

# FRIENDS IN THE HILLS

## JUNE 2026 ACTIVITY BULLETIN

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### **JUNE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Summer is here! The heat is on and many of you are planning travels to escape! But there are still things to do here at Friends in the Hills. Perhaps you might consider checking out our luncheon venue at Phil's Filling Station if you have a free Wednesday!

Just a reminder that we are looking for ladies to take on chairing the hiking groups—both easy and more difficult—in the fall! We are also considering a second Sip & Swirl event to take place on a different day since it is such a popular event and has limited space—let me know if you'd be interested in chairing that.

Hope to see you around!

Stephanie Harris  
FITH President

### **SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT**

If you know of any ill member or death in the immediate family of a member of Friends, please inform President Stephanie Harris at [805-368-2940](tel:805-368-2940) or email her at [fithpres@gmail.com](mailto:fithpres@gmail.com), or Martha Craner at [480-837-2183](tel:480-837-2183) or email her at [marthab911@gmail.com](mailto:marthab911@gmail.com).

### **A NEW LUNCHEON VENUE FOR JUNE!!!**

**JUNE 10TH**

#### **PHIL'S FILLING STATION**

16852 E Parkway Avenue

Fountain Hills

We will be moving to Phil's Filling Station for our luncheon on June 10th. When you arrive, you will be seated and presented with a limited menu to choose from—Turkey Wrap, Hamburger or Caesar Salad with Chicken. The price of \$30 will include a drink plus tax and tip. Please sign up ahead of time for the luncheon and pay on the website as usual.

We will not have a program presented in June, giving us lots of time to socialize, and of course we will continue with our raffle. Please plan on arriving at 11:30 AM.

### **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

Vicki Johnson

Phone: (316) 644-4774

Email: [fithmembership@gmail.com](mailto:fithmembership@gmail.com)

Membership dues for 2026 are **\$35**. Friends in the Hills membership is still a great bargain.

Ladies who are interested in joining our club will be emailed a link to make payment and join. Please email me at: [fithmembership@gmail.com](mailto:fithmembership@gmail.com) for the link. We do recommend that all new members attend the Newcomers Coffee to learn about the club. The next Newcomers Coffee is in September. See elsewhere in the Bulletin and register on the website.

The on-line [Membership Directory](#) is always up-to-date and the best source to find members.

## **LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS INFORMATION**

Sue Manning Reservations Coordinator  
sgmmanning@gmail.com 480-226-2187

The June luncheon will be held at Phil's Filling Station. The cost is \$30. All luncheon reservations must be made and paid for **NO LATER THAN the FRIDAY BEFORE THE LUNCHEON.**

Reservations received after **JUNE 5** will NOT be accepted.

If you would like to bring a guest, please contact the Luncheon Reservations Chairperson, Sue Manning.

### **HOW TO PAY**

- Go to the website, [www.friendsinthehillsaz.org](http://www.friendsinthehillsaz.org) luncheon.
- Mail a check (made out to "Friends in the Hills Welcome Club" or "FITH" and mail to Friends in the Hills, ATTN: Luncheon, P.O. Box 17358, Fountain Hills, AZ 85269. The deadline to reserve and pay is June 5. Cancellations must be made by 5 PM on Friday, June 5th or your money cannot be refunded. We will NOT be doing any carry over to the next luncheon. On-line payments will be credited to your card and checks will be returned. **NOTE:** If you want to pay forward (with cash) for the July luncheon while attending the June luncheon, please have the **exact amount**

### **NEWCOMER'S COFFEE**

Nancy Jones [jonesnphnx@aol.com](mailto:jonesnphnx@aol.com) 602-770-9829

Barbara Cardinal [brc39@aol.com](mailto:brc39@aol.com) 847-987-2211

### **WE WILL BE ON HIATUS UNTIL SEPTEMBER!**

## **FITH WEBSITE**

Vicki Johnson

Phone: 316-644-4774

Email: [fithwebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:fithwebmaster@gmail.com)

Friends in the Hills website is <https://www.friendsinthehillsaz.org>. You can register online for some of our events and get the current and previous Bulletins on the website.

We have a YouTube Channel with videos providing how to do things on the website. The link is:

<https://www.youtube.com/FriendsintheHillsAZ>

The current videos include the following:

1. Request Help from Webmaster
2. Change Password on Friends in the Hills Website
3. Renewing Dues
4. Getting the Bulletin

If you're having trouble opening the Bulletin, you can download Adobe Acrobat Reader for free at:

<https://get.adobe.com/reader/>

If you have any questions or need help getting something done on the website, please send me an email or give me a call.

## **BIRTHDAY BASH**

Margarete Ripps [msripps@yahoo.com](mailto:msripps@yahoo.com)

Gina Waldo [ginawaldo@gmail.com](mailto:ginawaldo@gmail.com)

Get ready for cake, presents, and plenty of FUN! Come celebrate your birthday with Friends in the Hills! Each year we host four special birthday celebrations, and our third Quarter Birthday Bash is right around the corner. Join us on **September 30th from 4:00—6:00 PM** as we celebrate everyone with birthdays in **July, August, and September**—now at a new Happy Hour time! Registration for the September Birthday Bash opens on July 1st.

Sign up and pay through the Friends website under Members Login/Events. Your \$5.50 ticket includes delicious appetizers, beverages, and of course, birthday cake! To add a little extra excitement, please bring a \$10 wrapped gift and take part in our always-fun gift exchange.

Come laugh, celebrate, and enjoy a festive Happy Hour with friends—we can't wait to celebrate YOU!

**THE FOUNDERS- 1ST WEDNESDAY**

Rosemary Bonaguidi [rosemary.bonaguidi@cox.net](mailto:rosemary.bonaguidi@cox.net)  
480-209-8601

Heidi Pearson [heidipearsonaz@gmail.com](mailto:heidipearsonaz@gmail.com)  
480-816-1088

**Wednesday, May 3rd, at 11:30 AM**

**GEORGIE'S RESTAURANT**

Avenue of the Fountains  
Fountain Hills

Please email Heidi for a reservation!

**SINGLES SUPPER CLUB**

**June 18 2026, at 5:30 PM (New time!)**

CASA MIA  
11485 N. 136th Street,  
Scottsdale, AZ 85259

Please respond by June 14th, 2026.

Elaine Jellock [elainejellock@hotmail.com](mailto:elainejellock@hotmail.com) or  
570-430-1472

**OUT TO LUNCH!**

Join us for Out to Lunch at **noon** on Tuesday,  
**June 23rd.**

**The Vig at McDowell Mountain**

10199 E. Bell Road, Scottsdale, 85260

Please RSVP to [Myra3mia@gmail.com](mailto:Myra3mia@gmail.com)  
[480-881-6198](tel:480-881-6198)

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON TEA**

**JUNE 17, 2026**

**3:00 PM**

Join us for "Afternoon Tea!" Coffee and more!  
Bring home a dinner item or two as well.

PLACE: **Euro Café**

12625 N Saguaro Blvd

RSVP to Sally Elam if you can come.

[sallyinarizona@gmail.com](mailto:sallyinarizona@gmail.com)

**MONDAY MORNING COFFEE**

**JUNE 29, 2026**

**10:30 AM**

Join us for a morning out with "friends."

Have some coffee, tea, or a whole good breakfast.

PLACE: **Phil's Filling Station**

16852 E. Parkview Avenue

RSVP to Sally Elam if you can come.

[sallyinarizona@gmail.com](mailto:sallyinarizona@gmail.com)

**OFF TO THE SHOW!**

**WE WILL BE ON HIATUS UNTIL THE FALL!**

**SAGUARO BOOK CLUB**

The club continues to be full. If you wish to be on a  
wait list, please email

[hwhatmough@cox.net](mailto:hwhatmough@cox.net)

**BITS, BAUBLES & BEADS**

(formerly Beading Buddies)

Sharron Neyer [sharron2001@msn.com](mailto:sharron2001@msn.com) 562  
-833-9447

Jean Peterson [onejeanius@gmail.com](mailto:onejeanius@gmail.com) 916-  
710-0898

Jean and I will be back in **September** with more fun craft projects. **Here is a little teaser** of what you will be creating with a teapot. Yep, stringing beads to make a cute garden art object or a fun décor for your home!

**More info coming to you in the September bulletin. Hope you can join us!**



**BUNCO**

Sue Manning [sgmanning@gmail.com](mailto:sgmanning@gmail.com)  
480-226-2187

**AMERICAN LEGION**

16837 E. Parkview Avenue

**BUNCO WILL BE ON HIATUS UNTIL**

**SEPTEMBER!!**

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE**

Martha Craner [marthab911@gmail.com](mailto:marthab911@gmail.com)  
480-837-2183

**JUNE 8, AT 11:00 AM**

**PHIL'S FILLING STATION**

16852 E. Parkview Avenue

We meet at 11:00 AM for lunch and play at noon. Cost is \$1 per person. This is a friendly game where you can compare your score against the people who played the same hands. Please contact Martha to make a reservation or to cancel.

**PARTY BRIDGE—3RD MONDAY**

Sally Gibbs [sallygebbs@cox.net](mailto:sallygebbs@cox.net) 480-734-  
3482

**MONDAY, JUNE 15, AT 11:30 AM**

**QUE BUENO**

13207 N. La Montana Drive

We have room for 3 tables. We play bridge for 1/2 hour and then order lunch. The owner would like us to pay cash. Everyone is welcome, but you do need to sign up in advance. Contact Sally Gibbs if you are interested in playing.

**EUCHRE**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 26, AT 11:30 AM**

**PHIL'S**

**16852 E. Parkview Ave.**

Come for a snack/lunch at 11:30. Play noon til 2 PM-ish.

**Please RSVP so I get a count of who will play.**

Myra Smith [myra3mia@gmail.com](mailto:myra3mia@gmail.com)  
480-881-6198

If you don't play and want to learn, contact Myra.

## **CIRCLE OF NEW FRIENDS**

ELIGIBILITY: Members who joined 2022-2026



Summer is here! Let's chill out amongst friends and raise our glass to those staying here for the summer! Cheers!

Please RSVP to [Annvan@gmx.com](mailto:Annvan@gmx.com) by June 18.

## **EVENING SIGNATURE SOCIALS**

Our Kentucky Derby Signature Social was a great success! Everyone enjoyed the outstanding BBQ from Naked Q, the Derby raffle, and the outfit contest. A special thank you goes out to Deborah and Jon Murray for hosting in their beautiful home. After reviewing our survey results, we are pleased to see the enthusiasm for the changes we have made this year and appreciate the positive input. The committee has worked hard to bring the group special events and we are in the midst of planning for the 2026-2027 season. Stay tuned for more information in upcoming bulletins! Remember, the events are always open to members plus 1.

Cheers!

Marilyn ten Hope 480-457-9277  
[mtenhope@msn.com](mailto:mtenhope@msn.com)

Patricia Robinson 202-489-3615  
[patriciacarrollrobinson@gmail.com](mailto:patriciacarrollrobinson@gmail.com)

## **FOUNTAIN READERS**

We are currently full at this time.

For any questions regarding wait list, please contact Sally Kelly at [satkelly7@gmail.com](mailto:satkelly7@gmail.com).

## **BOOKS IN THE HILLS**

The Books in the Hills wrapped up their year with a luncheon hosted by Kelly Echard. Kelly prepared a recipe from each of the books they read over the year, and a fun time was had by all. The club will not meet over the summer, but will meet every other month on the third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm. At this time, the club is full, but if you'd like to be put on the wait list, please email Kelly: [kjechard@att.net](mailto:kjechard@att.net)

## **MAH JONGG PLAY—EVERY THURSDAY**

(Beginner / Intermediate)

Gloria Hachikian [hshglo@gmail.com](mailto:hshglo@gmail.com) 847-420-0876

Sheila Hagan [snhagan55@gmail.com](mailto:snhagan55@gmail.com)  
312-206-8730

## **American Legion Post**

We ask players to arrive by 12:15 PM so we can begin play at 12:30 PM.

This group is oversubscribed at this time and shall remain closed until further notice.

We would love to encourage anyone interested in forming a second group of beginners/intermediates to please do so.

## **SHORT HIKE**

### **POKER CLUB—1ST THURSDAY**

Kathleen Sauser [kschireb@cox.net](mailto:kschireb@cox.net) 480-836-1293

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 4TH 2:00 TO 4:00**

This group meets monthly at the home of Kathleen Sauser, 17345 E. Baca Drive. Please call Kathleen if you are interested in attending.

We are seeking new leaders for the short hikes. If you are interested in leading this rewarding activity, please contact the club president, Stephanie Harris at [fithprez@gmail.com](mailto:fithprez@gmail.com). The hikes have usually been on the third Wednesday of the month from October through March. Feel free to contact Kathy Helms at [khelms833@gmail.com](mailto:khelms833@gmail.com) for a list and description of the hikes she has been co-leading for the past seven years. They are generally three miles long with little elevation gain.

### **PAPER CRAFTING—LAST TUESDAY**

Honi Hershey [honi\\_h2000@yahoo.com](mailto:honi_h2000@yahoo.com)  
480-628-0680

Martha Craner [marthab911@gmail.com](mailto:marthab911@gmail.com)  
[480-837-2183](tel:480-837-2183)

**June 30, 2026 at 2:00 PM**

We are a small group with varying levels of experience from beginners to advanced who enjoy getting together each month to make greeting cards. We use stamps, ink, and paper to complete at least three projects each time. NOTE NEW PRICE is \$15 per session. The fee covers the project and supplies. Each session usually meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 2:00 PM. Space is sometimes limited. You may call or email Honi if you are interested in participating, to get more information, or to be placed on their email list.

### **18 HOLES OR SCRAMBLE GOLF**

#### **EVERY MONDAY**

Cass Ritchey [fithgolf@gmail.com](mailto:fithgolf@gmail.com) 480-580-7992

Starfire Golf Club, Scottsdale

Every Monday, 7:50 AM

We will golf every Monday at 7:50 AM at Starfire Golf Club. The 18-hole course was designed by Arnold Palmer and offers golfers a fun round! All levels are welcome, but you must be able to keep up with the pace of play.

Please use our golf email: [fithgolf@gmail.com](mailto:fithgolf@gmail.com) to be placed on our email list, or if you have any questions. Additional information can be found on our website.

**SIP & SWIRL WINE—2ND TUESDAY**

Linda Tornabene

Judy Crosby [judy.crosby@gmail.com](mailto:judy.crosby@gmail.com)

480-225-6927



**June 9th, 2026, 4:00—6:00 PM**

**Grapeables Fine Wines**

12645 Saguaro Boulevard

(Fountainside Plaza)

NOTE: Sign-up begins with the receipt of the newsletter. Attendance is still being limited to 30, so book ASAP to be on the list. If you do not contact **JUDY** and receive confirmation—you should not attend.

We know that plans change, but please let us know if you are not going to be able to make it once you've been signed up and/or confirmed. No-shows wanting to attend the next month will be put on the waitlist.