

Creative Women of Pinnacle Peak
Newsletter
April, 2008

Greetings Creative Women,

By the time you get this letter, no doubt we will be only hours away from our *Troon North Sunset Home Tour*. This year's tour promises a collection of spectacular homes. I look forward to a wonderful afternoon and evening and would like to sincerely thank everyone who has worked to make this event a reality. Polly Ringdahl and Debbie Sinagoga have tirelessly planned every detail of the tour, Kathy Kaplan has gathered a wonderful array of raffle items to enhance the cocktail hour, and Annie Blum has been busy selling raffle tickets. Pamela Swanson, with the help of Trudy Rhoades, has orchestrated volunteers to act as hostesses for the homes; and last, but not least, Betty Lee has, once again, worked to get the invitations into the mail and to update our mailing list. I know I can speak for all who have been involved when I say that 'I hope you have a grand time enjoying the lovely homes and the very special cocktail buffet immediately following the tour'.

I would like to remind everyone of Susan Byrd's One Woman Photo Exhibition coming up April 11th and 12th at Pintura Fine Art Gallery. Susan and Maggie Rees, owner of Pintura Gallery, are generously donating 20% of all proceeds from the exhibit to Creative Women of Pinnacle Peak. Please see details of this event in this newsletter.

Everyone will want to be at the April 16th luncheon at Troon Country Club. Annual Award presentations will make for a very exciting luncheon. You won't want to miss out on congratulating our outstanding members as they are honored for their excellent contributions this year.

Also, as we look toward summer and winding up the 2007/2008 year for CWPP, please keep the May luncheon in mind. That will be the special day when the fruits of our labor will be awarded to this year's grant recipients. Chairman Kathy Kaplan and the Major Grant Committee along with Co- Chairs, Jann Loerch and Fran Safier and the Small Grant Committee have worked countless hours, sorting applications, going on site visits, listening to presentations and attending follow-up meetings in order to present us with a recommended slate of worthy agencies. Your hearts will be so touched by the appreciation shown by the grant recipients. CWPP *does* make a difference in many valley lives!

Sincerely,

Jackie

ON THE ROAD WITH CWPP

...Or...

the adventures of five madcap volunteers...

On April 2, an intrepid group of volunteers traveling from points north and south hit the road for an evening of 'gourmet' food preparation...our plan called for three of us to meet in the Troon parking lot and drive down together...the magic hour was set for 3:30 pm...two arrived... one was missing...Where was she? What was she doing? Who was she with? After circling...calls to our husbands...cruising her route...we finally gave up...and the two headed off towards the 51...Oh! Wait is that a cell phone ringing...of course it is, but where the heck is it...buried under lipsticks, Starbuck cups and the CWPP directory of course...she has been found...ALLELUIA!! She was in that parking lot all the time, but has now returned home...we're told not to worry just keep on going...sounds okay, but let's think about this for a moment...isn't she bringing cookies and brownies...can we really live without chocolate...we don't think so...so in a flash a U- turn has been made and we are off to get her...she thinks we're kind...we know we're addicted to her brownies...and so the escapades of Michelle Corse, Kathy Kaplan, Ann Martin, Caroline Rybinski and Jeri Westphal begin...we set our cars on speed control...we hit the 51 at 70 MPH and off we go to Boys Hope – Girls Hope... armed with fry pans, ice cream makers, and all of the fixings to prepare dinner for the six girls, ourselves and the young women who supervise and encourage these young people to study hard...plan ahead...and to recognize their individual talents and worth....did we have fun?...you bet...we sliced, we diced, we giggled, we shared stories with the girls of our first boyfriends...our school days...proms past...and owned up to both our successes and our failures...and amazed ourselves that we could even remember that far back! Oh! By the way if any of you are concerned we out voted one of our members...she was trying to be 'bad' by providing fresh fruit and vegetables, when we had decided to provide a diet conscious...health oriented...nutritionally balanced dinner of fried chicken...stuffed potatoes...olive oil and garlic infused vegetables...buttered croissants...topped off with the most decadent homemade, fudge topped ice cream and brownies...it was like falling in love all over again...so if any of you want to join us...if you feel the urge to volunteer...just give one of us a call...its really great for the soul...just not for the waistline...

By: Kathy Kaplan

April Luncheon – Annual Awards Ceremony

The April luncheon is being held at Troon Country Club on Wednesday, April 16th, at which time honorary awards will be given. The Awards Committee, headed by Gerry Wolf, recipient of last year's Pinnacle Award, has select six worthy CWPP recipients to be recognized for their volunteer spirit, unreined energy, and tireless efforts on behalf of our organization. The categories include: Pinnacle, Creative, Spirit, New Member, Humanitarian and Unsung Hero.

Troon Country Club
25000 N. Windy Walk Drive
480-585-4310

Troon Country Club is located on the north side of Happy Valley Road approximately 1½ miles east of Pima Road.

Spotlight on New Member Debbie Sinagoga

By Viki Brown

CWPP thanks Ann Martin for sponsoring Debbie Sinagoga. Debbie has jumped right into volunteering at Creative Women. She is Co-Chairing the Home Tour with Polly Ringdahl. This exciting event is on April 9th in the Dynamite area of North Scottsdale. We appreciate Debbie for all the hard work on this last CWPP charity event.

Debbie is originally from Dixon, Illinois. She is in real estate with the Equitable Real Estate Company and her husband Richard owns RS Homes, an award winning custom home building company here in North Scottsdale. Debbie enjoys the outdoor lifestyle in Arizona, which includes motorcycles and tennis to kickboxing and yoga. Creative Women welcomes Debbie Sinagoga.

Membership Forms are due April 15th

Help the Membership Committee by submitting your renewal form and check by April 15th. If you are unable to continue membership, please contact Viki Brown and notify her of your intention. 480-275-6249 or lifeisgreatnpc@msn.com.

SUSAN BYRD

ONE WOMAN PHOTO EXHIBITION

CWPP CHARITY BENEFIT

Pintura Fine Art Gallery is proud to announce the upcoming one-woman show for Scottsdale Photographic Fine Artist, Susan Byrd, April 11 – 12 from 10:00AM until 9:00PM. Artist's reception will be Saturday, April 12th from 6:00PM until 9:00PM, with wine and hors d'oeuvres.

"World in View" will showcase Susan's dramatic fine art images of interesting scenery, people and places from around the world, the American West and Southwest.

Proceeds (10% from Susan and 10% from Pintura Fine Art Gallery for a total of 20%) from the show are to benefit CWPP's valley charities.

Exhibition is open to public. Please visit www.pinturafineart.com to RSVP for reception and sign up for a FREE Giclee. The gallery is located next to Pinnacle Peak Patio – Jomax and Alma School Rd. – 480-538-8288.

Two Corrections:

Our May Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 21st** at Grayhawk Golf Club. Ignore the misprint in our directory, which gives an incorrect date.

New email address for Vi Akin: granyvi@qwestoffice.net

Luncheon Chairman Wanted

We are looking for a member to schedule luncheons for the 2008 – 2009 season. It involves contacting the country club/restaurant, scheduling the luncheon date, selecting a menu, and reconfirming as the date approaches. You will be given a list of contacts at all the venues with their catering director's name and email address. You can work alone, or with a friend. Everything is done via telephone and email. You never have to leave home! If interested, please contact Joanie Burchmore: 480-659-1776 or Joaniemore@hotmail.com.