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MARCH 2012

# Ah, Spring!

**IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO PUT ON A HOME TOUR ♦ MEET  
NEIGHBOR MARK WEETER ♦ GET ORGANIZED AND HELP  
HOMELESS ANIMALS — IT'S EASY! ♦ MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR  
UPCOMING FUN ♦ AND...MORE!**

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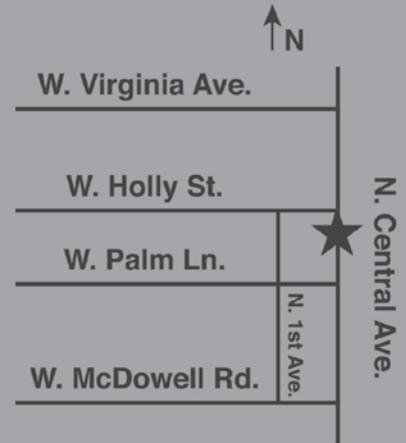
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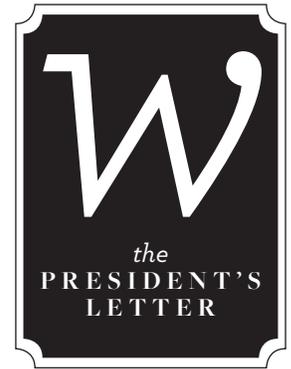
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# Blossoming Spring

**T**he signs of spring are all over Willo. The trees are starting to blossom, the Bermuda is coming back to replace the winter lawns and flowers, and our annual home tour has once again come and gone. This year's tour was quite a long time coming as the preparations began in March of 2011. Every item was planned and checked off meticulously. Thanks to all of the home owners who graciously opened their homes for the thousands of visitors, our home tour committee and our committee chairs, Jill Bray and Tom Vigil of Coronado, for their absolute devotion to this project for the second year and the legacy they have created. Also thanks to Mayor Greg Stanton and Councilman Michael Nowakowski for joining us. Best wishes to next year's chairs, Andrea Meury & Lisa Bliss, for our 25th Home Tour and celebration.

As spring is a time for new growth, be

sure to watch your plants, particularly on corners that might block vision as drivers attempt to turn or cross streets, and in our alleys. Many of us have fast growing plants such as oleanders that block passage for the



BRAD BRAUER (MONTE VISTA)  
*Willo Neighborhood President*

trash trucks as they try to drive through. A reminder that our next bulk trash pickup begins March 19th – please do not place large items out in the alleys for bulk pickup prior to March 10. Pick up dates are posted in your water bill and online at Phoenix.gov.

We're working closely with APS and the Mayor's office to remove the "dead" telephone poles left by our utility providers. From what we've been told, Century Link is the last to transfer their lines to the new poles; and once that is completed, APS can remove the poles that are no longer in use. At last count there were approximately 17 in the neighborhood.

I hope you've had the chance to see our new gateway entrance and exits at Edgemont, 3rd & 5th Avenues. Our seven-year project is finally completed to define our entrance and exit, slow traffic and beautify our neighborhood.

It's time to get out of your homes and enjoy the spring weather, share a bottle of wine with a neighbor or extend a hand. Until next time, see you 'round the 'hood. **W**

## WILLO KIDS CLUB

# Let the Games Begin

Willo Kids Club is hosting a gaming event



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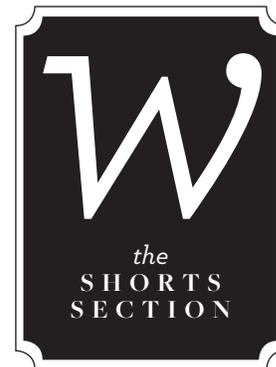
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# Three Cheers



**A**s our neighborhood gets back to normal from a weekend of tours, parties, front porch gatherings and more than 3,700 guests in Willo, we want to thank the many people that contributed to the wild success of the 2012 Willo Home Tour.

◆ Many thanks to our homeowners that so generously put their homes on tour: Mary Durand, Wink and Catherine Pearson, Shaun and Brady Breese, Rhonda Jobe, Jill Rossinow, Steve Reiley and Jeff Toney, Nila and Derek Pittam, Susan and Len Erie, Bryan Bryant and Jonathyn Allen, Paula and Bruce Cater, Shelly Watkins, Ed Johnson and April Osborn, Colin and Lindsay Vogel and Ron and Earlene Burris for opening up the historic firehouse.

◆ And thanks to our WONDERFUL volunteer neighbor committee who tirelessly worked to put the home tour together: Jill Bray-Chairman, Tom Vigil-Chairman, Dina Anagnopoulos, Randy Betnar, Jason

and Lisa Bliss, Brad Brauer, David Bray, Alice Broscheid, Bob Cannon, Cindy DePonti, Michael DeSouza, Kevin Devlin, Phil Flemming, Kathy Gee, Andi Gerstenberger, Julie Gieringer, Bob and Diana Herman, Drue Kaplan, Andrea Katsenes, Darren Leek, Theresa LoCoco, Bob McCarville, Farina McKenzie, Andrea Meury, Chrissa Michelle, Rebecca Nevedale, Bill Rayner, Mara Reynolds, Bobbi Ryals, Becky Shaw, Kat Soderberg, Leslie Stackpole, Rocio Sumner, Stacie Taylor, Cindy and Bob Thomas, Vicki Vanderhoff, Patrice Wappel, Chris Wertheim, Julie Whelihan and Michele Wolff.

◆ And all the volunteer neighbors that helped out on the day of our tour: Cindy Blandino, Kate Branch, Alex Fuller, Randy Gee, Janet Gould, Beth Lewallen, Mac & Marilyn McGrath, Denise Staley, Michelle Trush, and Don Vallejo

◆ And thanks to the unsung heroes of the Home Tour that helped just because we needed them:

■ Councilman Tom Simplot, who jumped in to help us “unblock” 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue because

of construction, on the day of our tour.

■ David and Becky Shaw, owners of Party People, who gave us great rates and added value (free stuff) on tables, benches, chairs, umbrellas, linens for each of our home tour events. And helped move it all!

■ Councilman Michael Nowakowski, who promoted our home tour on his Channel 11 “On the Issues” program.

■ Sue Doerfler at the Arizona Republic for her beautiful front page article.

■ Our Phoenix Police friends, Ben Harris, Julie Smith and Sergeant Amy Breitman for helping us on tour day.

■ to Darryl Collins and David Miranda for opening up their home for our neighborhood Twilight Tour cocktail reception.

■ to Mike Oleskow and Russ Haan for hosting our fall rooftop party for our committee and homeowners.

■ to Eric Eggert for sharing home tour insight and knowledge of the inner workings of PayPal.

■ to Cindy DePonti for creating the brochure cover art and a painting of each tour house as a gift to the owners. 



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### Willo Website

Join the Willo email list to receive important neighbor notifications and updates. To subscribe, send an email to: [WilloTalk-join@WilloHistoricDistrict.com](mailto:WilloTalk-join@WilloHistoricDistrict.com). The Willo website, [www.willohistoricdistrict.com](http://www.willohistoricdistrict.com), contains information on neighborhood activities, committee and board meetings. Webmaster Eric Eggert can be contacted at [webmaster@willohistoricdistrict.com](mailto:webmaster@willohistoricdistrict.com).

### Willo Historic Neighborhood Association Board

The Willo Historic Neighborhood Association Board was established in the early 1980s. The members are volunteers and are elected every two years in March. The association does not collect dues and does not act like a Home Owner's Association (HOA). Rather, its function is to serve the collective well being of the neighborhood. Meetings are typically held the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Fairfield Inn and Suites Hotel. All residents of Willo are invited to attend. Agendas are available online prior to the meeting at [www.willohistoricdistrict.com](http://www.willohistoricdistrict.com).

### Inside Willo newsletter

This free newsletter is published monthly (excluding July & August) by a committee headed by Willo volunteers. Willo neighbors are encouraged to submit neighborhood news, tidbits, photos and articles (between 250-350 words) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. We reserve the right to: edit as needed, attribute to the submitting neighbor (with the street they live on where appropriate), determine which issue the information may be printed and use content on our website and in neighborhood promotional materials. The Willo Neighborhood Association is not responsible for nor endorses the editorial content in Inside Willo. A copy of Inside Willo is also posted to the Willo website each month.

### City Preservation

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Walk-in hours are 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, Mondays through Fridays at the main office, located at 200 W. Washington Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor. The field office is The Ellis-Shackelford House at 1242 N. Central Avenue (by appointment only)

### Exterior Rehabilitation Program

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**WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

*Beth Lewallen (Cambridge)*

**N**athan Carel and Brooke Francis are new Willo residents who settled into their home on Cambridge just in time to enjoy the neighborhood luminaria festival. They've lived in the Phoenix area since 2005; Nathan is originally from Missouri, and Brooke is from Iowa. Their adorable dog Gazpacho (Guz), however, is a Phoenix native.

**WHY DID YOU BECOME INTERESTED IN WILLO?** We first became aware of Willo when we happened to be out driving around the area and saw the "for rent" sign in the front yard. It wasn't actually until after we met with the realtor and decided to move in that we realized what a great neighborhood we found.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT WILLO?** There are so many things about Willo that we love. One of our favorite things is the city skyline at night. It's unbelievable that you can feel like you're living in the suburbs and still see huge buildings lit up in your backyard. We also enjoy the friendly neighbors and the feeling of community you get when you walk down the street. There is a real sense of home here. 



Nathan, Guz, & Brooke Francis

**ANOTHER WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD . . .**

A heart felt welcome to Erin Butler & Terry Thomson (513 W. Granada). They have been in the Valley for nine years, and recently moved from Chandler. Happily, Erin's commute to work has gone from 10 miles to 2.5 miles. Husband Terry has two teenagers that live in Canada, but locally they have several four legged kids — a cat and two dogs. 

**HAVE YOU HEARD?** Urban Grocery & Wine Bar has extended its hours! It is now open on Mondays. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10 am - 7 pm, Wednesday 10 am - 8 pm, Saturday 7 am - 6 pm. Coming soon: Look for a new menu showcasing our high-quality produce and artisan-crafted foods, as well as our extensive and affordable all-Arizona wine and beer selection.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR...**  
**THE ANNUAL SPRING WILLO YARD SALE**, next month, Saturday, **APRIL 21ST**.

**NEXT WILLO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MEETING** will be held Thursday, **MARCH 8TH** @ 6:30pm at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, 2520 N. Central Avenue.

**CORONADO NEIGHBORHOOD** rolls out the welcome mat for their annual historic home tour, Sunday, **MARCH 4TH** 10:00am-4:00pm. For tickets go to [www.gcna.info/home-Tour.php](http://www.gcna.info/home-Tour.php).

**WINDSOR SQUARE** holds their home & garden tour Sunday **MARCH 25TH**.

Located at Central Avenue & Camelback Road in the central corridor, the self-guided walking tour will feature 12 historic homes and gardens. Started in 1929, the 260-home neighborhood is considered to be one of the first few suburbs of the city of Phoenix. The tour and festivities run from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The cost for the tour is \$12, and children under 12 are free. Tickets available at [www.windsorsquarephoenix.org](http://www.windsorsquarephoenix.org), as well as day-of-tour at Medlock and 2nd Street.

**THE EIGHTH ANNUAL MODERN PHOENIX HOME TOUR, SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST.** This year's tour features a dozen Midcentury Modern homes in the Marion Estates neighborhood (bordering Paradise Valley). You will see works by architects Ralph Haver, Blaine Drake, Al Beadle & Charles Schreiber. Tickets are \$25 at [www.ModernPhoenixWeek.com](http://www.ModernPhoenixWeek.com).

**NO ROOF RATS IN WILLO!** Please help us control the roof rat population by picking up fruit off the ground and picking it off your trees. Rats feed on this fruit and are attracted to areas that have a food source—they love homes with dinner on the ground.

**EVE THE FOSTER BOXER** mix featured in our February issue is on her way to a new home. Thanks to the Willo neighbor that reached out to Eve's foster family to offer a loving home. 



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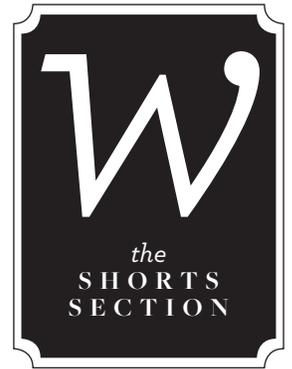
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# Spring Cleaning

Charlotte Steill

**E**ach New Year millions of people vow to be better organized. What is it that makes so many people want to create order in their lives? The simple fact is that chaos doesn't feel good—it causes stress. If your home is organized it becomes a stress-free environment that can actually bring you peace. If you have created systems for your family and bought great products to enhance them and you are still feeling disorganized, it's time to look at your habits. This month learn which habits are defeating your best attempts to get organized and which habits will keep you on track.

Habits are behavioral routines that occur subconsciously. One way to remove a bad habit is to eliminate its triggers (change your routine) or add a reminder to do things differently (a bright post-it note to yourself). Most homes I work in have one thing in common. Items are placed in many different places around the home until there is a reason to clean up — like a party. Then items are scooped up in any available container and put in any available space until...? Does this sound familiar? If it does, you have a habit of putting things down and leaving them wherever they land. Most all disorganization stems from this very thing.

Each organized person I know has developed habits that result in a clutter-free home. Here are a few to consider for yourself:

**PUT THINGS AWAY AS SOON AS YOU GET HOME.** When you bring something



into your home, whether it be groceries or anything else you have acquired, take the items out of the bag and put them in their proper place. If an item doesn't yet have an official home, put it in the room where it will be used. Eventually you will have organization just by developing this simple routine.

**GROUP LIKE THINGS TOGETHER.**

Organized people have the habit of keeping likes with likes. When you do this it's very easy to keep track of what and how much you have. Start doing this in small steps. For example: choose a place you are going to keep something and then whenever you find a like item in a different place you can start to group it in its new home.

**USE LABELS.** Organized people use clearly-labeled containers that are easily identified. Start organizing your home by getting rid of all the cardboard boxes and paper bags you are using as containers and replace them with clear bins. You can do

this a little at a time. As you swap containers, purge any unwanted items.

**THROW AWAY OR RECYCLE UNWANTED PAPER IMMEDIATELY.** Pitch your junk mail before it hits a hard surface in your home. Throw away envelopes and any junk paper that come with your bills or other correspondence. Have a stapler on hand to connect anything with more than one page. Pare down to just the essential paper.

**CLEAR CLUTTER ON A CONTINUAL BASIS.** Organized people have the habit of letting go of excess on a continual basis. This doesn't mean that they don't live in abundance. It simply means that they don't wait for one day to go through the house and decide what to donate—they have a donation receptacle handy and they do it continuously. They have a natural eye for elimination and usually don't like the look of visual clutter.

If you incorporate these five habits you will be on your way to an organized life. If you start to group things together, put things away in the room where they are used, donate often and take the phrase 'I'll do it later' out of your vocabulary, you will be surprised at the change in your home this time next year. **W**

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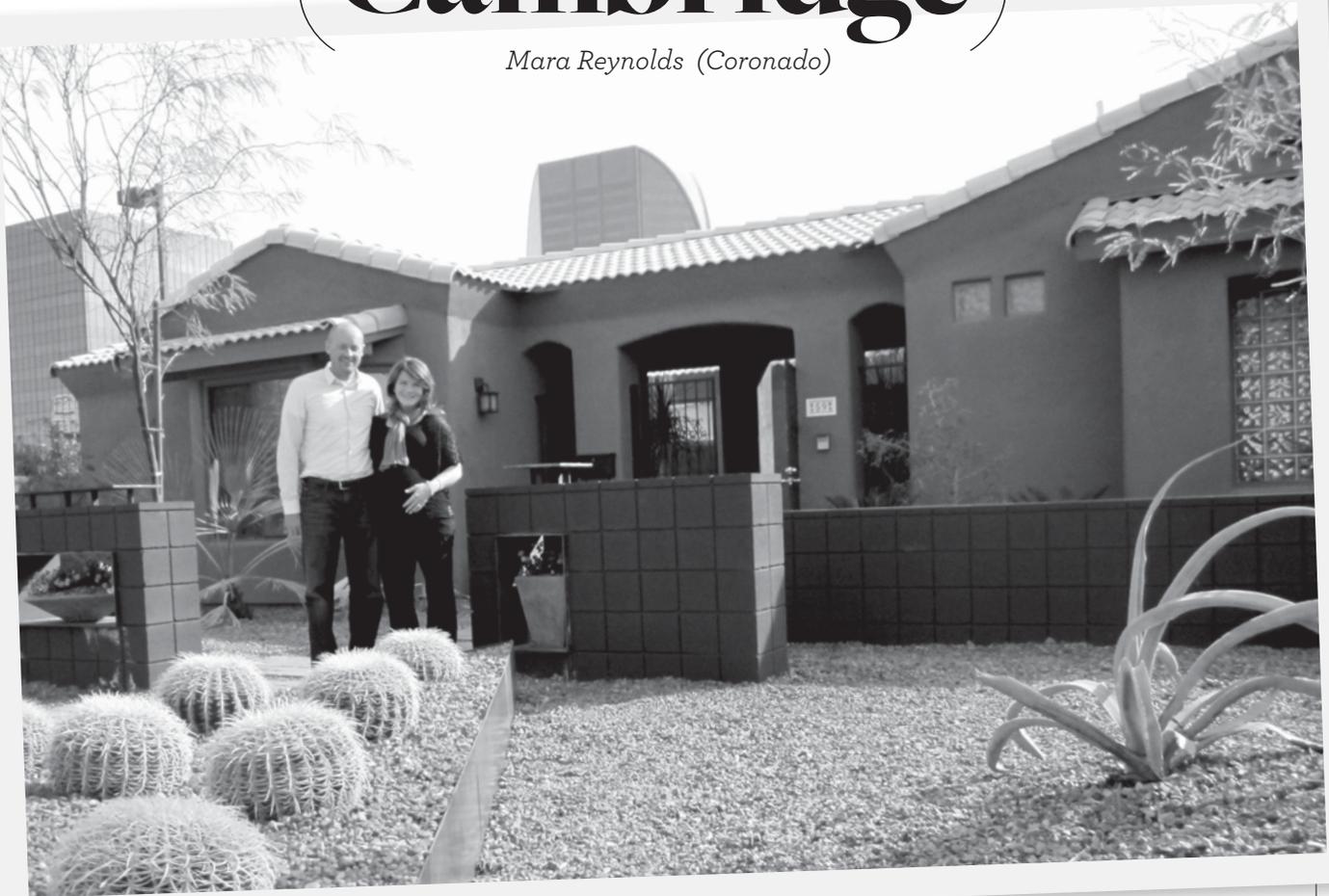
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# Hip New Look (Cambridge)

*Mara Reynolds (Coronado)*



**D**avid and Katie Mayer have taken their home at 59 W. Cambridge from plain Jane to a hip and modern look. Right away the angular vision draws you in. David and Katie bought their home in November of 2009 and after a year-long interior renovation with the help of Katie's

father, architect and designer James Kottke, they moved into the home in Fall 2010. Now it was time for the front yard to be transformed. Kottke's inspiration for the landscape design was based on "asymmetrical symmetry." He says "symmetry is predictable, asymmetry is chaos and a good design is a fine composition of both."

They wanted to bring out the Spanish Colonial character of the home yet give it a modern downtown feel, utilizing desert plants and metal structural elements. The yard has very clean lines with a raised triangular metal bed which is the home to golden barrel cacti planted in a symmetrical design. The beautiful light green color of the cactus is a lovely contrast to the monochromatic color of the home. A walkway of staggered slabs is flanked by low walls with geometrically different peek through windows with pots of colored flowers. There are gentle sloping burms planted with various water-friendly plants and accented with large boulders. All of this brings brings you to a beautiful scrolled gate leading to a welcoming courtyard and the entrance of the home. The use of design mixed with pops of color truly make this a uniquely interesting yard. David and Katie will receive a \$25 gift card from our friends at Southwest Gardener. 

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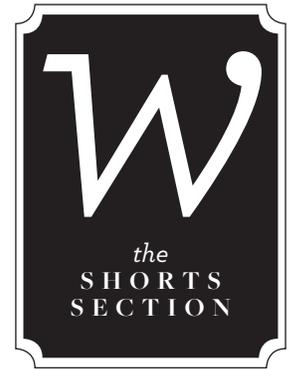
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# Our Homes Are Not Ours

A Series by Dick Staats (Coronado)

A catchy title to grab everyone's attention? Or, truly an insight that conveys the gist of these articles: historic home care requires exacting research, commitment to vintage integrity, more time, costlier investment and communication with neighbors, resulting in deep satisfaction, greater value and much amazement. In this 4th article we consider ourselves as managers, not owners of our historic homes.

Have you seen the car commercials in which the owner of a new Audi unlocks the door, enters her car and starts the engine, all while some very jovial fellow on the curb scrutinizes her car as if it's in a dealer's showroom? She lowers her passenger side window a few inches and the fellow lovingly chimes in, "Be careful not to spill your coffee!" Quite puzzled, she asks: "Who are you?" "I'm the second owner of this car!" he exclaims.

Most, if not all of us living in Willo "inherited" our homes from those before us. What was your home like when you received it and how will you pass it on? Linda and I think of ourselves as managers of our home and God as the owner. A thoughtful atheist might agree that everything belongs to the common good and all of us are caretakers.

Remember the micro-burst on 8/28/2008 when a massive pine tree crushed Tom and Randy's home at 525 W. Coronado? The operator of the crane



that removed the tree piece by piece said it weighed 64,000 pounds. The insurance agent suggested Tom and Randy raze their home and take the settlement, but something weighed upon them: "We have an obligation to Willo and our neighbors to restore a landmark house. A vacant lot or a new house will always look like a house had died."

An old-timer who lived north of Camelback between 12th & 16th Streets reminded me of Geppetto, the creator of Pinocchio. His name was Harold Baldwin. After his wife died, he sold their home and with his son and daughter also decided to sell their family cabin in the forest west of Flagstaff. I thought Harold would be sad, but he informed me, "Not at all! First God gave that land to Native American people, then to several families before us, and now it is time for someone else to enjoy the



property."

When we who live in Willo choose electrical plates and light fixtures, paint quality and colors, trees to plant, and much, much more, it's so good to consider the unique character and history of our homes because we are not simply owners, but preservers of our homes for generations to come. Next in this series: How to Select a Major Front Yard Tree. 

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# Composting: Helping Purify Our Environment

*Nathan Williams, AZ Valley Compost*

**F**or more than a decade, the city of Phoenix has made the recycling of plastics, glass and aluminum easy on its residents. Recycling has become common practice for most of us and helps divert about half of our waste from landfills. However, it's time to take that awareness one step further in our effort to reduce our carbon footprint, beautify our city and save this planet.

A significant amount of what we throw away is food scraps and yard trimmings. Most people don't give these materials a second thought and assume that they break down naturally. Unfortunately, that is not the case. Organic waste in our landfills contributes to methane and bacteria in our air and soil, and the incineration of these materials is a huge energy cost to us. Composting, on the other hand, reduces these effects, adds vital nutrients back into our soil, and allows nature to do what she intended to with all that waste in the first place: reuse it in the cycle.

The logistics of backyard composting can be very simple if you have a little time, space, and know-how. Instead of throwing your organic scraps in the garbage, toss them in a bin (homemade or purchased from your local hardware store), spend a little time helping nature do its magic, and enjoy the fruit of your labors with fertile, moist soil that will improve any home garden!

There are a few key ingredients to composting: a 50/50 mix of green waste (food scraps) and brown waste (yard waste), water, and sun. Keep your materials turned (mix the materials around to allow oxygen to get in) every few days or so. Also, make sure that you keep the materials lightly moistened. After a couple months of work, you could produce some high quality soil.

If you are for any reason unable to compost on your own, there is another option! Az Valley Compost will provide a bin, pick it up weekly, compost your scraps at their facility and occasionally return your product in the form of rich soil. This service is available to Willo residents for just \$19.99 a month! Check us out at [www.azvalleycompost.com](http://www.azvalleycompost.com) or email [support@azvalleycompost.com](mailto:support@azvalleycompost.com) with questions. 



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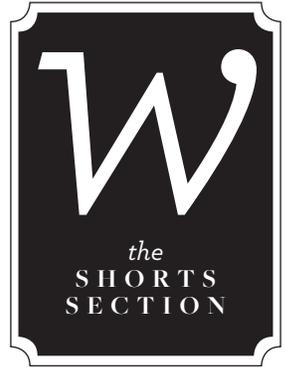
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# Musician, Veteran, Pizza God, and 'Hood Volunteer...to Name a Few

Beth Lewallen (Cambridge)

ON AN AVERAGE DAY or night, two establishments on Thomas Avenue disprove any critics' belief that there's not much activity in downtown Phoenix. Zpizza and The Pink Spot serve as daily reminders that just about everything you need is within walking distance of Willo. The restaurants, both owned by Willo resident Mark Weeter and his wife, Julie Kossak, have been a part of our neighborhood for years.

Mark and Julie are longtime residents of Holly Street, and are active members of the Willo community. Mark's dreams of restaurant ownership did not originally start with a Willo location – perhaps it was fate that brought him so close to home, since the Thomas Avenue location was the last option he viewed when searching for the perfect spot for his new endeavor. The area proved to be a successful foundation for his successful business – as Mark puts it, “We hit on an accidental goldmine.” Originally, Zpizza was located in only 600 square feet of storefront. It took years of patience before other businesses moved out and he was able to expand both the space and the menu. He was also able to start a new location of Zpizza on Monroe Avenue.

Mark's knowledge of restaurant management has come almost entirely from first-hand experience; though he received his degree in hotel and restaurant management, it wasn't until he left a job in sales that he learned the ins and outs of restaurants by owning his own.



Mark Weeter  
at The Pink Spot

When he's not at one of his restaurants, Mark successfully pursues several interesting endeavors. He plays guitar for a local band, Chronic Hippies, and is an avid gardener – he and Julie grow a wide variety of foods in their own backyard. They also are among the elite group of Willo residents with chicken coops in their back yard – their coop was handcrafted by fellow Willo resident Dan Moore. The beautiful metal structure is lovingly dubbed “Coop de Ville.”

Mark's successes haven't dimmed his ambition or desire to work hard, and he's already dreaming up improvements to his restaurants. “If you like it now,” he promises, “hopefully in a year you'll *really* like it.” **W**

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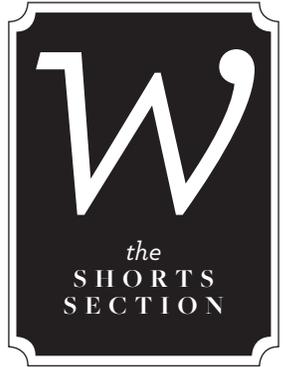
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The first store building to be erected in the new town was Hancock's Store, a general store opened in July 1871, by William Smith. The adobe structure was built on the northwest corner of First and Washington streets and served as the town hall, county offices and general meeting place of early Phoenix.

Although various religious organizations had been formed by 1870, the first church building erected in Phoenix was the Central Methodist Church built in 1871 at

the corner of Second Avenue and Washington Street.

The first Catholic priest came to Phoenix in 1872, but it was not until after 1881 that an adobe church building, the Sacred Heart of St. Louis at Third and Monroe streets, replaced the Otero home as a place for Catholics to worship.

Yavapai County was divided on Feb. 12, 1871, when Maricopa County was created by the Legislature. The sixth county in the state, Maricopa, gave up portions in 1875 and 1881 to help form Pinal and Gila counties, respectively.

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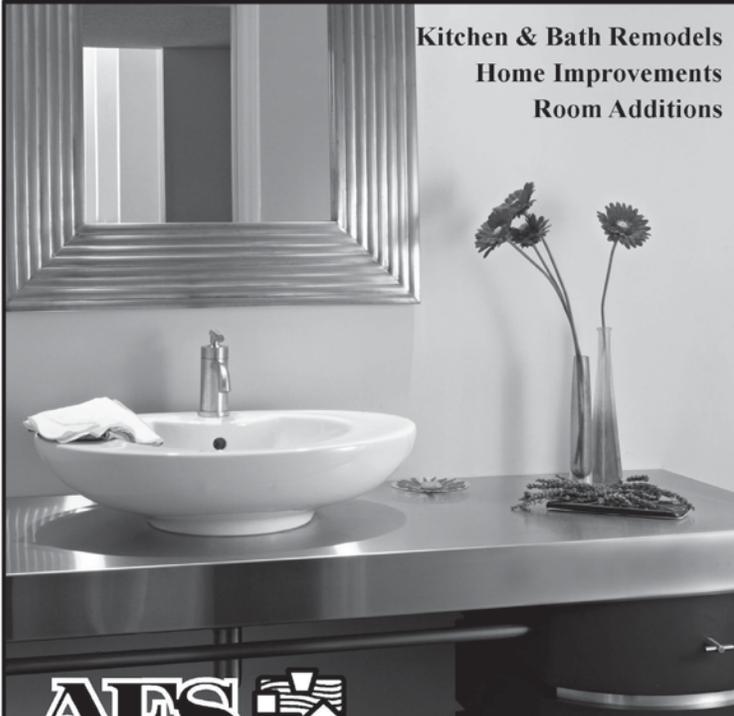
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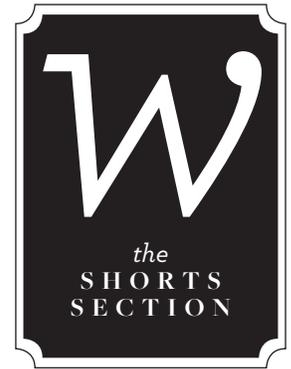
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Schooling for Phoenix's youth began on September 5, 1872. About 20 children studied under the guidance of Jean Rudolph Derroche in the courtroom of the county building. By October 1873, a small adobe school building was completed on Center Street (now Central Avenue), a short distance north of where the San Carlos Hotel now stands. Miss Nellie Shaver, a newcomer from Wisconsin, was appointed as the first female school-teacher in Phoenix.

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In 1874, downtown lots were selling for \$7 to \$11 each. That year also marked the entry into Phoenix of the first telegraph line. Morris Goldwater was the first operator of this station, located in his father's store on the northwest corner of First and Jefferson streets.

By 1875, there were 16 saloons, four dance halls, two monte banks and one faro table in Phoenix. The townsite-commissioner form of government, however, was not working well. At a mass meeting held at the courthouse on Oct. 20, 1875, an election was held to select three village trustees and other officials.

John Smith became the chairman of the trustees and Charles W. Stearns the treasurer, with Capt. Hancock continuing as secretary.

A safe location was required for the money being made in the Valley. To solve the problem, the National Bank was established in 1878 with capital stock of \$200,000.

The first newspaper in Phoenix, the Salt River Valley Herald, changed its name to the Phoenix Herald in 1880. By this time, the paper had progressed from a weekly publication to semiweekly.

In 1880 Phoenix had a population of



2,453, a school enrollment of 379 pupils, an ice factory and a new brick sidewalk in front of the Tiger Saloon. On Nov. 26 of that same year, Maricopa County had its first legal hanging.

**INCORPORATION IN 1881**

Just as Phoenix had outgrown its original townsite-commissioner form of government, it grew too large for the village trustee operation. "The Phoenix Charter Bill" was passed by the 11th Territorial Legislature. The bill made Phoenix an incorporated city and provided for a government consisting of a mayor and four council members. It was signed by Governor John C. Fremont on Feb. 25, 1881.

On May 3, 1881, the first election was held in the newly incorporated city with a

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Mark Richardson — 104 votes

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The first regular meeting of the City Council was held on May 9, 1881. The first ordinance adopted was the one relating to the official seal of the city described as follows:

*"In the center a bird rising, and surrounding this the inscription Phoenix, Arizona - Incorporated February 25, 1881."*

The 11th Legislature attempted to have the United States Government establish a mint in Phoenix. The effort wasn't successful, but another enterprise saw its beginning. Holsum Bakery realized the opportunities Phoenix had to offer and opened its doors in 1881.

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That same year, the Phoenix Fire Engine Company Number 1 was organized. It was comprised of a volunteer group that served the city for many years. **W**

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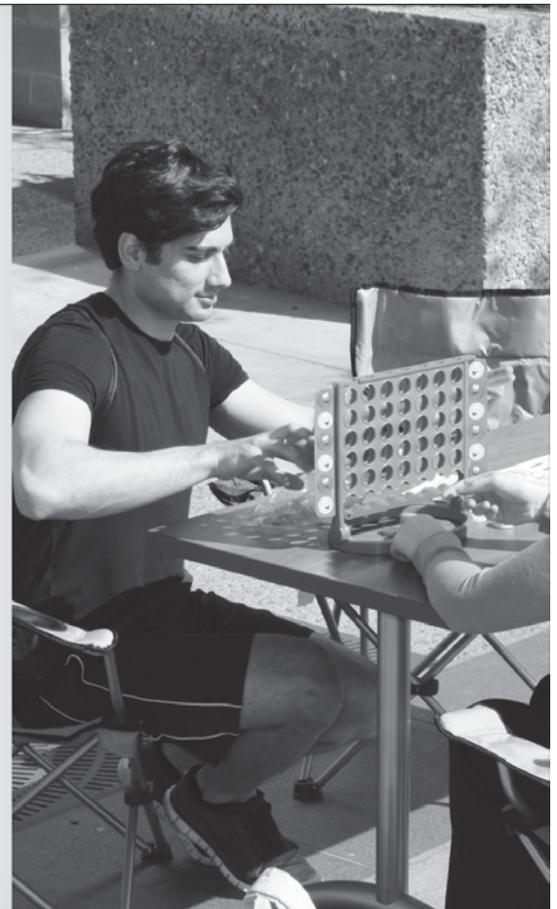
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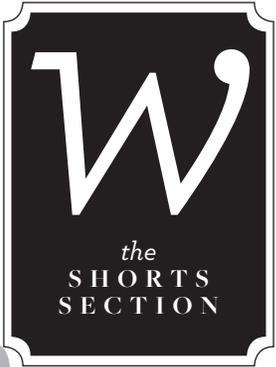
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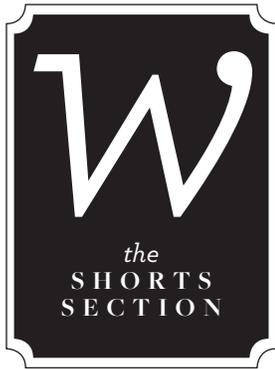


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THE ARTS



# Phoenix Center for the Arts

**T**he Phoenix Center for the Arts, located at 1202 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue at the west end of Hance Park, is housed in a historic facility built in 1931 by the First Southern Baptist Church. The building served its congregation until 1972 when the state purchased the property. In 1975 the city of Phoenix arranged to rent the buildings and church and thus a Cultural Center was created for the heart of downtown. Over the years, arts in education, a theatrical space, special event production and various outreaches in arts have been produced, all with the participation of the citizens of Phoenix in mind and at the forefront.

The Center brings together students, volunteers and professionals of all ages and skill levels who are passionate about the arts. Classes span the spectrum from printmaking & ceramics to painting & jewelry making. In 2007, the Center received the New Times "Best Art Classes" award. The Center's mission is to provide the community with the opportunities to participate in the visual and performing arts through creative and affordable quality programming.

The 33,000 sq ft facility includes: a gallery, 8 visual art studios, 4 rehearsal/class rooms, 16 office spaces, a large music/performance studio, and a 216-seat theater.

For information on the Center and classes offered please visit [phoenixcenterforthearts.org](http://phoenixcenterforthearts.org) 

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# MARCH

## AT THE HEARD

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**54<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HEARD MUSEUM  
INDIAN FAIR & MARKET**  
SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MARCH 3 & 4  
9:30 A.M. TO 5 P.M.



The Fair features more than 700 top American Indian artists, music and dance performances and Native foods as well as full access to the Heard Museum's 11 exhibition galleries. Admission includes the festival and museum entrance. Cost: \$20 adults; Children 16 and under are free; students with I.D. \$10. **More Information:** [heard.org/Fair](http://heard.org/Fair).

**HEARD MUSEUM COUNCIL  
APPRAISAL DAY**  
SATURDAY, MARCH 10  
10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

Leading Native art traders will examine your treasures and offer information about materials, dates, artists and traditions at Heard Museum Phoenix. Cost, \$30 for the first item, \$25 for the second item, \$20 for the third and subsequent item(s). (Limit 10 items per person, please.) Heard Museum members save \$5 per item. Cash, checks and credit cards accepted.

**ELEGANCE FROM EARTH:  
HOPI POTTERY FAMILIES**  
SATURDAY, MARCH 24  
9:30 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

The Heard Museum will cast a spotlight upon three prominent Hopi families who excel in creating art from clay, water, hands and heritage with the opening of the exhibit *Elegance from Earth: Hopi Pottery Families*. These three families – Nampeyo, Naha and Navasie – have long been recognized as masters of the ancient art of pottery.

Left: Sylvia Naha, Hopi/Tewa, Vase, 1997. Gift of Roland and Ginny Wilson



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