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CALT's First Annual 50 Mile Feast

An Intimate Celebration of Local Agriculture

By Kate O'Connor-Masse and Colleen Sorensen



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Mary Jo Kirk*

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Central Arizona farms and ranches represent some of the oldest and best protections of open space. The sustainable agriculture practiced preserves open space and conserves water resources, serves as a local economic force and provides “farm to table” products with reduced carbon load. The Central Arizona Land Trust enthusiastically supports these efforts.

To that end, CALT held its first annual 50-Mile Feast, a celebration of Central Arizona farming and ranching. Appropriately, the event was held at a farm in Chino Valley. On the evening of Saturday, August 25th, 125 members of the community came together to enjoy a fabulous feast prepared by local chefs. All of the meat, poultry, eggs, fruit and vegetables used in the meal were produced on or within

50 miles of the farm. For some guests, it was the first exposure to such a wide variety of locally produced foods.

And what a time it was! The monsoon rain, which threatened in the distance, created a gorgeous sunset as the evening began under the sparkly lights of the Chino Valley Farms party spaces. Wine and beer tasting with passed hors d'oeuvres began at 5:00pm as guests mingled and browsed the silent auction items. Local beer and wine were donated by Page Springs Cellars, Prescott Brewing Company and Grand Canyon Cellars. Guests also could join an informative farm tour led by owner Mike O'Connor-Masse. Meanwhile, local five-piece band Rodeo Gitano set an energetic pace as they played lively “gypsy jazz”.

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LAND TRUST

Preserving Open Space in the Heart of Arizona

Mission

The mission of the Central Arizona Land Trust is to preserve and protect open space, wildlife habitat, working agricultural lands and the scenic and cultural values of Central Arizona for future generations.

The Central Arizona Land Trust was founded in 1989 as a local private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

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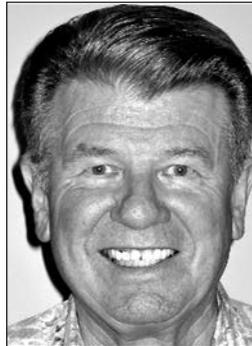
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President's Message



It's a pleasure to write my first newsletter article as the new President of the Central Arizona Land Trust. Judy Clapp served us for the past two years and set a high standard as leader. She hasn't left the board and still serves as my mentor and guide as we move forward with new challenges facing the organization. Our board members represent a diverse group of very talented individuals who are each dedicated to preservation and maintaining open space in this rapidly developing region of Arizona.

My background includes approximately fifteen years with land trusts in California where I've served as a board member and as an advisory board member. I've written conservation easement appraisals for over fifteen years and am currently licensed in California and Arizona as a Certified General Real Estate Appraiser. I'm a graduate of the University of Arizona and live in Prescott with my wife Betty.

The Central Arizona Land Trust (CALT) is currently in the process of pursuing the Land Trust Alliance Accreditation in order to 1) increase the credibility of the organization; 2) insure that all transactions are conducted according to national standards; 3) broaden outreach for conservation projects simultaneous with increasing the organizational capacity and 4) bring CALT more projects that allow for the use of diverse land protection methods and enhance CALT's ability to collaborate with other non-profits and state agencies with similar conservation missions.

The Accreditation process will not be an easy task to accomplish, but we are dedicated to making it happen as soon as possible and within the guidelines set out by the Land Trust Alliance. Accreditation will also change our status from a land trust organization to a respected land trust that cares enough to elevate its status with other conservation organizations throughout the United States.

Six years ago, the Land Trust Accreditation Commission was created as an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance. In 2011, it gained more ground than ever by accrediting 22 land trusts, bringing the total number of accredited land trusts to 158 as of February 2012, and the total number of acres protected by those land trusts to 4,427,355.

I am looking forward to the next couple of years while CALT embarks on this journey taking the necessary steps to accomplish this very important task of elevating our status in the world of conservation.

Gordon Bergthold
President

Inimitable Landscapes Conserved

By Elisabeth Ruffner, Founding President of the Open Space Alliance of Central Yavapai County & the Arizona Preservation Foundation



Photo courtesy of Matt Turner

The beauty of the landscape in Skull Valley and in Granite Dells is best appreciated from afar and although they are quite different in terrain, they do share one advantage: the selected areas are protected in perpetuity by easements granted by the families which own the properties. A quite different landscape is protected in Prescott's Mountain Club in the Boyle/deBusk Open Space Preserve accepted as a fee simple land and easement donation to The City of Prescott by Helen Marie Boyle and Wesley deBusk in 2003. This sloping hillside covered by towering pine trees, and centered on a rustic cabin which had been a family retreat, now provides office and meeting space for the Parks and Recreation Department.

The Central Arizona Land Trust administers these three easements which protect open space and augment quality of life in the region. The goals of the land trust to preserve and protect family lands are furthered through conservation easements, which represent an agreement between the land owner and the trust to protect the subject property from development in perpetuity. The Trust also holds easements created in collaboration with the city in 1998 to protect private land at the base of Thumb Butte bordering Prescott National Forest.

As early (for Arizona) as 1987, The Heritage Foundation of Arizona held panel discussions and sessions at conferences defining easements primarily for historic buildings which had recently received the privilege under federal income tax law of granting tax benefits for perpetual donation of a façade or the appearance of an entire building. Land easement principles had been covered by federal law for a number of years prior

to the privilege being granted for certified historic buildings, but both forms are deemed to confer substantial public benefit.

Over the past several years phone calls from friends Kay and David Jenner and Charline and Sherman Payne resulted in my advising them to seek conservation easement dedication to meet their goals of conservation and lower taxes. With the donation of a conservation easement of portions of the W Diamond Ranch in Skull Valley, an agricultural conservation agreement was reached with CALT, and resulted in the land being retained in production while restricting future development of beautiful riparian and grass lands.

Granite Dells is an area of exceptional geologic assets, riparian beauty and recreational opportunities

The Paynes donated a conservation easement in Granite Dells along a stretch of Granite Creek which for several generations had been used by the Wing/Payne family in agricultural and recreation businesses. This easement provides for the protection of natural and cultural assets in Granite Dells, an area of exceptional geologic assets, riparian beauty and recreational opportunities in perpetuity.

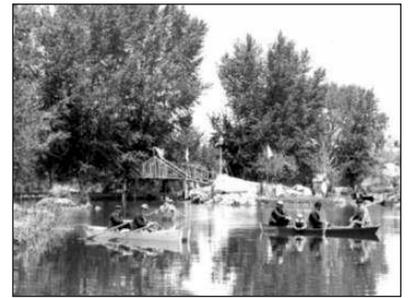
Descriptions of these remarkable public asset acquisitions by CALT have been published broadly, in newsletters of the organization, as well as in the national press, and may be accessed on their website at centralazlandtrust.org.

Granite Dells Resort

A Beautiful Link to Recreation Areas in Yavapai County

By Dan Campbell

In 2000, Prescott citizens gave a clear indication of their intentions to preserve open space when they soundly passed an initiative to levy a one-half cent sales tax upon themselves to purchase natural area parks until 2016. Just such an opportunity has presented itself. Nestled between Watson Lake and Willow Lake, the old Granite Dells Resort is for sale. This 83-acre property is smack dab in the middle of the Dells and right in the center of the long-anticipated Lake to Lake Trail, the completion of which would represent the crowning achievement of Prescott's new trail system. The old Granite Dells Resort could provide the ideal visitor center, trailhead, parking area and hub for a network of trails and shady picnic sites along Granite Creek and throughout the Dells that the City has already bought. In fact, it could connect everything between the Lakes, Watson Woods, the Peavine, Glassford Hill, Prescott, Prescott Valley and on out to Chino Valley in one large, central, regional park. This is an opportunity that if lost, our cities would regret for years to come. We're proud that CALT helped nurture the Granite Dells Preservation Foundation at its birth, and now we are supporting its first project. To the right is the letter recently presented to Prescott's Mayor regarding the forward movement of this project. Letters were also presented to each City Council member. We look forward to their response.



Photos courtesy of Sharlot Hall Museum

CENTRAL ARIZONA LAND TRUST

Preserving Open Space in the Heart of Arizona

November 26, 2012

Dear Mayor Kuykendall,

The Board of Directors of the Central Arizona Land Trust urges you to support the purchase of the historic Granite Dells Resort property, 83 acres in the heart of one of Arizona's most storied and scenic attributes.

Prescott holds a unique position in the region as an outdoor recreation center, which has already and will continue to contribute substantially to our local economy. The addition of Granite Dells Resort to Prescott's portfolio of scenic destinations, interconnected with the trails and lakes of the Dells area, can only serve to boost our city's regional and national profile as a preferred destination for recreational activities.

As a former Mayor of Prescott, Sam Steiger is credited with the Open Space Acquisition referendum, creating a voter supported funding vehicle designated for acquisition of local open space with exceptional conservation values. With a balance of more than half of the original \$40.7 million remaining, eight years later, it is time to act on the wishes of the voters and honor Sam's memory as well.

The newly formed Granite Dells Preservation Foundation could serve as a likely vehicle for organizing volunteer involvement and fundraising to re-purpose the old Granite Dells Resort into a visitor/interpretive center, museum, trailhead, and parking area for the network of trails along Granite Creek and throughout the Dells the City already owns. With the addition of this strategic purchase, the Lakes, Watson Woods, the Peavine, Glassford Hill become one large and unique regional park.

We support this project wholeheartedly as it will be an asset to the citizens of Prescott and beyond for generations to come.


Rebecca Ruffner, Secretary

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the
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50 Mile Feast

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Elegant tables dressed all in white and accented with local flowers beckoned from under the canopy. At 6:00, guests moved into the dining area and mingled as a triple amuse-bouche was served to begin the meal. Chef Tony Burriss and his staff, including Dolisa Pehl and members of the Chino Valley High School Culinary Arts program delighted guests throughout the feast with one creation after another. Following the amuse, delicious salads, entrees, sides and dessert were paired with tasty wines. See the complete menu for a mouth-watering recap of the feast!



Photo courtesy of Mary Jo Kirk

As dessert was served, auctioneer Brad Newman led a spirited auction of artwork, jewelry, sculpture and a Cabo vacation. The auctions, both silent and live, were a great success made possible by the generous donations of local artists and businesses. The Central Arizona Land Trust would like to thank all involved who nurtured this event to its complete success. We look forward to the creativity and community support next year's event will bring.

For a list of Local Producers see page 6

COCKTAILS

Tastings from Page Springs Cellars and Prescott Brewing Company

APPETIZERS

*Deviled Quail Eggs with Farm Fresh Aioli & Chives
Smoked Trout Crostini with Beet Leaf Pesto & Grilled Eggplant Dressing
Focaccia Topped with Tomatoes, Garlic & Basil*

AMUSE BOUCHE

Gazpacho - Vichyssoise - Grilled Peach Soup

SALAD

*Mixed Greens with Goat Cheese, Apples & Roasted Pecans
Served with Mulberry Vinaigrette*

ENTREES

*El Serrano Braised Beef Short Ribs
Rosemary Grilled Chicken
Paprika-Dusted Oven Roasted Quail
Marinated Lamb*

VEGETARIAN OPTION

*Rolled Eggplant Stuffed with Goat Cheese, Bell Peppers, Squash & Corn
with Roasted Bell Pepper Coulis*

SIDES

*Maque Choux - Sautéed Corn, Peppers, Cherry Tomatoes, Onion & Garlic
Honey-Glazed Beets
Roasted Fingerlings & Red Potatoes with Carrots & Fresh Herbs
Eggplant Ratatouille*

DESSERT

*Peach & Strawberry Crumble with Buttermilk Ice Cream,
Blackberry Syrup & Fresh Mint*

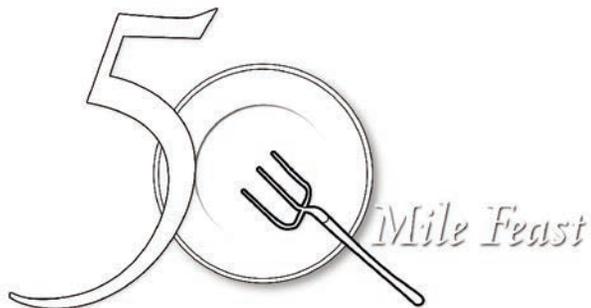
The Board Welcomes Kate O'Connor-Masse



Kate O'Connor-Masse joined CALT's board of directors in October, 2012. CALT's goal of open space preservation is a perfect fit for her, as she and her family are actively involved in sustainable agriculture, farmers markets, community-building and environmental protection. Kate and her husband Mike have farmed in Chino Valley for 15 years, growing a wide variety of vegetables and fruit. Their farm hosted CALT's first annual 50-mile Feast, and through that, she came to know the members of the board of directors. In addition, Kate co-founded and manages YCGrown, the Yavapai County Farmers and Ranchers Cooperative, and its Community Supported Agriculture program (CSA). The Co-op's mission is to help small farms and ranches stay in agriculture by providing a predictable market for their products.

Currently, Kate is a consultant specializing in strategic reimbursement for medical device, pharmaceutical and biotech companies. Prior to that, she held numerous leadership and advisory roles in start-ups, mid-size and Fortune 100 companies in those sectors, focusing on market access for new therapies and products. Kate holds a Bachelor of Science degree with honors from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and an MBA from Arizona State University. In addition to her husband, she lives with her daughter, Amanda and a menagerie of farm animals and pets.

Local Producers for the 2012 First Annual 50 Mile Feast



Chino Valley Farms
Vegetables and Fruit
Chino Valley 928-636-6131

Cielo Azul Farm
Vegetables
Chino Valley 928-636-1968

The Collier Family Farm
Vegetables
Chino Valley 928-636-2804

Kim Davis
Milk, Cream, Buttermilk
Chino Valley 928-713-5913

Downey Farms
Lamb
Chino Valley 928-925-1980

Flying M Ranch
Beets
Flagstaff 928-814-8441

GloSoFine Goats
Goat Cheese
Chino Valley 928-636-7617

Grand Canyon Cellars
Wine
Williams 928-707-0900

Granite Creek Vineyard
Wine
Chino Valley 928-636-2003

Hopkins Hog Farm
Fresh Pork Side
Aguila 928-321-4270

Denise Lindow
Blackberry Syrup and
Mulberry Vinegar
Cornville 928-202-4385

Orme Ranch
Beef
Mayer 928-632-5330

Page Springs Cellars
Wine
Cornville 928-639-3004

Prescott Brewing Co.
Beer
Prescott 928-771-2795

Rainbow Trout Farm
Trout
Sedona 928-282-3379

Ridgeview Farm
Chicken, Quail, Quail Eggs
Paulden 928-308-1825

Shady Acres
Vegetables
Paulden 928-636-9734

Tofu Ranch
Eggs
Chino Valley 928-237-6708

Whipstone Farm
Vegetables
Paulden 928-636-6209



Photo courtesy of Mary Jo Kirk

Jean Wilcox Joins the Board



Jean Wilcox joined the CALT board of directors in November of 2012. Jean moved to Prescott after retiring from the Coconino County Attorney's office in September 2012. During her 18 years with Coconino County, she provided legal assistance to the Board of Supervisors and department officials with the County's open space ballot issue, park projects, and open space acquisition for a major natural area managed by the County for wildlife habitat and livestock grazing. Before moving to Arizona, she was the Planned Giving Director and Counsel to the President of Beloit College, where her fundraising efforts helped grow the endowment by over \$100 million. Early in her legal career, which began in Montana, she developed an expertise in land use law and enjoyed working on streambed protection and soil conservation projects. Her previous non-profit board memberships include the Flagstaff Symphony Association, the Flagstaff City-County Library Foundation, the Beloit Community Foundation (founding member), among others. She has also volunteered with the Arizona Trails Association and the Sierra Club on trail maintenance

projects and with the Grand Canyon Trust on fundraising efforts. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Colorado at Boulder, a Masters in Geography from the University of Montana, and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Montana School of Law. Welcome Jean! We're excited to have you on board.

Leaving a Legacy

In a recent study, people were asked what they would change if they had life to live over again. First, they said they would take more risks. Second, they would work harder on developing and maintaining healthy family relationships. And finally, they would establish a legacy by which they would be remembered.

A legacy is something you establish now, that will live on. It's more than a monument, it's a memory marker. A legacy leaves a lifetime of memories lighting the way for future generations. It's a portrait of our past that hopefully brings inspiration to others. Harvest time provides an opportunity to reflect on meaningful ways that we can create a lasting legacy. The legacy that we leave could be established through memories, time or our resources.

What will be your legacy? Perhaps you will decide to make a difference by participating in your community, making a gift to your favorite charity and spending more time with those you love. Whatever you choose, don't let this time of harvest pass without thinking about creating your lasting legacy. Did you know that the Central Arizona Land Trust maintains a permanent endowment fund with the Arizona Community Foundation? Our fund is used to monitor, acquire, and defend conservation easements. There are two very simple ways you can make a difference for future generations: leave a bequest in your will to CALT's endowment fund and/or make CALT's endowment fund a beneficiary of a life insurance policy. If you would like to find out more about ways to create a CALT legacy for today and future generations, please call Jean Wilcox, CALT board member, at 928-445-7790.

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Wish List

Office Supplies and Equipment

Paper, pens and printer ink are always welcome. Also needed: Dinnerware and place settings for 100 for the next 50-Mile Feast

Books for Central Arizona Land Trust Lending Library

\$25 will buy 5 copies of *Conservation Options:*

A Landowner's Guide

\$50 will buy 1 set of

Preserving Family Lands: Book I –

Essential Tax Strategies for the Landowner

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New Tax Rules and Strategies and a Checklist

\$100 will buy 3 copies of *Saving the Ranch:*

Conservation Easement Design in the West

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Do you have a few hours a month to help with light clerical work, grantwriting, event planning, and public relations? Call (928) 445-7790.

CALT, as a 501(c) 3 charitable organization, can accept donations of all types of assets. Additionally, CALT can accept donations of land that may not be appropriate for a conservation easement, but can be re-sold to benefit our general expenses, programs, and land preservation efforts. Please call our office for more information at (928) 445-7790.

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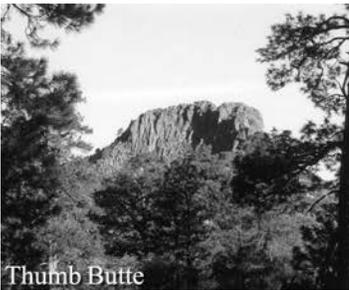
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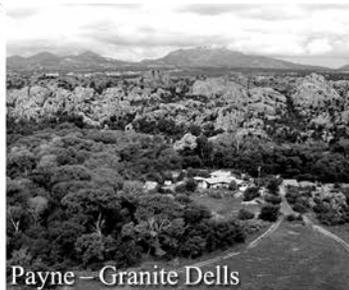
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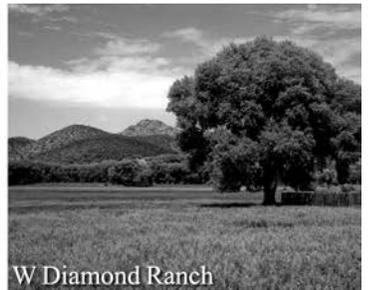
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