

FRIENDS IN THE HILLS

OCTOBER 2025 ACTIVITY BULLETIN

Website: friendsinthehillsaz.org

OCTOBER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back, snow birds! We're happy to have you return to your winter nest! Events are starting to ramp back up again now that our summer heat is almost behind us! Check out the details on our new evening social program in the bulletin! A Halloween event will be the first—be sure to register as it is no longer a pay at the door event.

For those of you who didn't attend, we had an amazing first luncheon in our new venue, the Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall with our new caterer! We will be providing information on both this month's luncheon and next month's in the bulletin so that you can plan ahead! If you would like to pay for November's luncheon when you attend this month, you may do so at the door with either cash or checks. Please note that we do not have the ability to take credit cards in person but you can always do so on our website. Please be sure to write in the memo portion of your check that it is for the November luncheon so that our treasurer can note your registration.

Just a reminder for you ladies who have some physical issues, there is parking in the back of the church AND there is a ramp. Also as our luncheon is now buffet, we are happy to assist you with getting your plate of food.

Don't miss this month's speakers who will be giving us all the current details on our new Dark Sky facility! We will also be announcing our nomination slate of officers for next year.

Hope to see you all at the luncheon or at other events during the month!

Stephanie

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 fithprez@gmail.com, or Martha Craner at [480-837-2183](tel:480-837-2183) or email her at marthab911@gmail.com.

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OCTOBER LUNCHEON

2nd Wednesday, October 8

Our October luncheon will be held at the Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 13001 N Fountain Hills Blvd, Fountain Hills, AZ. 85268.

Doors open at 11:30 AM. Lunch served at 12:00 PM. Your payment of \$30 is your reservation.



Friends in the Hills Monthly Luncheon

Wednesday
October 8, 2025
11:00 doors open
11:30 - 1:00 lunch

MENU:
Broccoli, Quinoa & Chickpea Salad in a Lemon Vinaigrette (Vegetarian)
Choice of:
Ham & Cheese Poppyseed Sliders OR
Turkey & Cheese Poppyseed Sliders OR
Sautéed Onion-Cheese Poppyseed Sliders (Vegetarian Option)
Slice of Cantaloupe
Chocolate Pecan CupCookies
Iced Tea or Water

LOCATION:
Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church Fellowship Center
13001 N. Fountain Hills Blvd.
Fountain Hills, AZ

*Catered by Chef Debbie J. Elder
Culinary Curator, LLC*

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS INFORMATION

Sue Manning Reservations Coordinator

sgmmanning@gmail.com 480-226-2187

The October luncheon will be held at the Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$30. All luncheon reservations must be made and paid for NO LATER THAN the **WEDNESDAY BEFORE THE LUNCHEON.**

Reservations received after the **October 1** 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 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 October 1. Cancellations must be made by 5:00 PM on Thursday, October 2nd 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 November luncheon while attending the October luncheon, please have the **exact amount.**

OCTOBER LUNCHEON PROGRAM

Planetarium Champion Scott Adams and Executive Director Kari Carlisle from the International Dark Sky Discovery Center will share an inspiring update on this world-class science facility coming to Fountain Hills. Hear how the project was envisioned, the strong community support behind it, and what's ahead as construction moves forward. And hold onto your seats as they highlight the exciting experiences visitor can look forward to when the Center opens in 2026, including a state-of-the art observatory, planetarium, theater, interactive exhibits, and educational programs.

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON MENU

Roasted Chicken & Red Grapes

Vegetarian Option: Roasted Cauliflower & Red Grapes

Toasted Israeli Couscous

Kale Salad with Mandarin Oranges, Dried Blueberries and Sunflower Seeds tossed in a White Balsamic Vinaigrette (Vegetarian)

Rolls with Butter Pats

Apple Spice Cupcakes with Caramel Frosting

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON PROGRAM

Gina Waldo will present a fall cabi fashion show using FITH members as models. Cabi doesn't chase trends, they reimagine them. Trends aren't rules. They're invitations to play, a chance to explore the world through what you wear. Whether bold or subtle, it's all about staying true to yourself.

If you want to be a model, text Gina at [480-710-3625](tel:480-710-3625).

GINA WALDO

Independent cabi Stylist

Direct [480-710-3625](tel:480-710-3625) ginawaldo.com

view the current Collection at ginawaldolcabionline.com for the latest styling tips, trends, and outfit ideas, visit the cabi blog

FITH WEBSITE

Vicki Johnson

Phone: 316-644-4774

Email: fithwebmaster@gmail.com

Friends in the Hills website is <https://www.friendsinthehillsaz.org>. We also 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 have any questions or need help getting something done on the website, please send me an email or give me a call.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Vicki Johnson

Phone: (316) 644-4774

Email: fithmembership@gmail.com

All members should know that the Friends in the Hills Board voted to increase dues to **\$35 per year** (from \$30 per year) starting with renewals for 2026. Membership is still a great bargain. The first renewal notices will go out the beginning of November.

Potential new members can attend a Newcomer's Coffee in October. Dues for 2025 are **\$15** through the end of October. Beginning in November dues are free, we ask that new members pay **\$35** to renew their membership for 2026.

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 for the link.

The on-line Membership Directory is always up-to-date and the best source to find members.

NEWCOMER'S COFFEE

Nancy Jones jonesnphnx@aol.com 602-770-9829

Barbara Cardinal brc39@aol.com 847-987-2211

We are pleased to invite you to our Friends in the Hills Newcomer's Coffee. Come and share a cup of coffee and a snack with us while we introduce you to all the activities FITH has to offer. You will also be able to join our club that morning if you wish. Also, if you have a friend or neighbor who might be interested, bring her along.

DATE: **Wednesday, October 22, 2025**

TIME: **10:00 AM**

PLACE: 16450 East Avenue of the Fountains, Unit 2, Fountain Hills

Please RSVP to Nancy Jones jonesnphnx@aol.com

BIRTHDAY BASH

Hostesses:

Valerie O'Keefe valeriesellsaz@gmail.com
225-244-176

Vicki Johnson docvj89@gmail.com 316-644-4774

The **3rd Quarter Birthday Bash** (for ladies with birthdays in July, August, and September) will be on **Friday, October 31, 2025**, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Sign up and pay to attend the 3rd Quarter Birthday Bash on the Friends website under [Members Login/Events List](#). The cost is \$5.50 to cover drinks, snacks, paper products, and birthday cake. Please bring a wrapped gift valued around \$10 for our fun white elephant exchange.

Attendance is limited to the first 25 ladies who sign up so be sure to register early! This is a great way to meet new people in a smaller group setting. We can't wait to see you. (Location and gate code will be sent out to attendees before the event.)

For planning, the 4th Quarter Birthday Bash (for birthdays in October, November, and December) will be Friday, December 19 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. You will be able to sign up on the [website](#) starting at 3 pm on October 31. **BOOK CLUB**

(Desert Readers)

Helen Whatmough hwhatmough@cox.net 480-836-6834

The Saguaro Book Group is reading "BY NOTHER NAME". The group is full and only accepting waitlist applicants. If you are interested in being on the waitlist, please email hwhatmough@cox.net.

BUNCO

OCTOBER 29TH, AT 12:30 PM

Sue Manning sgmmanning@gmail.com

480-226-2187

AMERICAN LEGION

16837 E. Parkview Avenue

You should bring \$5 for Bunco, \$5 for the American Legion, and \$3 in one dollar bills for LRC.

BITS, BAUBLES & BEADS

(formerly Beading Buddies)

Sharron Neyer sharron2001@msn.com 562-833-9447

Jean Peterson onejeanius@gmail.com 916-710-0898

DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Time: 1:00.

Cost: \$15.00. (all supplies included)

Address: 14814 E. Crested Crown

This month's class we are giving you a project choice:

Halloween Spider (see photo) cute to add to your Halloween décor!

Christmas Spider (see photo) Google "Christmas Spider story" this is something you can give as a gift with a copy of the story about the Christmas Spider to your friend or family member.

Both projects are wire wrapped and you will have a choice of beads to use and chain can be provided should you choose to hang your spider.

Please text with your name and the project you have chosen. (562) 833-9447



DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Martha Craner marthab911@gmail.com 480-837-2183

OCTOBER 13, 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

Sandy Clark WClarkaz@cox.net or 480-560-0883

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, ATT 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 Sandy Clark by Email: WClarkaz@cox.net or text: 480-560-0883

CIRCLE OF NEW FRIENDS, 4TH FRIDAY

Eligibility: Members who joined 2022—2025

Ann Van Den Heuvel annvan@gmx.com 480-299-6951

Alveretta Petta alveretta_petta@yahoo.com 480-510-0304

OCTOBER 24, 11:30 AM

WICKED 6 BAR AND GRILL

Sunridge Canyon Gold Course

13100 Sunridge Drive

Fountain Hills, AZ 8526

Please RSVP to Ann Van Den Heuvel by 10/17 at: Annvan@gmx.com.

FRIENDS IN THE HILLS TWEENER'S LUNCH

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2025
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

MENU

Salad Greens, Green Apple, Apricot,
Almonds with Scallion Vinaigrette
Mushroom, Sun-dried Tomato, Spinach
& French Cheese Quiche
Grapes & Berries
Pumpkin Bread with Butter
Iced Tea or Lemonade

\$30 (includes tax/gratuity)

Must be paid in advance; Limited Attendance
Register: www.debbiejelder.com/events/

DEBBIE'S KITCHEN STUDIO
16747 E. PARKVIEW AVENUE, SUITE 9
FOUNTAIN HILLS 480 236 2118

Scan me



FIFTH TWEENERS LUNCH

November 5, 2025
11:30 AM-1:00 PM

MENU

Smoky Eggplant & Tomato Galette
Mixed Greens with Pear & Sugared Walnuts
Apple Cider Spice Muffins
Pumpkin Cookies with Brown Sugar Frosting
\$30 (includes tax/gratuity)

Must be paid in advance; Limited Attendance

Register: www.debbiejelder.com/events/

Debbie's Kitchen Studio
16747 E. Parkview Avenue, Suite 9 Fountain Hills
480 236 2118



EVENING SIGNATURE SOCIALS

(Formerly TGIF Evening Social)

Please see the invitation below for our first Signature Social of the year—our Halloween Bash on October 31st! Cost per person is \$30 and includes catered dinner by Blue Adobe Grill, beer, wine, and a signature cocktail. Be ready for photo opportunities and a special night of ghoulish fun! Register ASAP on the FITH website—space is limited to 50 attendees....

Marilyn ten Hope 480-457-9277
mtenhope@msn.com

Patricia Robinson 202-489-3615
patriaiacarrollrobinson@gmail.com



SINGLE SUPPER CLUB

OCTOBER 23 (NOTE DATE), AT 5 PM

THE VILLAGE TAVERN

8787 N SCOTTSDALE RD

SCOTTSDALE, AZ

I have attached the menu, which was supplied by the restaurant, for you to look at. Due to the amount of people it is a limited menu. I do feel that there is something for everyone to choose something that may appeal to them.

I have made reservations for 16 people. Separate checks with tax and tip will be given to each person. Please send me your response before 10/15/2025, as I need to give the restaurant a final count at that time.

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

VILLAGE TAVERN

Scratch Kitchen Craft Bar

Preset Dinner Menu

Appetizer Salad

Garden Salad 7.95

Caesar Salad 9.95

Entrée Choices

Ten Spice Glazed Salmon 29.95

Braised Short Ribs 37.95

Spaghetti Squash and Zucchini 15.95

Grilled Meatloaf 23.95

Prime Rib with Au Jus 39.95

Grilled Chicken Teriyaki 15.95

Fresh Idaho Rainbow Trout 27.95

Dessert

Very Best Carrot Cake 8.95

Key Lime Pie 8.95

Ghiradelli Chocolate Torte 9.95

THE FOUNDERS– 1ST WEDNESDAY

Rosemary Bonaguidi rosmary.bonaguidi@cox.net
480-209-8601

Heidi Pearson heidipearsonaz@gmail.com
480-816-1088

Wednesday, October 1st, at 11:30 AM

S & V Italian Restaurant

94th Street and Shea Blvd.

Please email Heidi for a reservation!

LADIES NIGHT OUT

VICINOS LOCAL ITALIAN

10999 N. Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd.

Scottsdale, AZ 85259

October 27, 2025, 4:00– 6:00 PM

Martini Mondays, \$8 Martini's

Please join us for an evening of social time. Enjoy meeting new women, having great conversation, beverages, and food. Make your reservation soon. Guests invited.

MENU: Chef's choice of pasta, Caesar salad and garlic bread.

(Deadline is October 20th, **Noon**) **Limit 55—No Refunds-NO CASH**

Cost \$12.00 per person for food, drinks on your own.

How to sign up and pay with credit card and check below:

www.friendsinthehillsaz.org

Login (go to 3 bars on top)

go to **Events** page (scroll down)

Problems with sign up?

Contact Vicki Johnson (webmaster)

Fithwebmaster@gmail.com

316-644-4774

OR

All checks to be received by **Monday, September 20th, NO CASH** to Friends in the Hills, P.O. Box 17358, Fountain Hills, AZ 85269 (include your E-mail address)

Susan Slapke and Sheri McCurdy, Chairs

MAH JONGG PLAY—EVERY THURSDAY

(Beginner / Intermediate)

Gloria Hachikian hshglo@gmail.com 847-420-0876

Sheila Hagan 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.

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE

Sally Elam sallyinarizona@gmail.com
480-766-6323

Enjoy a morning our with "Friends" at **Mountain View Kitchen**. Start your day with coffee, tea and/or a whole delicious breakfast. The only thing to bring is a "smile or two!" See you there.

DATE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

TIME: 10:30 AM

PLACE: **MOUNTAIN VIEW KITCHEN (NEW LOCATION)**

RSVP to sallyinarizona@gmail.com if you can come.

OUT TO LUNCH

Myra Smith myra3mia@gmail.com 480-881-6198

Tuesday, October 21st at noon.

Ling and Louie's

9397 E. Shea

Scottsdale, AZ

Please RSVP by email to Myra Smith

myra3mia@gmail.com 480-881-6198

OFF TO THE SHOW!

"It's A Wonderful Life"

15 tickets have been reserved

Don Bluth Front Row Theatre

8989 E Via Linda

Scottsdale

Saturday, November 15, at 2:00 PM

If interested, email Laura Moccoa at lbmocchia@gmail.com and submit payment prior to October 15 (cash, mail check, or Venmo)

Cell 913-370-2237

Ticket price is \$33.00

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(Desert Readers)

Helen Whatmough hwhatmough@cox.net 480-836-6834

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HIKING GROUP—3RD WEDNESDAY

Co-Chairs for Experienced Hike

Grete Carlson gretecmom@gmail.com 253-720-4061

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EXPERIENCED HIKERS ARE ON HIATUS UNTIL NOVEMBER

SHORTER HIKE

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Kathy Helms khelms833@gmail.com 602-509-5879

Shorter Hike

Wednesday, October 15

Verde Trail at McDowell Mountain Park

Our first hike of the season will be a three-mile round trip on the Verde Trail, which starts at the town of Rio Verde and connects to the North Trail at McDowell Mountain Park. The trail is mostly smooth with a few short rocky areas and about 120 feet elevation change. It passes through lovely desert and has great views of the surrounding mountains. The cost is \$2 per person to walk the park.

We will meet at 7:45 am at the NW corner of the Safeway parking lot and carpool to the trailhead in Rio Verde. The optional lunch afterward will be at Wicked 6 Bar & Grill at the Sunridge Canyon Golf Club in Fountain Hills. Please email Kathy Helms at khelms833@gmail.com to sign up for the hike and let her know if attending lunch.

Please RSVP by email to Myra Smith

myra3mia@gmail.com 480-881-6198

EUCHRE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 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 to Myra Smith myra3mia@gmail.com 480-881-6198

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

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON TEA

Take a mid-week mid-afternoon break with "friends" to have a drink together, chat, catch up, and even bring home a dinner item or two.

DATE: Wednesday, October 8th

TIME: 3:00 pm

PLACE: **Euro Café (new location)**

Yes same area just next building

12625 N Saguaro Blvd 101

480-836-0207 (restaurant number)

RSVP to Sally Elam sallyinarizona@gmail.com

if you can come.

PAPER CRAFTING—LAST TUESDAY

Honi Hershey honi_h2000@yahoo.com
480-628-0680

October 28, 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. There is a \$10 per session fee that 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.

POKER CLUB—1ST THURSDAY

Kathleen Sauser kschireb@cox.net 480-836-1293

THURSDAY, September 2, 2:00 TO 4:00 PM

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

CIRCLE OF LONG TIME FRIENDS

Eligibility: Members who joined 2010-2014

**WE NEED NEW LEADERS FOR THE CIRCLE OF
LONG TIME FRIENDS.**

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, CONTACT

**STEPHANIE HARRIS AT
FITHPREZ@GMAIL.COM or 805-368-2940.**

SIP & SWIRL WINE—2ND TUESDAY

Linda Tornabene

Judy Crosby judy.crosby@gmail.com 480-225-6927

OCTOBER 14, 2025, 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.

18 HOLES OR SCRAMBLE GOLF

EVERY MONDAY

Cass Ritchey 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 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 to be placed on our email list, or if you have any questions. Additional information can be found on our website.

BEGINNING MAH JONGG CLASS

Good morning and welcome to beginners Mah Jongg. Anyone interested in our class or advancing their skills please give me a call!

Mary Monroe

Phone #262-424-5380

Our playing time will be on Fridays at 1:00 pm, starting October 17th. For more information or questions, just give me a call. Thank you!