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**The next AGA meeting will be held the evening of Wednesday, November 5th at Sky Harbor Airport.**

Save the date. Details to follow.

**Review of the AGA Meeting, September 10, 2014**

Our first meeting of the 2014–2015 season was held **Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** at the Octane Raceway at the Pavilions Shopping Center at Talking Stick. It was an opportunity to visit with DMC's and become acquainted with new members of the Arizona Guides Association. A Many took advantage of the racing laps and tried out their skills.

**Lost and Found Department at Sky Harbor**

It happens. Things get lost in the confusion. Wallets, cell phones, jackets, keys, credit cards...I'm sure that the people at Sky Harbor International Airport have seen all the usual items inadvertently left behind by passengers passing through the airport. Quick facts: **Airport Lost and Found Hours of Operation:** Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Phone Number:** 602–273–3333, **Location:** Ground Transportation annex building just west of the Operations Center, between Terminal 2 and Terminal 3. **Mailing Address:** 3300 E. Sky Harbor Blvd. Phoenix, Arizona 85034

If you left an item on an airplane, that item remains with that airline. You'll need to contact the Phoenix office of that airline to inquire about your lost item. If you lost something behind a Security Checkpoint you must contact the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). The TSA and Sky Harbor Airport are separate entities, and Sky Harbor Airport cannot access the TSA Lost and Found. **TSA Found Property Hours of Operation:** Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m, **TSA Phone Number:** 602–244–1840

**Where is Terminal 1?**

Those of us who have lived here for awhile know that there are three terminals at Sky Harbor Airport No, they are not Terminals 1, 2 and 3. They are Terminals 2, 3 and 4.

Logically enough, Terminal 1 or T1 was the first and only terminal when the Phoenix airport opened in 1952. I recall flying into Phoenix and waiting for my bags -- outside on the sidewalk as a conveyer brought them by. Increases in air traffic and bigger planes led to the eventual demise of Terminal 1. The newest terminal T4 opened in 1990. Southwest Airlines moved to the new terminal, and T1 was razed in 1991. Why didn't they renumber the terminals? Probably for two reasons. One was to eliminate the confusion that might ensue for passengers, and the other was to save some money on all new signage throughout the airport. But I'm just guessing. I wasn't at that meeting!

**Provide Official Feedback to the Phoenix Airport**

Sometimes you just want to be heard. Sometimes you need to communicate your issue directly to airport personnel. The people at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport are constantly striving to meet or exceed passenger expectations. Of course, it's a big operation, and it isn't always easy to accomplish that goal. If you had a problem at the Rental car Center with shuttle service, in the parking lots, in the terminals or with any other aspect of your airport experience, you can contact the Phoenix Airport to report the problem. Providing specific details -- the date and time of the experience, which shuttle, employee names -- will help them to identify problems and resolve them.

Likewise, if you come across an airport employee or volunteer who gave you great service, was especially helpful, or just made your travel experience a little more pleasant, please take a moment to get that person's



name and submit your feedback about that as well. Contact Community Relations 602-683-3654. or email [skyharbor@phoenix.gov](mailto:skyharbor@phoenix.gov)

## **20 Best Things To Do in Phoenix, Scottsdale and Beyond**, by Judy Hedding, Phoenix Expert (with minimal editing by April Adams)

### **Heard Museum**

The Heard Museum is unique, however, not only in the exhibits that are displayed, but the style and grace in which they are displayed. I never tire of visiting the Heard Museum, with its more than 32,000 pieces of cultural and fine art. There are permanent exhibits, like the famous Barry Goldwater collection of Kachina Dolls, as well as special exhibits year-round. Some of the special annual events include the World Championship Hoop Dance Contest, which is held each February, and the Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair & Market each March. There's a METRO light rail station nearby.

### **Desert Botanical Garden**

The Desert Botanical Garden has one of the world's finest collections of desert plants. It is one of only 44 botanical gardens accredited by the American Association of Museums. At the Desert Botanical Garden you will find 50 acres of beautiful outdoor exhibits. Home to 139 rare, threatened and endangered plant species from around the world, there is no finer place to enjoy desert beauty than the Desert Botanical Garden. The Garden is located in Papago Park in Central Phoenix.

### **Chase Field and University of Phoenix Stadium**

Chase Field was the first baseball facility in the world to combine a retractable roof, air conditioning, and a natural turf field. Chase Field's retractable roof can be closed in less than 5 minutes! If you are a baseball fan, a visit to this state-of-art facility will be a special treat. If you aren't that interested in going to a Diamondbacks game, you can still see the stadium. Just go to lunch or dinner at Friday's Front Row Sports Grill, open 363 days a year. If the Arizona Diamondbacks are playing that day, you have to call them to buy tickets to eat there. Chase Field is located in downtown Phoenix. There's a METRO light rail station nearby. What? You say it isn't baseball season? On the other side of town, the Arizona Cardinals play NFL football at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale. That's also where the Fiesta Bowl is played, as well as the Super Bowl when it is our turn. It is another amazing and unique facility, and, yes, you can take a tour even when it isn't football season.

### **Musical Instrument Museum**

In north Phoenix we have an amazing destination for music lovers, world culture enthusiasts and people who just plain enjoy listening and learning. It's a colorful and impressively designed major collection of musical instruments from all over the world, complete with audio vignettes for your listening pleasure. MIM is a place for all ages. If you'd rather sit in one place and be entertained, MIM also has a concert hall where they present musical performers from around the world. There's not a museum like this one anywhere else, and it's always on my list for visitors to the area. It will take a couple of visits to see the whole museum.

### **Climb Piestewa Peak or Camelback Mountain**

Piestewa Peak, formerly known as Squaw Peak, is part of the Phoenix Mountains Preserve. The elevation of Piestewa Peak is 2,608 feet; the total elevation gain for the Summit Trail is 1,190 feet. That might not sound high, but hikers of all levels can get a great workout climbing this mountain and get a great view of the city when they get to the top. If you decide to hike the Summit Trail, though, you won't be alone. According to the City of Phoenix. It is one of the most heavily used trails in the nation with 4,000 to 10,000 hikers per week. Dogs and bicycles are not permitted on the Summit Trail. Camelback Mountain has two major trails. Neither one is especially long, but they are considered moderate to difficult hikes. Echo Canyon is the most popular and is steeper. Cholla Trail is not as steep, but rockier.

### **Scottsdale Art Walk**

There are more than 100 art galleries in Scottsdale. You can enjoy Scottsdale ArtWalks every Thursday evening, year-round (except on Thanksgiving) from 7 to 9 p.m. Each week, Scottsdale Gallery Association members host special exhibits – many with artist receptions – and join together for an informal come-and-go “open house” throughout the district. Casual and eclectic, it's a great time to visit the galleries and learn about



featured artists. Several times per year, the Scottsdale Gallery Association holds Special Event ArtWalks with live music along the streets and special themed events.

### **Arizona Capitol Museum**

I don't know exactly why this museum doesn't get more attention -- I love this place and it's free! There's no better way to learn about the history of Arizona, from territorial days, through the creation of the state, and into the current century. Visit the first Governor's Office, the original Congressional chamber and other cool places. This museum is located in the government complex near downtown Phoenix. It's actually right next door to our current House and Senate buildings. While you are there, stop across the street and walk around Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza with memorials to various historical figures, individuals and organizations, as well as a 9-11 Memorial.

### **Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin West**

In northeast Scottsdale, Arizona there is a living memorial to a great American architect. Nestled in the foothills of the rugged McDowell Mountains and surrounded by the spectacular Sonoran Desert lies a sprawling complex called Taliesin West. It was designed and built by Frank Lloyd Wright. Taliesin West today houses The Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, The Frank Lloyd Wright Memorial Foundation, and The Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture. To get the full impact and understanding of the project and the man, I recommend you take one of the tours.

### **Golf at Gold Canyon Ranch, Dinosaur Course**

This golf course, located in Apache Junction, is one of the best golf courses in Arizona. The good news is, it is a public course. If you enjoy golf, you'll be challenged while you enjoy the spectacular scenery. The Dinosaur Course is the more challenging and the better of the two courses, in my opinion. It is also tougher to get a tee time there than on the other course, Sidewinder. That's just one of more than 200 golf courses in the Phoenix area.

### **Drive Apache Trail**

The Apache Trail will be one of the most memorable drives you'll ever take. Your adventure will begin in Apache Junction, about 25 miles east of downtown Phoenix. The 46 miles between Apache Junction and Roosevelt Lake provides not only the most scenic part of the trip but also the most challenging driving. Please don't close your eyes! Along the way, you'll pass (or you can stop) at the Lost Dutchman State Park, Goldfield Ghost Town, Saguaro Lake, the Canyon Lake Recreation Area, the Theodore Roosevelt Dam site, and the Tonto National Monument. The Apache Trail has been designated a USFS Scenic Byway by the U.S. Forest Service, as well as an Arizona Scenic Historic Byway. It's a great day trip! Seriously -- if you are a nervous driver or passenger, this drive might not be for you.

### **Tovrea Castle**

In the middle of Phoenix, atop a hill, there sits a building that looks something like a wedding cake. For many years people drove by, wondering what that building was all about. After the City of Phoenix purchased it, they developed it so that your questions could be answered. You can take a tour of the grounds and the building, learn about the families that lived here and discover how they influenced the history of Phoenix.

### **Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art**

The Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art (friends call it "SMoCA") focuses on modern and contemporary art, architecture and design. There are five galleries that showcase changing exhibitions and works from the Museum's growing permanent collection. The Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art features an outdoor sculpture garden. Sometimes you can even get in for free! The Museum presents a variety of educational programs and special events for adults and families, including lectures, docent-led tours, workshops and classes.

### **South Mountain Park**

At over 16,000 acres, South Mountain Park and Preserve often is considered the largest municipal park in the country. There are more than 50 miles of trails for horseback riding, hiking and mountain biking. Dobbins Lookout, at 2,330 feet, is the highest point in the park accessible by trail. If you aren't into hiking, biking or riding, you can simply drive to Dobbins Point to get a fantastic view of the Valley of the Sun. It's just over 5 miles from Central Avenue to Dobbins Lookout.



## **Montezuma Castle and Tuzigoot**

About one and a half hours north of Phoenix are two National Monuments that are well worth a day trip from the Phoenix area. Montezuma Castle and Tuzigoot are managed by the National Park Service, and there is small fee for entry. The museum at Montezuma Castle provides good information but needs a bit of refurbishment. The Visitor Center at Tuzigoot, however, is very well done. Both monuments are very interesting, but for the younger crowd, Tuzigoot will be the more popular of the two since you can actually walk up, in and around the structure. Hiking is involved unless you stay in the museums, so, if that isn't appealing to you, you might have to skip this trip

## **Shop at Scottsdale Fashion Square**

Scottsdale is known for many things, and shopping is one of them. A list like this would not be complete without a recommendation for a shopping destination. There are newer malls in the Greater Phoenix area, but none is as appealing as Scottsdale Fashion Square. In a city that's not known for haute couture, you'll be able to satisfy that urge here. When the rich and famous, locals and visitors, need an upscale mall, this is where they go!

## **Phoenix Zoo**

The Phoenix Zoo is one of the younger zoos in the country. Not only is it a successful zoo established by the Maytag family, but it is a privately owned, nonprofit zoo. That means that it operates strictly without any government funding. The Phoenix Zoo is totally supported by donors and private organizations. Recognizing the important role that zoos must play, the Phoenix Zoo has been very active in wildlife conservation programs. The Zoo is open every single day of the year, including December 25th. In the summer, I advise that you get there as early as possible, since many animals head for shade and hide during the heat of the day (smart).

## **Rawhide Western Town**

Rawhide has got to be the best place to take kids from back east that want to be cowboys and cowgirls. At Rawhide you can experience the Old West: gunfights, stunt shows, stagecoach rides, desert train rides, petting ranch, bull riding, gold panning, camel rides, working blacksmith, western shops (if you need chaps or spurs, this is the place), games, and horse rides. Many of the activities at Rawhide have a fee or you can buy a Town Pass and go to town! During the year there are also a variety of holiday western-themed events here. Most of the activities are outdoors. Of course, you could just go to Rawhide for the dinner and music and leave the kids at home. The town closes for a few weeks during the summer, so check the schedule. Rawhide is located south of Phoenix, in Chandler

## **Butterfly Wonderland**

Many cities have places where you can see and walk among butterflies. Our own Desert Botanical Garden even has a butterfly garden, once in the spring and once in the fall. What makes this one unique is that it is the largest butterfly atrium in the United States. Grab the kids, bring the camera and check out the thousands of pretty little flying insects. Butterfly Wonderland is located in North Scottsdale.

## **Hot Air Balloon Ride**

We have an abundance of sunshine and clear sky, making the Phoenix area a popular one for hot air balloon rides. If you have ever dreamed of floating over the Valley of the Sun, you can do that here all year long. While I don't suffer from acrophobia, I'm usually not too fond of being anywhere where the vertical distance is greater than I can jump. Honestly, I had no problem with my hot air balloon experiences here, and there are plenty of places in the balloon basket to hold on.

## **Shamrock Farms**

If you've lived in Arizona for any period of time, you'll recognize the company name Shamrock Farms. Their products are prominent in our dairy cases, our school cafeterias, hospitals, and in food service in general. What you might not know is that Shamrock Farms is headquartered right here in Arizona. It's a family-owned company, so you won't see it on NASDAQ and you won't see their profit and loss statement, but you'll see plenty of cows -- about 10,000 of them -- at the dairy farm in Stanfield, Arizona. Shamrock Farms is the largest family-owned and operated dairy in the Southwest.





The Shamrock Farms logo features a cartoon image of Roxie, who is the official "spokescow" for Shamrock Farms. Roxie confided in me that despite all the photos depicting the McClelland family history on the walls, she really runs the place. Roxie told me this, and she said I can tell you: The farm at Stanfield operates on about 240 acres.

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January 10, 2015 and May 9, 2015

### **Arizona Trivia**

1. The original Tonight Show was hosted by what late Phoenix resident?
2. What noted Phoenix country singer starred with John Wayne in the movie True Grit?
3. Who were the Anasazi?
4. The gunfight at the O. K. Corral took place on what date?
5. For how many years did Barry Goldwater serve as U.S. senator?
6. What federal territory was Arizona originally part of?
7. How many of Zane Gray's novels were set in Arizona?
8. Where is De Gracia Gallery in the Sun located?
9. Where was Superbowl XXX played?

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Please share any small stories about places of interest in Arizona, excursions you have taken or interesting experiences that can benefit our education.

Answers to the Trivia (Steve Allen, Glen Campbell, Native American ancestors of the Pueblo people, October 26, 1881, thirty, Territory of New Mexico, twenty-five, Tucson, at ASU's Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe.)

### **What is Harvest Time like in Sedona?**

With terrain this spectacular, it's no wonder that Sedona residents and visitors feel close to the land, connected in ways they don't experience elsewhere. The beauty of the region goes far beyond skin deep. It is a productive, bountiful land bursting with possibilities. It was the rich volcanic soil, year round water and abundant sunshine fueling long growing seasons that drew the very first pioneers. Those early agricultural roots plunged deep and have endured throughout the decades. Although the economy has shifted towards tourism, Sedona and the Verde Valley remain a thriving corridor of family-owned ranches and farms.

Right now, crops are being harvested and fruit is being picked in orchards beneath crisp autumn skies. Vineyards are busy with their annual grape crush, a vibrant celebration of this fertile land. It's a part of Sedona's cultural heritage that many visitors don't get to see. Yet they reap the benefits, dining on exquisite meals crafted from fresh, local ingredients and savoring wines made from grapes grown and bottled just up the road. They experience the unmistakable terroir of Sedona. The cottonwoods, sycamores, willows and oaks burst into hues of red and gold. Crowds flock to the spectacle. They hike the trails beneath wreaths of neon and linger by the clear-running stream now decorated by soft cascade of falling leaves. Then they finish their afternoon by stopping at a roadside stand to sip a glass of cider and buy a bag of just-picked apples. If autumn has a flavor it is that right there: the gentle, juicy crunch of a sweet apple as you drive through Oak Creek Canyon with the windows down.

**Subject: Flashlight APP?** Please read. No joke it's a big problem if you have!

Some interesting (and scary) info for those that use smart phones. [www.youtube.com/embed/Q8xz8xKEFvU](http://www.youtube.com/embed/Q8xz8xKEFvU)



## **Where Rubber Grows** by Ryan Randazzo, The Republic Newspaper Sunday, October 5, 2014 AZ Economy

The few strips of shrubby vegetation growing near railroad tracks in the middle of southeast Valley industrial park look like someone's small garden project. But the plot at Yulex Corp isn't being used to raise garden staples. Instead, it is producing guayule, a homegrown replacement for rubber that could help Arizona Supply companies making everything from wetsuits to tires.....

If the companies researching guayule as a rubber source are successful, Arizona is sure to benefit by fostering the new industry. That is because the plant grows well only in arid regions such as west Texas and southern Arizona.....Guayule produces latex without the high level of proteins that cause allergic reaction in some people, making it an efficient, environmentally sustainable replacement for natural rubber from trees.

From the DBG booklet: Guayule is a good quality rubber can be made from substances contained in the leaves and stems of this Chihuahuan Desert plant. The prehistoric Hohokam Indians used game balls made from guayule, and, over 500 years later during World War II, it was used as an emergency source of rubber. The Gila River Pima Indians have reinitiated commercial cultivation of this plant.



**Parthenium argentatum Gray**, commonly known as the **Guayule** (/gwaɪˈuːli/ or /waɪˈuːleɪ/, as in Spanish), is a flowering shrub in the aster family, Asteraceae, that is native to the southwestern United States and northern Mexico. It was originally discovered by J.M. Bigelow in 1852 and was first described by Asa Gray. It can be found in the US states of New Mexico and Texas and the Mexican states of Zacatecas, Coahuila, Chihuahua, San Luis Potosí, Nuevo Leon, and Tamaulipas. The plant can be used as an alternate source of latex that is also hypoallergenic, unlike the normal rubber. In pre-Columbian times, the guayule was a secondary source of latex for rubber, the principal source being the Castilla elastica tree. The name "guayule" derives from the Nahuatl word ulli/olli, "rubber".

The Hohokam grew guayule. They were first known human inhabitants of the Sahuarita region in Arizona were the Hohokam people, which may be the ancestors of the modern day Tohono O'odham nation. The Hohokam were known for their highly innovative and extensive use of irrigation. The Hohokam were a very peaceful people, they had extensive trade routes extending to Mesoamerica and showed many cultural influences from their southern neighbors.

## **Hidden In The Hills Studio Tour & Sale**

Held annually the weekends before and after Thanksgiving, the Sonoran Arts League presents Hidden in the Hills, the Valley's largest six-day studio tour for art enthusiasts, patrons and serious collectors. The HITH tour of members' studios offers a unique opportunity to observe artists at work. Visitors are welcome to participate in conversation and creative connection with up to 200 artists, gleaning insight into the creative process, learning about the tools of the trade and are able to purchase works directly from the artists. Hidden In The Hills is the League's signature event that brings excitement, enrichment and artistic awareness so essential to life and community. FREE ADMISSION. This year it takes place Nov. 21-23 and Nov. 28-30 2014. It is a fun activity to do on the weekend. [www.sonoranartsleague.org](http://www.sonoranartsleague.org) or 480-575-6624

## **9 Phoenix area golf courses sold as part of \$307M deal**

A New York private equity firm has bought 11 Arizona golf courses and country clubs as part of a \$307 million deal involving golf properties in 13 states. Arrowhead Country Club in Glendale, Tatum Ranch Golf Club in Cave Creek and Raven Golf Club at South Mountain were among the Phoenix area golf properties sold by Orlando-based CNL Lifestyle Properties to an entity called CF Arcis X LLC. Ancala Country Club and Continental Golf Course in Scottsdale, Stonecreek Golf Club in Phoenix, Superstition Springs Golf Club in Mesa, Kokopelli Golf Club in Gilbert and Legend at Arrowhead Golf Resort in Glendale also were part of the sale.

## **Kartchner Tour**

We are making good progress on putting together the **Kartchner Trip** for December 4, 2014. It is **SOLD OUT** with a waiting list. 40 (39)



pax plus Coach Driver). Final payments must be paid by next AGA General meeting. More details to come.