

SAVE OUR MOUNTAINS FOUNDATION AT NORTH MOUNTAIN VISITOR CENTER VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY, MAXINE LAKIN!

Maxine Lakin will celebrate her 100th birthday on September 11th!

Maxine has been very instrumental in establishing and growing our Phoenix Mountains Preserve. Please see her many accomplishments later in this issue.

For those of you who would like to send Maxine birthday wishes, your cards or notes can be sent to Maxine Lakin

c/o North Mountain Visitor Center
12950 N. 7th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85022

Love,

Cheryl and Bob Toloskiewich
Volunteer Coordinators

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NEW VOLUNTEER INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Our next New Volunteer Informational Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 1st at 10:00 A.M. The follow-up Front Desk Training will be held on Wednesday, October 5th, at 5:30 P.M. If you know of anyone who is interested in volunteering at NMVC, please have them contact me at cheryltolo@gmail.com.

COFFEE HOUSE – SEPTEMBER 19TH 9-11 A.M.

HALF WAY HOME WITH JIM SALLIS - Long time Phoenix folkies, Barbara Herber and Dave Baumann have joined forces with Three Legged Dog's genius multi-instrumentalist side man, JIM SALLIS, for a morning of songs and instrumentals from Old Time to contemporary, all acoustic and more fun than should be legal. Join us for some wonderful picking and harmonies.

ROOM RENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Patrons renting rooms at the Center are responsible for wiping down everything and removing their garbage when their events are over. Please let Leslie know if this is not being done. Thanks so much!

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

We would like to form a Save Our Mountains Foundation Fundraising Committee of volunteers to benefit the North Mountain Visitor Center. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please let me know. The committee would be responsible for planning events, having them approved by the Board, and carrying out the events.

SEPTEMBER NMVC HIKES

Thursday, September 1st: RUSTY SPIDER LOOP, PHOENIX

Meet at 6 A.M. at NMVC

This is a 4-mile rolling terrain easy hike. We'll go east on Trail 100 through the tunnel. This is a lollipop shaped hike very popular among the North Mountain Preserve hikes.

Leader: Billie - Text Billie at 602-361-0276 to sign up or to ask questions

Thursday, September 1st: ARIZONA TRAIL FROM SNOWBOWL TO ASPEN CORNER

Meet at 8:30 A.M. at the large parking lot at the junction of Snowbowl Road with Highway 180

Change in elevation = 1400 feet, 6 miles, Rated "C"

After crossing Snowbowl Road this lovely trail climbs steeply for the next 4.5 miles, gaining about 1,400 ft through ponderosa pines and aspen groves. We will end at the Aspen Corner trailhead at an elevation of 9300 feet. A short side trail takes us to the Hart Prairie restoration area, for an educational look at an ongoing meadow renewal project. We will leave a car at Aspen Corner to shuttle us back down to our starting point and will stop about halfway up the trail for a snack break. Plan about 4 hours for this hike.

Driving Directions: I-17 north to Flagstaff. Proceed to US 180 and meet at the lot at the junction with Snowbowl Road, NW corner

Leader: Jan Donnelly - Please email her at: janidonnely@gmail.com

Thursday, September 7th and 8th: SYCAMORE RIM HIKE AND STAY OVER IN MUNDS PARK

The hike on September 8th is southeast of Williams and about an hour drive from Munds Park. It is about 8.5 miles long with modest elevation gain and traverses along the rim of the second largest canyon in Arizona. It is a beautiful hike with lots of variety, even some historical sites. We will do a one-way hike from east to west so a car shuttle will be involved.

Those that want to come up on Wednesday, you are welcome to stay at Dave's place in Munds Park. Sign up early, space is limited. I will send out more specific info to those that sign up

Leader: Dave French - Email davidfrench943@gmail.com

Thursday, September 15th: KACHINA TRAIL FLAGSTAFF

Meet at 8:30 A.M. at the trailhead or arrange carpooling

This hike is on the west side of the San Francisco Peaks near Arizona Snow Bowl and starts at about 9300 ft elevation area. The trail crosses several canyons and even descends a lava cliff. A dramatic, cave-like recess in the lava marks where a bed of looser volcanic debris eroded away from denser flow layers above. Ancient limber pine and massive Douglas-fir dominate the higher elevations and of course aspens are present. Waist-high meadows of bracken fern punctuate the slopes. We will do an in and out hike 6 miles total. The elevation change is approximately 500 feet We can eat and drink at the Snowbowl café, if it is open.

Driving Directions: From Flagstaff drive 7 miles on US 180 N and then R at the SnowBowl FR 156. Drive approximately 7 miles up the mountain and turn right at the sign for Kachina Trail (second parking lot on right - Lower Parking Lot – new parking lots have been developed since last year). Parking for the trailhead is at the far end. No restrooms at the trailhead

Leader: Debi Quarry debiquarry@gmail.com: Please email her with your plans or questions

Please check Facebook for updates. www.facebook.com/groups/NMVCHiking/.



WHITE-LINED SPHINX MOTH

One of our volunteers shared this picture of a beautiful White-lined Sphinx Moth that she took in Santa Fe in 2013. This is what develops from those little green visitors that have invaded the area.

MAXINE LAKIN

Maxine Lakin graduated from the University of Arizona with a B.A. in Education in 1944. She worked as a high school teacher as well as a number of business-related positions such as at the Standard Oil Company, the Sacramento County Welfare Office, and for Western Airlines. She also raised four children.

Maxine has spent her life committed to her community. For example, she was elected to the Phoenix Union High School Board of Education in 1965 where she later served as President. She was appointed to the Governor's Commission on the Arizona Environment where she served for over 20 years and was instrumental in the creation of **Harmony Farms* at the Phoenix Zoo.

Maxine has held leadership positions on more than a dozen other boards, been recognized in *Who's Who in America*, and received several awards such as the *Lifetime Award* from the U of A, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the *Diana Award* and *Phoenix Woman of the Year*. Her participation in all of these organizations throughout the years has helped to shape Arizona.

- Phoenix Mountains Preservation Council, Past President
- Save Our Mountains Foundation
- Arizona Town Hall
- Arizona National Livestock Scholarship Committee
- ARCS Foundation
- Horse Lovers Foundation
- Arizona Agri-Business Council
- Phoenix Zoo Auxiliary Board
- Phoenix Parks and Recreation Board - President
- Save Camelback Mountain Committee
- Citizens Bond Committee for Parks and Recreation – Vice Chairman
- Arizona Farm Bureau
- Rio Salado Association
- Junior League of Phoenix
- Urban League
- Valley Beautiful Governor's Commission on the Arizona Environment

Awards:

- National Recreation and Parks Association Volunteer Award - 2012
- Cox Conserves Heroes Award – 2012
- Maxine Lakin Nature Trail, Phoenix Mountains Preserve, dedicated 1995
- Lifetime Supporter of the Phoenix Mountains, City of Phoenix Parks, Recreation and Library
- Voted “Woman of the Year” by Phoenix Ad Club – 1980
- Pioneer of Open Space Award (Arizona Parks and Recreation)
- Elected to “Who's Who in American Women” – 1970-71
- Recipient of the Diana Award from Alpha Epsilon Sigma International, 1970
- Mayor Hance Award - Outstanding Phoenician
- Community Council Distinguished Service Award

Here are just a few examples of Maxine's life-long advocacy on behalf of the recreation, park, and conservation movement:

- Through the *Save Our Mountains Foundation*, North Mountain Visitor Center was reopened to the public after the City of Phoenix closed it because of budget restraints.
- Helped to pass Chapter 26 of the City of Phoenix Charter that defines the City of Phoenix Mountains Preserve, use, disposition, trading, and sale of Preserve.
- Formed a committee to improve and enlarge a Parks facility to be used by the community for equine and other users. The Parks Board approved the name “Horse Lovers Park”.
- As part of the Governor's Commission on the Arizona Environment (1965-1989) Maxine addressed statewide concerns such as billboards, recycling, and roadside rest areas, and beautification of highways by planting of desert plants.
- Worked with *Valley Beautiful* to select and award businesses and neighborhoods that used landscape and structures to help with noise abatement and to beautify an area.

**Maxine thought the little petting zoo would be a perfect area to be developed into a farm area with traditional farm animals and a garden. By encouraging Valley businesses and organizations to participate, the Harmony Farm was enlarged. Barns were built, farm equipment brought in, and more animals were added. The garden incorporates information about water use, composting and healthy diet. The goal of Harmony Farm is to teach visitors that plants, animals, and humans are interconnected. We rely on plants and animals and have a responsibility to provide for them and the environment that they rely on. The educational information developed helps to teach and spread that message.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, September 1, 2022

8:30am - 2:30 P.M. NMVC Hikes

9am - 12 P.M. Doug Duffy Open Studio

Saturday, September 3, 2022

9am - 12 P.M. Silversmith Class

Monday, September 5, 2022 Labor Day

9 A.M. - 12 P.M. Open Studio Lapidary Only

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

6 P.M. - 10 P.M. CAMRA Team Meeting

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

9 A.M. - 12 P.M. Lapidary Class

Thursday, September 8, 2022

8:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M. NMVC Hikes

9 A.M. - 12 P.M. Doug Duffy Open Studio

Saturday, September 10, 2022

8 A.M. - 4 P.M. CAMRA Arizona State SAR Academy

9 A.M. - 12 P.M. Silversmith Class

Sunday, September 11, 2022

8 A.M. - 4 P.M. CAMRA Arizona State SAR Academy

Monday, September 12, 2022

9 A.M. - 12 P.M. Open Studio Lapidary Only

11 A.M. - 2 P.M. Paradise Valley Women's Club

6 P.M. - 9 P.M. Maricopa Lapidary Society

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

7 P.M. - 9 P.M. Western Saddle Club Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

9 A.M. - 12 P.M. Lapidary Class

Thursday, September 15, 2022

8:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M. NMVC Hikes

9 A.M. - 12 P.M. Doug Duffy Open Studio

6 P.M. - 9 P.M. CAMRA Team Training Meeting

Saturday, September 17, 2022

8 A.M. - 11 A.M. Coffee House Saturdays

9 A.M. - 12 P.M. Silversmith Class

Sunday, September 18, 2022

9 A.M. - 11 A.M. Community of the Wild Goose

Monday, September 19, 2022

9 A.M. - 12 P.M. Open Studio Lapidary Only

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

6 P.M. - 9 P.M. AZ Prospectors Club

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

9 A.M. - 12 P.M. Lapidary Class

Thursday, September 22, 2022

8:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M. NMVC Hikes

9 A.M. - 12 P.M. Doug Duffy Open Studio

Saturday, September 24, 2022

8 A.M. - 4 P.M. CAMRA Arizona State SAR Academy

9 A.M. - 12 P.M. Silversmith Class

Sunday, September 25, 2022

8 A.M. - 4 P.M. CAMRA Arizona State SAR Academy

9 A.M. - 11 A.M. Community of the Wild Goose

Monday, September 26, 2022

9 A.M. - 12 P.M. Open Studio Lapidary Only

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

6:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M. CAMRA OpsCom Meeting

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

9 A.M. - 12 P.M. Lapidary Class

Thursday, September 29, 2022

8:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M. NMVC Hikes

9 A.M. - 12 P.M. Doug Duffy Open Studio