



35th Annual Fort Lowell Day Celebration

Saturday, February 13, 2016, 12 pm – 4 pm


January 2016

Where history comes to life

The Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood has been called a microcosm of Southwest history because people of diverse cultures have lived here for well over a thousand years. Ancient Hohokam dwellings and artifacts are still being unearthed. Historic Mormon aqueducts carry water and harbor wildlife. Ruins of the Fort Lowell military camp continue to be preserved and interpreted, and descendants of Mexican settlers of *El Fuerte* (The Fort) still reside in the adobe homes of their ancestors.

Here are some of the activities you and your family can enjoy during Fort Lowell Day:

- Meet and greet the Cavalry in Fort Lowell Park and watch them perform their drills.
- Enjoy an 1800's vintage Baseball Game in the Park; learn how to make adobe bricks.
- Take a tour of Fort Lowell Museum with new Statehood Exhibits; enjoy 19th Century military band music.
- Stroll on a walking tour of the many historic sites in the Old Fort Lowell neighborhood with interpretations by knowledgeable hosts; enjoy entertainment from a variety of musicians and delicious food.
- Visit the San Pedro Chapel and La Capillita; make Mexican paper flowers; hear a lecture on 19th Century medicine and watch a demonstration of field surgery in action!

We give you glimpses only of the highlights of the day in this Newsletter and suggest you visit our  Facebook Page [Facebook.com/fortlowellday](https://www.facebook.com/fortlowellday) for additional information including videos of last year's event and the special medical event below.

Also check the website www.oldfortlowellneighborhood for specific times and details the day of the event.

****Special Event****

Blood and Guts Medicine in the 19th Century Southwest

2:30 pm San Pedro Chapel



The treatment of illness and disease in the 19th Century southwest reflected the mélange of beliefs of the diverse peoples who settled here: indigenous people with their shamanic ceremonies and herbal remedies; Spaniards with their theories of 'body humors out of balance' and treatments of 'bleeding and purging'. The arrival of the US Army in the 1840's brought western medicine and the practical skills of 'barber surgeons' active in the treatment of battlefield injuries. **Dr. Rudy Byrd**, well known Family Medicine Physician, will share his extensive knowledge of this colorful history and, together with **Dr. Bob Hunter**, demonstrate some battlefield surgical techniques at the San Pedro Chapel at 2:30 pm. For a preview, watch the video on Facebook.

Acknowledgments

Fort Lowell Day is sponsored by OFLNA, Inc., & the Board acknowledges the generous support of this event received from
Tucson Medical Center

Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission
West Coast Capital (Owner, Plaza Palomino)

The Board is grateful for additional contributions from the following community partners: City of Tucson Parks & Recreation; Pima County's Cultural Resources & Historic Preservation Office; B Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment (Memorial) Fort Huachuca; 4th U.S. Cavalry Regimental Band, Tucson; Arizona Humanities Council; Fort Lowell Historic Zone Advisory Board; Arizona Historical Society Fort Lowell Museum; and Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

IN FORT LOWELL PARK - east of Craycroft

The State flag will be raised at 12 noon to open the day's activities, accompanied by the **4th US Cavalry Band**. Following the raising of the flag, visitors are welcome to meet the musicians and will be entertained by a concert of 19th Century band music.



At 12 noon, the Bisbee Black Sox, members of the Vintage Baseball Clubs of the Arizona Territories, begin a double header against the **Tucson Sahuaros** using the rules, uniforms, and equipment of the 19th Century. Historic baseball information provided.



B Troop, US Cavalry Regiment (Memorial from Fort Huachuca) will conduct drills on the old Parade Grounds at the Park. The 4th Cavalry Regiment is one of the most famous and most decorated regiments in the US Army. Since its activation in 1855 it has continuously served the United States of America.



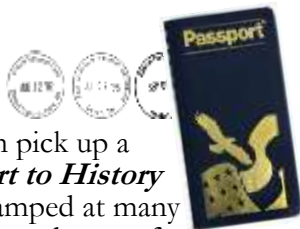
And in between events...



Come to 'Meet and Greet' the soldiers and their horses.



Learn how to make adobe bricks at the Post Hospital.



Kids can pick up a **Passport to History** to be stamped at many sites east and west of Craycroft – and receive a Popcorn Award.

Explore the life of the Fort – the troops, scouts, doctors and Geronimo's warriors in the **Fort Lowell Museum**. See the new Statehood exhibits and stroll down Cottonwood Lane.



*Fort Lowell will be closed to traffic between Craycroft and Beverly from noon to 4 pm.
A van shuttle is available for transport between Fort Lowell Park and San Pedro Chapel.
An additional bus tour to the historic sites of Tucson Medical Center will start from Fort Lowell Park and include an exhibit of old surgical instruments.*

HISTORIC SITES WALKING TOUR - west of Craycroft

The walking tour of historic sites meanders from the **Hohokam site** in **Fort Lowell Park** across Craycroft and westwards along **Fort Lowell Road** to the **San Pedro Chapel**. Pick up a map of the sites at the Information Booths in Fort Lowell Park, at the Commissary, El Callejon or at the Chapel. Hosts will be on hand to interpret the features of each site and recount the history. Food, water, and drinks can be purchased en route. A free shuttle service is available for transport between San Pedro Chapel and the parking area in Fort Lowell Park.

Some points of interest along the way.....



Inside the **Commissary** on the corner of Fort Lowell and Craycroft, meet **Duane Bingham** whose rich family history is embedded in the stories he tells of the Mormon farmers and settlers of the 19th Century in this area.

On the opposite corner of the street at the old **Adkins Site**, marvel at the restored Officers' Quarters of historic Fort Lowell. Enjoy exhibits of the archaeological discoveries revealed during excavation as well as cultural artifacts from Hohokam and Native American occupations.



At "**Las Saetas,**" the site of the **Post Trader's Store**, note the "Zagwan" through which horse and carriage rode to deliver the Officers from the Fort. Hosts will tell the colorful history of this house that became by turns a TB Sanitarium for Dr. Swan, a hog farm, a ruin, and a private residence...



Wander down **El Callejon**, past the little store **La Tiendita**, past homes of the descendants of the village of **El Fuerte**, to the house of **Juan the Curandero**, and hear the extraordinary stories of his healings...



Stroll through the mesquite bosque to the **Irrigation Ditch** and explore the plants and animals of our area with our own wildlife biologist, **Barry Spicer**.

Pause during your stroll through history to enjoy mariachi music from **Los Changuito Feos de Tucson, Mariachi Tesoro, and Trio Gala.** Check at the information booths for the performance times of each of the three groups.



AT SAN PEDRO CHAPEL

Mariachi Mass 10 am



Fort Lowell Day begins with a Mariachi Mass celebrated at San Pedro Chapel at 10 am honoring *Los Fuertenos*, the original residents of the village of *El Fuerte*, who built the Chapel. This is a lovely event to start the day whether or not you follow the Catholic faith. From the Chapel enjoy a vista of the Catalinas sparkling in the early morning light. At the call of the Chapel's historic bell, march with the Mariachis in procession from La Capillita to the Chapel and enter beneath an honor guard of mounted cavalry. Father Christopher Corbally officiates at the Mass and Trio Gala provides the music. Afterwards there is a social gathering in the Chapel grounds.

****Please note that seating at the Chapel is very limited and preference is given to descendants of the Fuertenos and their guests****



During the afternoon at San Pedro Chapel:

- Take a **tour of the historic chapel and grounds** with Frank Flasch, OFLNA president, at 12:30 pm or 1:30 pm. Meet in front of La Capillita.
- **Shop at the Chapel Store** for T-shirts, OFLNA publications and unique souvenirs, while listening to the trio **Way Out West** play nostalgic western and cowboy songs.
- Listen to the lecture/demonstration on **Blood and Guts Medicine in the 19th Century Southwest** at 2:30 pm.
- Throughout the afternoon make **Mexican paper flowers**.



VOLUNTEERING for the Fort Lowell Day Celebration

Volunteering for this event is great way to get to know your neighbors. We ask you to offer 1-2 hours of service leaving plenty of opportunity to enjoy the days' events for yourself.

Set-up & Break-down Crew: Contact Frank at 520-909-2107 or frank.flasch@aol.com

Flower-making program: Contact Colleen at 413-461-5273 or colleensackheim@gmail.com

Site Hosts: Contact Rebecca at 886-8662 or rjdoxtater@gmail.com

Donations of Finger Foods: Contact Kate at 327-9382 or junitas19@aol.com

**OFLNA Winter Calendar 2016
(Events at San Pedro Chapel)**

30th Annual Flea Market Sale:

March 14-15th 2016

Volunteers needed!

Email Dorothy Steele at

tndsteele@msn.com

April 1-2: Art Show

May 17th: OFLNA Annual Meeting, potluck, 5:30pm

Date TBA: Spring Trail Clean-up Call Frank Flasch for details: 520-909-2107

Further details of all of these events may be found on the [OFLNA website](#).

OFLLAH needs

Volunteers: Want to become a volunteer for OFLLAH? Call one of our coordinators at 275-6757.

OFLNA Council Members

- Frank Flasch, *President*
- Julie Miller, *Vice-President*
- Bob Atwell, *Treasurer*
- Charlie Boyd, *Secretary*
- Bill Anderson
- Kate Flasch
- Michael O'Brien
- Dennis Olson
- Manuel Ramos
- Colleen Sackheim

OFLNA website:

OldFortLowellNeighborhood.org

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Tucson, AZ 85712
(520) 318-0219

Antiques & Collectibles Sale 2015

Despite an uncooperative Mother Nature raining on the Chapel for the first two days, the sale went on, & with the help of our incredible volunteer staff, OFLNA and OFLLAH achieved another successful event, each adding \$5500 to their coffers. We are truly grateful to the many who helped this annual fund-raiser, and the good humor shown when adjustments had to be made because of the changing conditions.

This Sale and the spring Flea Market are a wonderful opportunity to meet neighbors you might not see otherwise, and to enjoy the reward of helping these two organizations. And by the way - throughout the year we have occasions when we need trucks and "muscle" to collect heavy or large donated items such as furniture. Any of you strong men (or women) out there who are interested in helping with this, please get in touch with Dorothy Steele (tndsteele@msn.com), Diana Warr (dianawarr@hotmail.com) or Julie Miller (miller.julie28@yahoo.com)

Brush and Bulky Alamo Wash and trails cleanup - Fall 2015

Just a shout out thank you to all who participated in our semi-yearly cleanup of the wash and trails. Volunteers from the neighborhood as well as the wonderful Catalina High School Honors Society members filled two forty-foot containers. And it was through the pre-cleaning efforts of Bob Lindrud that we had everything organized in such a fashion that filling the containers was the focus of our work. This is an ongoing effort and we will be at it once again in the spring of 2016.
Frank Flasch, Brush and Bulky Coordinator



The One Can a Week = Four Cans a Month Program

The program continues, as the need for Food donations to the Community Food bank of Southern Arizona never stops. If you live in an HOA that has already setup a program please contribute. If you are not sure if your HOA has such a program please contact me, Frank Flasch (frank.flasch@aol.com) for information or to start such a program in your neighborhood. The food bank will take food or cash contributions.

In the 2015 year the program will do well with over 5,000 lbs. of food and over \$3000 dollars contributed. Let us see what we can do to improve on the contributions for 2016.

Membership in the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association for 2015

An invitation from the President

Please give consideration to joining, rejoining and or renewing your **membership** for the 2016 year starting on January 1st. For \$25 per annum you get the satisfaction of knowing that your **Dues** help support the variety of activities for our Neighborhood including preserving the San Pedro Chapel for generations to come.

Don't forget that making a **Donation** to the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association Inc. (a 501c3 non-profit corporation) is tax deductible.



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OLD FORT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.
Membership Form – January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016

Voting membership* (Annual dues \$25): *Property owners or residents within neighborhood Boundaries (Rillito River on the north, Glenn St. on the south, Swan Road on the west and the Pantano Wash on the east)*

Associate membership* (Annual dues \$25): *Friends near and far who choose to be informed and/or participate in neighborhood events and activities.*

Business Members* (Annual Dues \$100 or in-kind value)

**You are invited to members only preview nights before neighborhood sales.*

This is a New membership Renewal Business

Dues \$ _____ Donation \$ _____ Total \$ _____ (Donations are greatly appreciated and are tax-deductible as OFLNA, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. A written receipt will be provided for donations.)

Please make checks payable to **OFLNA, Inc.** Mail to:

Treasurer, OFLNA Inc.
 5230 E. Fort Lowell Rd.
 Tucson, AZ. 85712

Please print
 NAME(s) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE # _____ CELL # _____

E-MAIL _____
 Our correspondence is by e-mail or hand delivery. Thank you for your e-mail address.
[We do not share our membership information]

I (we) would like to participate or learn more about the following:
 _____ La Reunion/Fort Lowell Day (annual historic walking tour, 2nd Sat. in Feb.)
 Sales: _____ Antiques & Collectibles _____ Flea Market
 Help with _____ events at the Chapel, _____ older neighbors, _____ trail maintenance,
 _____ newsletter, _____ writing thank you notes