

BELLASERA

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What the
new year
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Happy New Year

January - 2021



Clubhouse Corner

On December 5, 2020, six Bellasera artists presented our 3rd Annual Holiday Art Show and Sale at the clubhouse. We thank **Catie Barron** for bringing the artists together and for making the show a very enjoyable experience for the Bellasera residents. The article below and the photos (page 8) were provided by Catie.



On behalf of **Shelly Taylor, Deb Bourdreau, Susan Farrington, Carri Goodman, Patti Sygeel**, and myself, we would like to extend our heartfelt THANK YOU to all who attended our 3rd Annual Holiday Art Show and Sale. We had a fabulous time and enjoyed selling our artwork, meeting neighbors, and engaging in conversation!

The turnout was wonderful and it was great to see so many of our neighbors and friends. There were many exciting conversations about artwork between artists and collectors. The best gift you can give an artist is support which means not only purchasing our wares but also engaging in conversation about the work and what your reactions are to the work. We are so grateful for all the involvement of those who attended to keep our environment safe by wearing masks and practicing social distancing.

Thank you, also, to our association Board members who generously supported this event. We appreciate your input and support of this annual undertaking. Included are some of the images of the artwork that were available. If you are interested in reaching out to any of the artists, please let me know at **catie@catarzinastudio.com** and I will make the connection. We all look forward to seeing you next year! - **Catie**

Please enjoy the photos of the event on page 8 of this newsletter.

Bellasera Community Events

Bellasera Hikers: Unfortunately, due to the pandemic I will not be organizing any Bellasera group hikes for the winter months. I hope we can resume them by Spring. Stay healthy, stay safe. --Karen Meiliken

Community Inspection: A community-wide inspection for non-compliant night lighting and other obvious infractions will be conducted beginning on or about Friday, January 15. Members of the Building & Grounds and Modifications committees conduct these inspections periodically to maintain the stellar appearance of our community. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Bellasera Yoga Continues: Just a reminder that although the Bellasera Activity Room remains closed, **Joy**, our Yoga Instructor, continues to offer on-line yoga classes through Zoom. The classes are held on **Mondays** and **Thursdays** at **9 a.m.**, Arizona time. Weekly video recordings of the classes are also being provided. If you are interested in being added to the "Zoom" invitation list and/or would like to receive a weekly class recording, please contact **Joy**, joy.blonstein@gmail.com.

Classes and recordings are \$7 per class. Yoga packages (10 classes for \$63) may also be purchased. Any remaining classes that you have in yoga packages may be applied to these classes.

Bellasera Book Club: We are reading "*The Eye Of The Elephant*" by Delia and Mark Owens on **Wednesday, January 27** at **noon**. Details will be sent at a later date. Contact **Karen Moore**, kkmoore40@yahoo.com.

Found: Gold hoop earring on E. Ponte Bella Drive. Call or text **Michele**, **714-264-1015**, to claim.

Meeting Notices and Weather

Board of Directors will meet on **Thursday, January 14** at **1 p.m.**

Budget & Finance Committee will meet on **Tuesday, January 5** at **1 p.m.**

Building & Grounds Committee will meet on **Tuesday January 12** at **10 a.m.**

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

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, January 12** at **12:30 p.m.** Applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, January 7** at **12 noon.**

December Weather in Bellasera

(December 1 - December 31)

Highest Temperature: **79 degrees**

Lowest Temperature: **33 degrees**

Rainfall: **0.62 inches**

Rainfall this year: **6.73 inches**

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

Bellasera Weather at a Touch

A free app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android phone. Provides instant Bellasera weather information at a touch. This app is available in the Apple App Store or Google play. In the App Store or Google play, 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**

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, January 4**, with the next pickup being on **Monday, February 1**. 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.

Web Site Search

Bellasera's web site, **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** After the colon, enter any topic you wish to search for.

JANUARY 2021

Bellasera Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						² Pickleball Open Play - 8 am
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REAR VIEW - A HISTORY OF BELLASERA

JANUARY 2005

Melissa Price has lived in Bellasera for the past 5 years and moved here after 17 years in Northern California (Fremont- East Bay). Previously she worked for Lockheed Martin in Data Management and then Communications world. Paul and Eleanor Broad have lived in Bellasera for seven years. Paul's a former Public School Administrator, and would like his neighbors to know he enjoys people. Carol & Steve Padwe have lived in Arizona for 32 years, 5 1/2 at Bellasera. They moved to Bellasera from the Scottsdale Country Club area. The Board completed its discussion and approval of Bylaw changes at the Special Board meeting on December 12. All the changes must now be incorporated into the master document, and both our management company and our attorney will review the document. Therefore, it will still be a while before you see these changes and have the opportunity to vote on them.

We would like to commend all of you as during our December inspection we found the street scapes of the neighborhood in pristine condition. We loved the holiday décor and great spirit that resonates throughout the community. Here's to a healthy and happy New Year to you all.—Patti & Sheila

JANUARY 2011

Consider making 2011 the year you contribute more than your quarterly dues payment to the Bellasera community. There are several committees that could use your talents. All would welcome new faces and perspectives around the table at their monthly meetings. Thank you to everyone who donated food items for Bellasera's Thanksgiving food drive for the Foothill's Food Bank. The donations were really appreciated. Together we collected 658 pounds of food. Thank you for -ur amazing generosity! —Bellasera Social Committee

We have previously reported to you about the proposed commercial development at the northwestern corner of Pima and Dynamite which would include a general store, gas station, hardware store with feed and tack, a garden center, restaurant and bank. On December 27, 2010, the Scottsdale City Council held a hearing on the matter and, after more than three hours of public comment and debate, it was clear the council was headed for a 5-2 vote to reject the text amendment, with only Vice Mayor Suzanne Klapp and Councilwoman Lisa Borowsky favoring approval. Seconds before it was going to be formally voted down by the City Council, the applicant abruptly withdrew the proposal creating confusion and a small amount of disorder.

JANUARY 2016

All enjoyed the festive clubhouse Christmas tree this past season. We extend a belated thank you to these Bellasera volunteers who decorated the tree: David & Martha Johnson, Suzanne & Bob Gromko, Myrna & Harold Levin.

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REAR VIEW CONTINUED

Our Holiday Potluck dinner was graciously hosted by Emily Shriver and Barbara Wilson. They did a great job and 26 guests had plenty to eat. The White Elephant Gift Exchange was fun for all. On Friday, January 8, Lucy and Mike Ruotolo will be our hosts and help us welcome in the New Year. Come join us! It only costs \$1 per person and a dish to share (enough for 12) We supply coffee and cold drinks. You bring your favorite alcoholic beverage. When you sign up, tell us what you are planning to bring to avoid duplications.



Photo by Paul H. Rippens

A beautiful Bellasera morning - December 24, 2020

BELLASERA HOLIDAY ART SHOW & SALE PHOTOS



Deb Boudreau



Susan Farrington



Shelly Taylor



Patti Sygeel



Catie Barron



Carri Goodman

JUPITER SATURN CONJUNCTION

12/20/2020

On a recent weekend with clear nighttime skies Bellasera resident **Jim Atteberry** was able to capture this image from his backyard. Using his 102mm refracting telescope it shows Jupiter with its 4 Galilean moons and Saturn appearing just above it.

Jupiter and Saturn appeared to come together in our evening sky. But aligned in their orbits, they were shown to appear together.

One other detail in the image is the presence of The Great Red Spot on Jupiter. The Great Red Spot is an atmospheric storm in the upper atmosphere of Jupiter and has been seen on Jupiter since being discovered in 1831. In the image it can be found on the left side of the first dark band below Jupiter's equator. It is much easier to see in a full screen view of the image.





January in the Garden

by Joe McDade

At last, we can say goodbye to 2020. Have hope for a better year and savor the beauty of your landscape. Let Mother Nature nurture you and your garden. Say hello to 2021. Chill something bubbly. Say goodbye to a bad year with a farewell toast. Welcome the New Year.

A Tough Year Culminates in Our Month Of Winter

This past year was not kind to us in general and also applies to our gardens as we suffered through a dearth of rainfall along with record heat, the results of which are still visible (see Garden Observations below). January will be our month of winter which means a traditional slow month of gardening which will certainly be welcomed by all. Your primary focus should be on protecting your frost sensitive plants along with some selective pruning, and planting.

Your Garden Takes a Rest

January is generally a slow month for gardening, so take advantage of this “quiet” time by planning for the upcoming spring months. A few suggestions:

- Take a walk around your property and take note of what you might want to replace or add.
- If plants aren't doing well, attempt to ascertain why. Plant placement is usually the culprit along with too much or too little watering although our summer heat stress could have also played a major role.
- Determine if you'd like to add some winter flowering shrubs (e.g. Bougainvillea, Lantana, Bird of Paradise, Honeysuckle).

Pruning

Modern Roses- A fairly severe haircut promotes April's glorious bloom period. In general, remove dead, crossed, or crowded canes and those that grow across the center of the bush, inhibiting air circulation. Use clean, sharp bypass shears. These make a more precise cut than anvil shears, which tend to crush the stem.

Succulents - As a general rule, if plants have severe cold damage, resist the urge to prune affected stems until the weather warms next month. The only exception is flowering stalks on aloes, which can be removed anytime.

Deciduous Fruit Trees –Cut out all dead, diseased, or broken wood, any crossing branches, and waterspouts.

What To Plant

Bare Root Roses & Fruit Trees –This was covered in some detail last month and planting of roses and fruit trees can continue into January as nurseries should be well stocked.

Cool-season flowers- It's still not too late to transplant and enjoy a cheery mix of easy-to-grow calendula, Iceland poppy, nasturtium, pansy, petunia, snapdragon, stock and viola.

Succulents - Plant winter-growing succulents in the ground or in containers. Choose a location with high, filtered shade or one that is shaded from the afternoon sun. While winter sun suits all winter-growing succulents, summer sun, especially in the afternoon, can be too much for them.

Cool-Season Herbs-Transplant borage, cilantro, dill, parsley and thyme.

Cool-season veggies-Sow seeds for peas, root crops and salad greens. Transplant broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower and Chinese cabbage.

Warm-Season Vegetable Seeds-(If you are ambitious) Sow seeds indoors for peppers and tomatoes so that seedlings are ready to transplant outdoors between mid-February and mid-March (with frost protection). Small-to medium-size fruits are more likely to produce a good crop than beefsteak varieties, which often crack before they mature.

Red-Blooming Plants - The holiday season is over but, if you like to add some red-blooming plants form the next holiday season, consider the following in your spring planting:

- Dallas Red Lantana •Sierra Red Firecracker Bush
- Arizona Red Shades Blanket Flower •Hummingbird Trumpet

Garden Pests

Monitor Texas Mountain Laurel Trees-Mature 1-inch-long caterpillars commonly called sophora worms, may be found feeding in groups on Texas mountain laurels and occasionally on **crape myrtle** and **honeysuckle**. The insects' coloration varies from yellowish-gold to rust to greenish-gold, with white bristles arising from dark spots. Baby caterpillars create pinprick holes in leaves, while mature larvae create ragged edges as they chew. They seldom do significant damage to healthy, established plants, so no control is needed. For new transplants, hand-pick caterpillars or clip off heavily infested stems. NOTE: Birds like to feast on the caterpillars.

Control Aphids-These minuscule, soft-bodied insects feed in clusters on tender shoots of vegetables, flowers and landscape plants. Spray all affected areas with blasts of water from the hose; squish aphids between your gloved fingers; remove heavily infested leaves; and do not over-water or over-fertilize, which produces an abundance of fresh growth that attracts aphids. Never spray with broad-spectrum pesticides, which eliminate beneficial insects that consume aphids, such as lady beetle adults and larvae and green lacewing.

Citrus

If you are fortunate to have dwarf citrus in your garden, you are beginning to enjoy the harvest of fresh lemons, limes, grapefruit and/or oranges. To help guarantee a good crop every year, this is a reminder that your citrus should be **fertilized in January or February** with one-third of the tree's annual nitrogen requirements. Follow these guidelines:

- Apply at the tree's drip line (edge of the canopy) and slightly beyond, which is where actively growing root tips will absorb the product. Water deeply right after applying fertilizer.
- The amount to apply depends on the tree's size and how many years it has been in the ground. A small two-year-old tree needs one-half pound of nitrogen per year.
- The amount increases one-quarter pound annually until the tree is six years or older. It then takes about 1.5 pounds of nitrogen annually, with the exception of mature grapefruit trees, which require half that amount.

Remember: Citrus in Bellasera needs to be "Dwarf" and in your backyard. Also, the best place to keep most citrus is on the tree as long as possible. Citrus will grow sweeter on the tree even after ripening. Tangerines will not stay on the tree as long as other citrus.

Desert Observations

Pencil Plant- This popular succulent is putting on quite a show throughout our community. Also known as *Euphorbia tirucalli*, the plant's green pencil-like sticks turn bright coral when the plant is under stress. Succulent stress can come in the form of many factors including the plant having too little water, being too cold, or being planted in nutrient poor soil. Gardeners commonly deprive this succulent, as well as several other types of succulents, of nutrients or water on purpose in order to encourage the plant to display its bright and showy colors. It looks like we have achieved this in Bellasera.

Mesquites- They begin to lose their leaves this month as they fade to yellow or brown and begin to fall which is normal leaf loss in these plants. While screwbean mesquite is completely deciduous each year, velvet mesquite lose their leaves gradually, often as the new leaves emerge.

Cacti- You may notice a deepening red to purple coloring on your cacti. This change in color of the stems or leaves is a response to the cold weather. As noted above, our community has several Pencil tree plants that have taken on an attractive orange-red hue.

Effects of Heat Stress and Drought- *Bougainvillea*, *Lantana*, *Bird of Paradise*, *Honeysuckle* and other flowering shrubs are putting on a show right now but a little below our norms due to our paltry summer rainfall and the effects of heat stress. Others effected are **Rosemary** whose lavender blue flowers are behind schedule and **Desert Marigold** which has hardly made an appearance this winter. With normal moisture, this wildflower would be sprouting its bright yellow florets throughout Bellasera, but are currently hard to find.

Frost- So far, we have had no frost and there is none in our short term weather projections. However, keep alert!

Happy New Year!

(If you have a gardening question, please contact the Maricopa County Cooperative Extension Service at 602-470-8086)



Desert Marigold

Are your Window coverings making your home feel dated? I am **Mike Alldredge** a resident of Bellasera and owner of Array Shutters and Blinds. I offer a full line of custom shutters, Hunter Douglas products and automated patio shades. Bellasera homeowners will receive a Friends and Family discount. Give me a call and see what new window coverings will do to update your home. **Mike Alldredge** w/Array Shutters and Blinds, **602-677-2779**.

I love living in Bellasera! It was my honor and privilege to represent 3 buyers and 3 sellers during 2020 in our wonderful community. Besides local expertise and a proven track record, if you desire a full service client experience and authenticity, please call on me for all your real estate needs and interests. We are in a historically strong seller's market that will continue into 2021. Even if you just want to know what your home might be worth, contact me today for a market analysis – **Audrey Fischer**, Realtor – Coldwell Banker Realty, **480-740-4223**, audrey.fischer@azmoves.com.

Real Estate Services by your Bellasera resident neighbor, **Karen Trisko**, Realtor at Keller Williams AZ Realty. I deliver personal care and integrity for every client. Home prices are very high, with some forecasts predicting declines in value in 2021. Get your free home value assessment now -- contact me, **623-226-8110**, karentrisko@kw.com. I have a unique approach to get your home seen by more people and sold for top dollar in a short time. *I can also show you how to sell for top dollar now, and wait to buy your next home after prices have declined -- without moving twice.*

I'm **Barbara Prizeman**, your neighbor, friend and Bellasera Realtor. Having lived in such an amazing community as ours over the past 5 years, I've gotten to know quite a few of you and continue to look forward to meeting many more. I will always bring value to you as your real estate expert in Bellasera and our surrounding communities. Right now I'm working with buyers and sellers who live in Bellasera. I've sold homes in Scottsdale, Carefree and Cave Creek as well as homes in Old Town and everywhere in between. Please allow me the opportunity to represent you for any and all of your real estate needs, someone who will work quickly and efficiently with you to get your house SOLD! **Barbara Prizeman, Realtor**, Coldwell Banker Realty, **630-263-1961**, barbara.prizeman@azmoves.com.

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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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Bellasera Classifieds - Continued

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 dedicated to ensuring our neighbors have access to reliable and trustworthy home monitoring while away from their desert dwelling. 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**, ddhomewatch@gmail.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*



Photo by Paul H. Rippens

How could you ever get tired of Arizona sunsets



Bellasera Community Association

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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**

Community Manager: **Pamela Nunnelly (manager@azbellasera.org)**

-Office Hours-

Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Questions regarding your account?

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

AAM, LLC (after hours, emergency): **602-957-9191** or toll free, **866-553-8290**

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**, "BCA Members" page*

Board of Directors - board@azbellasera.org

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Treasurer - Jim Ragborg

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