

# BELLASERA

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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**Veterans Day** (originally known as Armistice Day) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans, that is, persons who have served in the United States Armed Forces. It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day which were celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

Veterans Day is distinct from Memorial Day, a U.S. public holiday in May. Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who have died while in military service. Armed Forces Day celebrated in May, honors those currently serving in the U.S. military.

Please read the names of Bellasera residents listed on page 10 who have served in the United States Armed Forces. We thank them for their service to their country.

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# TIME IS GROWING SHORT

Are you remembering that in a few short months contractors will begin painting all the view fences in the Bellasera Community? That's right. In the months of February and March, 2020, all view fences will receive a fresh coat of paint and you must do your part. Here is what you have to do:

- All vines must be removed from the view fences and shrubs or trees trimmed back to allow at least six inches of space for workers to access the fence. Please speak to your landscaper/gardener now to make sure all work is completed no later than the last day of January, 2020.
- You are responsible for removing rabbit fencing from your view fence. After the painting is completed, you may reinstall the rabbit fencing.
- There are no exceptions to preparing the view fencing in your yard for painting.

We realize that trimming vines, shrubs and trees along with the removal of the rabbit fencing may be an inconvenience to you but it is necessary for the Bellasera Community to maintain the view fencing. Your cooperation in this matter is very much appreciated.

If you have any questions concerning this upcoming project, please call the Bellasera office for clarifications.

## **This and That**

**Ladies Lunch:** The November ladies Luncheon will be on **Thursday, November 21**, 12 noon, at Tonto Bar and Grill at Rancho Manana, 5736 E. Rancho Manana Blvd., Cave Creek. Please sign up in the clubhouse or contact **Cindy Kaelber, 480-504-5198 to RSVP.**

**Bellasera Book Club:** Because of Thanksgiving, we will meet a week earlier on **Wednesday, November 20** at noon in the clubhouse. A suggestion for this month is ***"Next Year In Havana"*** by **Chanel Cleeton.** Contact **Karen Moore, kkmooore40@yahoo.com**, with any questions.

**Bellasera Hikers:** The November hike will be **Tuesday, November 12** at Browns Ranch. We will start at the Latigo trail, to the Hackamore trail, go around Cone Mountain & return on Upper Ranch trail for a 4.2 mile loop. We will walk between beautiful boulders & enjoy scenic vistas. This hike is easy to moderate, with gentle ups & downs and an elevation gain of 200 ft. Sneakers are OK. Meet at the clubhouse parking lot at 9 a.m. Remember to bring water. A sign up sheet is in the clubhouse or contact **Karen Meiliken, meiliken1@aol.com.**

**November Wine and Cheese Gathering:** Please join us to celebrate fall, the return of our snowbirds, Wine and Cheese on **Friday, November 15 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** at the home of **Jan and Dawn Hulej.** Bring your favorite California wine and an appetizer or dessert to **7684 E Ponte Bella Drive.** RSVP: **Dawn Hulej, 425-241-2377** ( call or message). There will also be a sign up sheet in the clubhouse.

**Web Site Search:** Bellasera's web site, [azbellasera.org](http://azbellasera.org), has a wealth of information about our community. It's easy to search for whatever you're looking for by doing a Google (or equivalent) search as follows. To find everything on the site about the word "rain", enter the following: [azbellasera.org:rain](http://azbellasera.org:rain) After the colon, enter any topic you wish to search for.

**Dunn-Edwards Paint Colors in Bellasera:** Here's a link to the approved Dunn-Edwards paint colors for Bellasera Houses & Walls: [https://www.dunnedwards.com/colors/archive/color-ark\\_pro/bellasera/approved-color-palette](https://www.dunnedwards.com/colors/archive/color-ark_pro/bellasera/approved-color-palette)

**Community Library News:** Thank you so much to everyone for donating wonderful reading material, and making great use of our "Library Alcove" over the past few years. We are happy to accept new "offerings" and will attempt to re-organize the books "hidden" in the cabinets over the next few months. Again, thanks for supporting this valuable resident resource. You're invited to stop in and see what's new.

**Let's Play Pickleball:** Hello Bellasera Pickleballers! With our cooler weather, it's time to resume our fall season pickleball play. As we did last season, we will have two "open play" days each week for Bellasera residents. Open play days are: **Wednesday @ 2 p.m.** and **Saturday @ 9 a.m.** Come out and join us even if you have never played pickleball but would like to learn. This is also a great time to meet your Bellasera neighbors. Now that we have three courts available, there will be very little idle time. A few pickleball reminders:

1. Pickleball paddles must be "composite" materials only. No solid wood paddles
  2. You can sign up and reserve courts for play. Seven day advance sign-up only. Go to [Bellasera.tennisbookings.com](http://Bellasera.tennisbookings.com) to reserve a court. First time users will complete a new user registration, that only takes 2 minutes.
  3. Resident MUST be present if you are hosting guests.
- See you on the Court!

## 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 22 – 24 and November 29 – December 1. A signature event of the non-profit Sonoran Arts League, this year's studio tour features 199 artists in 47 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 a.m. to 5 p.m. 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 third 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 comfortably 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."

During Hidden in the Hills, Taylor will exhibit and sell her jewelry at Studio #29 in Scottsdale, hosted by acclaimed abstract painter, **Bela Fidel**. The studio is now in a new location, 33401 N. 56th Street, Building #200, and conveniently located just south of Carefree Highway. Other guest artists at the studio this year include mixed media artist **Sherri Congrove**, glass artist **Brian Willis**, mixed media artist **Kristine Kollasch** and mixed media artist **Linda Peterson**.

Art enthusiasts can find details about participating artists, custom-build their own map or download a map at **[www.HiddenInTheHills.org](http://www.HiddenInTheHills.org)**. In addition, a new navigation app is available for free download at the iTunes App store or Google Play (search for "Sonoran Arts League mobile"). The app allows you to navigate from studio to studio while on tour.

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**.

## Meeting Notices

**Board of Directors** will meet on **Wednesday, November 6** at **10:30 a.m.**

**Budget & Finance Committee** will meet on **Monday, November 19** at **10:00 a.m.**

**Building & Grounds Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, November 12** at **10:00 a.m.**

**Communications Committee** will meet on **Wednesday, November 13** at **8:30 a.m.**

**Modifications Committee** will meet on **Tuesday, November 12** at **noon**. Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, November 7** at **12 noon**.

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### October Weather in Bellasera

(October 1 - October 30)

Highest Temperature: **95 degrees**

Lowest temperature: **40 degrees**

Rainfall: **0.00 inches**

Rainfall this year: **11.13 inches**

Bellasera weather 24/7/365: **[weather.azbellasera.org](http://weather.azbellasera.org)**

**Bellasera Weather at a Touch.** A free app for your iPhone or iPad will provide instant Bellasera weather information at a touch! This app is only available in the Apple App Store. In the App Store, search for "PWS Monitor" (no quotation marks). Install the free app. Touch the gear icon at the lower left of your display. The Settings screen will appear. Touch "Enter A Known Station ID" Enter "KAZSCOTT79" Touch OK.

That's it. More information, if required, is available by e-mail, **[editor@azbellasera.org](mailto:editor@azbellasera.org)**

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### Newsletter Copy Deadline

If you have classified ads, meeting dates, or articles for publication, please e-mail to **[editor@azbellasera.org](mailto: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 2**, With the next pickup the week of **Monday, December 30**. 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. **Remember, here in Bellasera, items cannot be put out prior to Friday of the previous week.** For more information, contact Solid Waste Management, **480-312-5600**.

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## Bellaser Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<sup>1</sup> Water Aerobics - 10 am Bridge - 1 pm	<sup>2</sup> Pickelball - 9 am
<sup>3</sup>	<sup>4</sup> Yoga - 8:45 am Water Aerobics - 10 am	<sup>5</sup>	<sup>6</sup> Pickelball - 2 pm Water Aerobics - 10 am Board Meeting - 10:30 am	<sup>7</sup> Yoga - 8:00 am	<sup>8</sup> Water Aerobics - 10 am Bridge - 1 pm	<sup>9</sup> Pickelball - 9 am
<sup>10</sup>	<sup>11</sup>  Yoga - 8:45 am Water Aerobics - 10 am	<sup>12</sup> Bellaser Hikers - 9 am Building and Grounds - 10 am Modifications - noon	<sup>13</sup> Pickelball - 2 pm Water Aerobics - 10 am Communications committee - 8:30 am	<sup>14</sup> Yoga - 8:00 am	<sup>15</sup> Water Aerobics - 10 am Bridge - 1 pm Wine & Cheese - 5 to 7 pm	<sup>16</sup> Pickelball - 9 am
<sup>17</sup>	<sup>18</sup> Yoga - 8:45 am Water Aerobics - 10 am	<sup>19</sup> Budget & Finance - 10:00 am	<sup>20</sup> Pickelball - 2 pm Water Aerobics - 10 am Book Club - Noon	<sup>21</sup> Yoga - 8:00 am Ladies Lunch - Noon	<sup>22</sup> Water Aerobics - 10 am Bridge - 1 pm	<sup>23</sup> Pickelball - 9 am
<sup>24</sup>	<sup>25</sup> Yoga - 8:45 am Water Aerobics - 10 am	<sup>26</sup>	<sup>27</sup> Pickelball - 2 pm Water Aerobics - 10 am	<sup>28</sup> 	<sup>29</sup> Water Aerobics - 10 am Bridge - 1 pm	<sup>30</sup> Pickelball - 9 am



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

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**.

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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.

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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**.

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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.

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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.

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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**.

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Desert Dwellers Home Watching, LLC, a home watching service exclusively for Bellasera residents. Desert Dwellers is owned and operated by year-round Bellasera residents **Jennifer Brummet** and **Ross Strozewski**. We are licensed and insured and provide a variety of weekly, bi-monthly or monthly visits. We provide visual inspections of the interior and exterior of the home including, but not limited to, check of windows and doors for any potential problems, visual inspection of landscaping, run water in all sinks, bathtubs and showers (to keep traps from drying out and prevent sewer gases from entering your home), start and run vehicles, and post storm surveying. All visits include a comprehensive home watching report. For a complete list of services and to schedule a complimentary assessment contact us at **480-634-1452** or e-mail us at **ddhomewatch@gmail.com**.

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Our four year old golden retriever needs a dog walker and a dog lover who will play ball with him at the dog park. Could that be you? Please text **Donna**, **308-641-7942**.

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*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***

# LONE MOUNTAIN ROAD CLEAN-UP



Pictured above are nine Bellasera residents who offered their time on Saturday, October 26 to assist in the Fall cleanup along Lone Mountain Road between Scottsdale Road and Hayden Road. Members of the Communications Committee organize the road cleanup twice a year to coincide with Scottsdale's city-wide campaign to clear trash from roadways. We thank all who assisted this Fall and if you would like to volunteer next Spring, just watch this newsletter for the next date and sign up.

Pictured on this beautiful October morning from left to right are: **Bob Gromko, Jeff Thormann, Ken Strobeck** (new resident), **Brenda Zieger, Jeff Zieger, Cheri Valuet, Mary Soeffner, Dennis Soeffner**, and Communications Committee member **Joe McDade**.

Photo by **Paul Rippens**.

Good job everyone!





## Bellasera Hikers

The picture above is from the Bellasera Hikers outing on Tuesday, October 22. The hike was at Brown's Ranch and everyone enjoyed the great weather.

Front row: **Cheri Valuet, Ellen Roach, Barbara Atteberry.**

Back row: **Mary Van Cleave, Michele Shannon, Tom Shannon, Karen Meiliken, Brian Blaesing, Jim Atteberry.**

Photographer: **Bruce Van Cleave.**





# 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  
Jim Coats - U.S. Marine Corps, 1967-1970  
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  
Kurt Fischer - U.S. Army, 1986-1994  
Bob Gromko - U.S. Army, 1959-1965  
Steve Herling - U.S. Army, 1964-1967  
Joel Holmes - U.S. Army, 1968-1972  
William Ingler - U.S. Air Force, 1955-1985  
Charlie Johnson - U.S. Army, 1971-1973  
Ron Junier - U.S. Navy, 1966-1972  
Raymond Klodt - U.S. Army, 1965-1967  
Barbara Knutson - Army National Guard -  
Medical Service Corps, 1974-1996  
Alan Lang - U.S. Army, 1965-1967  
Dee Luse - U.S. Army, 1958-1962

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  
Steve Padwe - U.S. Army, 1958-1962  
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  
Charles Schroeder - U.S. Army, 1955-1963  
Lawson Singer - U.S. Navy, 1944-1946  
Rick Stevens - U.S. Army, 1968-1974  
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 Mc Dade

## Cool Nights, Short Days and.... Beautiful Surroundings!

It took a while, but October finally succumbed to fall bringing us comfortable daytime temperatures along with cool nights. And, as we enter into November, expect more of the same delightful weather providing us with an opportunity to truly enjoy and appreciate our surroundings and, for our returning winter residents, a pleasant welcome mat.

## It's Rest Time For Your Garden... Prepare for Winter and Show Color!

Your garden also looks forward to this month as our **cool nights, short days** and **milder temperatures** will lull your garden into a much needed rest now through January. Plants actually move sugars and other energy, which has been manufactured all season by the leaves, into storage until needed next spring. With this change in season, you will need to make adjustments in how to care for your garden in preparation for winter. Also, let me remind you that our gardens in Bellasera don't go dark in the winter as they will exude plenty of color (with your help). As you drive through our community now, you can't help but notice the Lantana and Bougainvillea which are currently in full bloom. The two major themes for the month are:

- How to prepare your garden for winter.
- Suggestions and ideas on how you can add and maintain winter color in your garden.

## Winter Preparations

**Water Efficiently-** Plant requirements for moisture diminishes as weather cools and day length shortens. Cutting back on watering helps plants to transition into dormancy, thereby preparing them to resist freezing temperatures, and also lessens the likelihood of root rot from too wet soil. So, you'll need to adjust irrigation timers to run less frequently.

**General Watering Guidelines-** Apply the same amount of water to soak through the entire root zone of a plant but not as frequently. In other words, reduce watering frequency, not time of watering. Follow the 1-2-3 Rule: Water should penetrate **1** foot deep for shallow-rooted plants (annuals, perennials, cacti, succulents); **2** feet deep for shrubs, and **3** feet deep for trees. Remember, most of the Trees in Bellasera are mature and shouldn't require any watering. Some specific watering 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.

**Fertilization-** Do not fertilize roses or tropical landscape plants (i.e., bougainvillea, hibiscus), as fertilizer encourages tender new growth that is prone to frost damage.

**Weed Control-** 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.

**Cleanup-** It's time to clean up the entire garden. Pull weeds and take out spent annuals as well as



vegetables which can harbor insects and diseases during the winter season.

**Avoid Frost Problems-** Now is the time to begin planning for frost events. Historically, the first freeze can occur as early as November 15, although unlikely for us this year. However, you should stockpile old sheets and blankets in a handy location to cover cold-tender plants, along with flower and vegetable beds, if temperatures dip.

**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.

### **Will Your Garden have Color This Winter?**

Although winter conditions will put your gardens to rest through January, you can continue to plant frost-hardy and native woody shrubs and include items that will brighten your garden for the winter and spring. Things might not look bad yet but, once the temperatures drop, most plants will be closing down and going dormant for the winter. If you'd like to add some color that blooms in the fall and winter as well as liven up your yard for the holidays, you can do it with the right plants. **Here are some good shrub options.**

**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.

These shrubs can add winter color to your yard and make it more inviting.

**Bulbine** – It forms small clumps to 18 inches tall by 2 to 3 feet across with fleshy bright-green leaves that look good all year around. Its flowers are a tall spike of small yellow blossoms.

**Indigo Bush**- This evergreen shrub has an open, rounded growth form to 5 feet tall and wide. Its delicate silver foliage provides a striking contrast to the masses of violet flowers produced in winter and early spring. Indigo bush is quite susceptible to over watering, so plant it in well-drained soil and be careful to not kill it with kindness. The nectar-rich blossoms attract bees and butterflies.

**Black Dalea** - This shrub blooms in late fall with masses of bright purple flowers. It is evergreen and forms a rounded mound of gray-green foliage to 4 feet tall by 5 feet wide. As with Indigo bush, it needs full sun and is very tolerant of reflected heat. The bees cover this shrub during the bloom season.



**Emu Bush** - Blooming on this shrub begins in January and is in full swing by Valentine's Day. The masses of tubular red flowers are truly spectacular. For the rest of the year, this evergreen shrub provides nice deep green foliage and a dense rounded form. Plant in full sun and allow it plenty of room as it can quickly grow to 4 feet tall by 5 feet wide. It is cold hardy to the mid-20s.

**Angelita Daisy** - This is one of the best perennials to plant for year round color. Although blooming slows down in winter months, it can still be counted on to provide a splash of sunny yellow in the garden with its slender bright-green leaves.

**Santa Rita Prickley Pear**- This is the cactus with the rich purple pads that provide lots of winter color. It has a yellow bloom that appears in late spring. You should be able to find a good selection of these at our local nurseries

### **Did You Know?**

**Anna's and Costa's hummingbirds** are the most common hummingbirds at feeders now; both will breed in the winter. Some Costa's hummingbirds leave southern Arizona for the winter, returning in early spring to breed before the summer drought sets in.

**Small Animals**- As the days shorten and temperatures become cooler, reptiles, squirrels and ground squirrels will become inactive. Cottontails will still be afoot, and pursued, as our larger desert mammals such as bobcats and coyotes remain active throughout the winter.

### **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)

### **Observations and Musings**

**November 3rd**- Clocks are turned back, except ours.

**Veterans Day- Monday, November 11.** In honor of our veterans, I thought the following would be apropos:

*"It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died.*

*Rather we should thank God that such men lived"... George S. Patton*

**Thanksgiving Day-November 28.** It is a largely unique American holiday celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November. It is a day to give thanks for all our blessings and to celebrate with family and friends.

*"I come from a family where gravy is considered a beverage".....Erma Bombeck*

**Happy Thanksgiving!**



## *Rear View - A Bit of History*

### **NOVEMBER 2009**

The long-awaited Scottsdale Appaloosa Library opens on Wednesday, November 4. It's located at 7377 E. Silverstone Drive, east of Scottsdale Road between Pinnacle Peak Road and Williams Road. That's in the old Rawhide property.

From Bellasera resident Hal Schultz, news that Jordan Windows has closed, and all contact now is through Performance Windows and Doors, 480-558-5240. He recently had a window failure and needed repair. Service is available for the windows, that were installed in many Bellasera homes.

Last year our generous community sponsored a family of ten to help make their Christmas extra special. This was such a rewarding experience that we have chosen to do it again! We plan to adopt about 16 individuals this year. As soon as we know about their needs we will make an "Angel Tree." This Angel Tree will be in the clubhouse and you will be able to choose an Angel which will list the gift request. Complete details will be available by the tree and in the December newsletter. Thank you for your kindness and support! Your Bellasera Social Committee.

You're invited to join your neighbors for an evening of Italian cuisine. A catered Italian dinner will be provided. Please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert or \$5 per person. We encourage you to invite your neighbors to join us. When you bring a first time neighbor with you, their dinner is complimentary.

### **NOVEMBER 2014**

On Friday, November 7 at 10 a.m., Michael Frank from Frank Civil Consulting will join members of the Board of Directors and the Budget & Finance and Building & Grounds Committees for a special meeting. Topic of discussion will be his company's road study consistent with Bellasera's budget. Discussion will include parts of the study that are more critical in time and those which can be deferred.

Last month, Dennis Corbett tendered his resignation from the Board as he has bought a new house in a neighboring community and sold his house in Bellasera. We thank Dennis for his service on the Board and wish him well in his new home. At the October meeting of the Board, the Directors appointed Kirk Rimsnider to fill the remainder of Dennis' term which will expire at the next annual meeting of the homeowners in April 2015. Welcome aboard Kirk!

We are residents of Bellasera and have noticed an infestation of mosquitos this year.

Please be sure you are draining saucers of all flower pots or flower boxes in addition to making sure you are running your water feature and that it is chlorinated well and that it is not green water sitting stagnant where mosquitos thrive. Any buckets, wheel barrels or anything outside your home that holds water, even a small amount, is enough to breed mosquitos. Run your water feature, chlorinate it or drain it if it's not used. There has been a definite increase in mosquitos here in Bellasera this year due to neglected water features such as ponds, waterfalls, etc. Female mosquitos can lay up to 300 eggs at a time in stagnant water.--Bruno & Elaine LeDonne



## **Bellasera Community Association**

**7350 E Ponte Bella Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85266-2701**

Office: **480-488-0400**

Security/Front Gate: **480-488-3663**

**M-F: 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Sat: 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Sun: 7 a.m.-5 p.m.**

Web Site: **azbellasera.org**

Weather: **weather.azbellasera.org**

Community Directory: **directory.azbellasera.org**

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Community Manager: **Ronda Lalli (manager@azbellasera.org)**

Resident Services Coordinator: **Trudy Vinger (manager@azbellasera.org)**

-Office Hours-

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday, 12 Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Questions regarding your account?

Contact AAM, LLC: **602-957-9191** or toll free, **866-354-0257**

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### ***Bellasera Community Volunteers***

*Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless*

*Interested in volunteering? Go to [azbellasera.org](http://azbellasera.org), "BCA Members" page*

**Board of Directors - (board@azbellasera.org)**

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