphorus fertilizer with soil in the bottom of the planting hole. Phosphorus, which promotes bloom, does not move readily through soil, so place it where the bulb's roots will be able to absorb it.

“People ask me what I do in the winter when there’s no baseball. I’ll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring.” --Rogers Hornsby

Congratulations to the Boston Red Sox!

Happy Thanksgiving!

(For gardening questions, contact Maricopa County Cooperative Extension Svc. (602-470-8086)

Rear View

November 2008

The primary focus of our efforts at enforcing Bellasera's CC&Rs is in the area of home appearance. This includes such things as painting, repair, landscaping and lighting. Over the past few months, we've noted a number of homeowners who wish to personalize their front yards with some form of yard art, which can take the form of an animal figure, a statue, a western artifact or any number of items. Except for a limited number of desert color pots in the front area outside of a courtyard, these items are prohibited. Placing an excessive number of lights along the driveway or sidewalk is also not allowed. Basically, anything done in the front of the home where it is visible from the street or sidewalk is either prohibited or requires approval.

Please join the Building and Grounds committee for the annual community clean up on Saturday, November 15, 8:00 a.m. in the clubhouse parking lot. Participants will be sent to various locations within the community for 1 to 1½ hours of clean up. Refreshments will be served in the clubhouse for all participants after the event. As we will be walking along the outer roads and through washes please wear appropriate clothing and bring gloves to protect your hands. Garbage bags and yellow vests will be supplied at the parking lot meetup point.

Copies of the latest approved minutes from the Board of Directors meeting are available in the clubhouse, and always on azbellasera.org.

For those residents who'd like to use their laptop at poolside, or anywhere in the clubhouse, Wi-Fi is available. The Bellasera clubhouse parking lot trash container is now locked, after a recent resolution passed by the Board of Directors. Thank you for your continued cooperation in not using this container for your personal trash disposal.

NOVEMBER 2013

The Board recently approved a proposal from the Communications Committee to "adopt" Lone Mountain Road -- a one mile segment from Scottsdale Road to Hayden. Adopt-A-Road ~ Scottsdale Clean and Scenic is a roadside litter program where participants volunteer to pick up trash along designated adopted roads. The aim of the program is to keep Scottsdale roadways free of litter, improving the appearance of the roadsides and reducing harm to our environment. The program was originally created in 1993 by a group of volunteers concerned about litter on the city's roadways. Scottsdale has over 100 volunteer groups that are responsible for the cleanup of over 100 miles of roadways. These volunteer efforts help to beautify our city while providing a service that saves money that would otherwise be spent to clean the roadway.

The committee believes the roadway signs are good PR for Bellasera, in addition to making a clean appearance as we transit this roadway. Signs will soon appear on the road, indicating the community's commitment.

The Bellasera Social Committee is planning an ice cream social on Sunday, November 10, at 7 p.m. to welcome back our snowbirds and vacationing residents. We will have a full ice cream/ make your own sundae selection. Cost is \$5 per person. All are welcome. Please contact Carol Padwe, 480-242-8183, carol.padwe@cox.net, with any questions. We look forward to seeing long time residents and newcomers.

We solicit your comments on anything relating to the Bellasera community. The usual caveats prevail: avoid abusive or offensive language; use your full real name; don't use commercial messages; don't plagiarize copyrighted material that belongs to someone else; don't include personal information about yourself or others. Think about what you write before hitting that button. Editor reserves the right to edit and refuse any comments. Address yours to: editor@azbellasera.org.



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Bellaser Community Volunteers

*Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless
Interested in volunteering? Go to azbellasera.org, "BCA Members" page*

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