

September 2023

Branching Out

Sedona Friends of the Forest

From the President

First off, I would like to thank the following Board members for all their time and contributions to the Board and the Friends, **Jon Petrescu, Terri Petrescu, Jerry Walters and Jennifer Young**, I really appreciate all you have done for the FOF and hope to still volunteer with you in the future. My sincere gratitude!!

I would also like to give a shout out to all the PSAR & Docents for working outdoors in the excessive heat we had the last couple of months, your dedication is inspiring!!

Summer is normally our "slow time" but we managed to keep pretty busy. Between Water Sampling, Air quality, Installing signs, various paint projects, hydro-seeding and other "Janie Projects"..the list goes on and on, I can't thank everyone enough but I can sure try.

We will have our New Member Event on September 14th from 2-4 pm at the KSB building on Brewer Rd. Kudos to Craig for all his hard work and reserving the building for us. I look forward to meeting some of the new members and seeing some of the old timers.

Mark your calendars for 2 upcoming events.

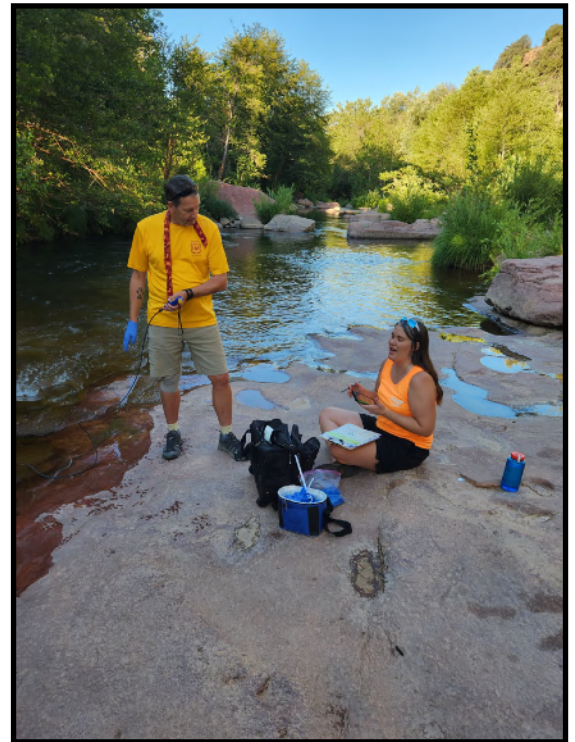
**The FOF Annual Meeting/Volunteer appreciation event
Saturday, November 4th**

The 30 Year Celebration Event-Saturday April 6th

Thank you for all your dedication to the Friends and I look forward to seeing you out on the trails,

Regards,
Jerry & Chase

Water Quality Monitoring



Jerry learning the ropes of water sampling

2023 Board of Directors Ballot

Votes for new and returning FOF board members is open to all members, the ballot may be found on page 16. On line voting will be available.

Wildlife, Fish, Rare Plants

Wildlife, fish, and rare plants are all around us and through all of you volunteers I have learned a lot. Here are a few of the projects and training opportunities that we've had since June. If you would like to learn more about any of them, then please just reach out to me or any of the other volunteers and we'll get you hooked up. We can always use more volunteers to help care for the Forest Service horses.

Prey Do!

We have volunteers out there monitoring kestrel nests...of course we do. I get emails like this – "We've got four eggs in one of our kestrel boxes. Would you see if I can borrow a spotting scope?" Yup! Here's the pic Dale Evans got with the scope that Janie (Forest Service Biologist) loaned him. Dale and Sharon Evans monitor four boxes, but are always on bird watch wherever they go.

Janie with the help of AZ Game & Fish banded four male kestrels back in June.

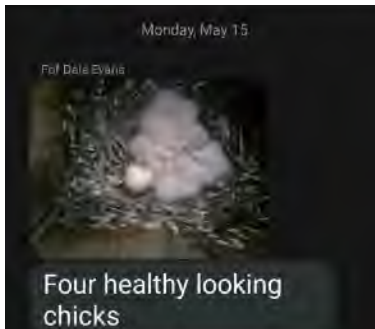
Reason for nest box program is:

Kestrels are declining throughout their range

This is due to loss of habitat, prairies in the mid-west, and grasslands and open shrub lands in the west

Declining habitat conditions (reduction in diversity and abundance) for native perennial grasses that support healthy grasshopper populations which are the main food source for kestrels.

Loss of cavity nesting structure such as woodpecker cavities in dead trees and old barns and wood buildings.



Dave and Judy Kennedy – have a Kestrel box in **Colorado** and shared this pic.





Between Janie and the FOF, we were able to purchase Lichen collection kits for those trained in this mysteriously fascinating activity. Lichens are all around us and yet there is so much more to learn.

Leather Sheaf for flat chisels



Made by Jerry Walters

Janet and Jerry Walters came up with some new terms to describe their lichen gathering activities that they thought the rest of us may find useful (if not descriptive)

"Lichen-oitering" - On daily hikes they often are on the lookout for areas to explore further for lichen gathering activities.

"Lichen loitering" – When they do find an area and mill around looking at and marveling at all of the forms/colors/substrates where the lichen resides.

All of this has been driven by their new found compulsion termed "Lichen lunacy".

Garry Neill wanted to thank those who have sent lichen specimens that they collected. All specimens are necessary for the survey. The majority, so far, have been collected previously, but what is important is where you have found them. Knowing the distribution of species is just as important as finding new species not previously collected or even identified.

Why bother about lichens?

- contribution to biodiversity: **crazy colors**
- **colonizers of extreme environments**
- **vertebrate food**
(reindeer, deer, elk, caribou, mountain goats, bighorn sheep, mountain antelope, etc.)
- **shelter & nesting material** (squirrels, chipmunks, bats & birds)
- **invertebrate habitat, camouflage & food**
(barklice, beetles, bristletails, butterflies, grasshoppers, katydids, lacewings, moths, slugs, snails, spiders, web-spinners, etc.)
- **lichens are micro-ecosystems:** habitat/substrate for lichenicolous & endolichenic fungi, bacteria
- **nutrient & water cycling** (e.g., N-fixation, "combing water")
- **environmental indicators** (air quality, habitat continuity, ancient woodlands, climate, environmental change)
- **weathering** (biodegradation & biomineralization) & soil formation
- **biological soil crusts:** prevent soil erosion & nutrient fixation

RSU Biodiversity Knowledge Integration Center GEL



SOOO "APPY"

Weeping agaves, tinajas, fireflies, and frogs. If you want more information, just ask. I can definitely hook you up with training on any of these projects as well as a mentor if you don't want to go it alone.

The apps have been updated with more opportunities to report things. Make sure you "sync" before going out and

if you see something curious, do a report. Be safe out there and remember that October will be here before you know and we'll have to get more Job Hazard Analysis (JHAs) forms read and acknowledged.

Albert Einstein said "I have no special talents. I am only passionately curious."

Fencing Anyone?

This past fence season was extremely difficult to get scheduled. Janie gave me her available dates to use for fence modification and I diligently set up Signup Genius slots. As soon as I sent them out, our W/F/RP volunteers filled them up. We were set. That is until Mother Nature said, no. She gave us snow, ice, rain and flooding.

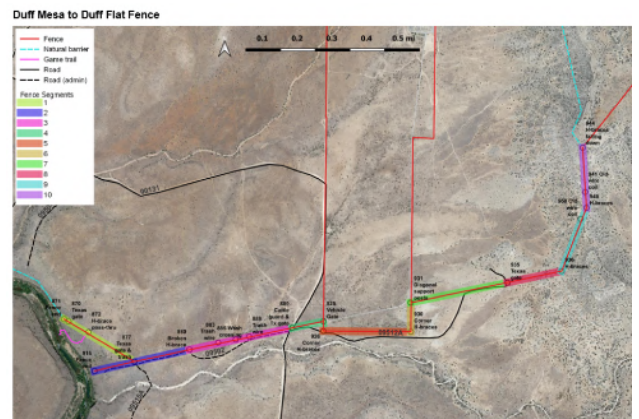
Well, we did finally finish up our last day of fence modification until the fall almost prior to the HEAT. Janie along with **Jerry Checchia, Mike Ober, Jean Ober, Bob Bare, and Glenn Kingsbury** removed 2 sections of fence from the Sycamore Canyon Road area. The one fence was a 130-foot section east of 9506 and the other section is along the game trail of our proposed pronghorn crossing. Here's a pic of Bob and Glenn hiking wire up the steep game trail from down by the Verde.

Jean, Mike and Jerry also had quite a slope to hike wire out! Regrettably no pics of them in action.

Glenn remarked– “Janie said she needed a couple of “sure footed” people. I didn’t know she meant as sure footed as a pronghorn!

Bob too – “I have new found respect for the pronghorn that navigate this route.”

Our great volunteers have helped with all these fence modifications and removals. But let us not forget that another FOF volunteer has gone out and cased the joint prior to any of our efforts. He was able to get a great fence inventory, map it all out, and he has written reports that make so easy to mobilize us. (Thank you for your behind the scenes work – you’re a hidden gem).



Janie was out with **Fran Brooks, Noelle Resignolo (FS Range staffer), Pete, Bob Bare, Mike Ober, Glenn Kingsbury, and Jerry Piepiora** modifying the bottom wire on segment 7 of the Duff Flat/Duff Mesa fence. There is more fencing to remove and to more fence to modify for pronghorn. We'll resume work this fall! Thanks again to all the volunteers for their hard work!

Annie Glickstein

Membership

On Thursday September 14 at 2:00 pm, Friends of the Forest is hosting a new member welcome event at 360 Brewer Road in Sedona. We look forward to seeing not only recently joined members, but also anyone interested in learning about and hopefully joining our organization.

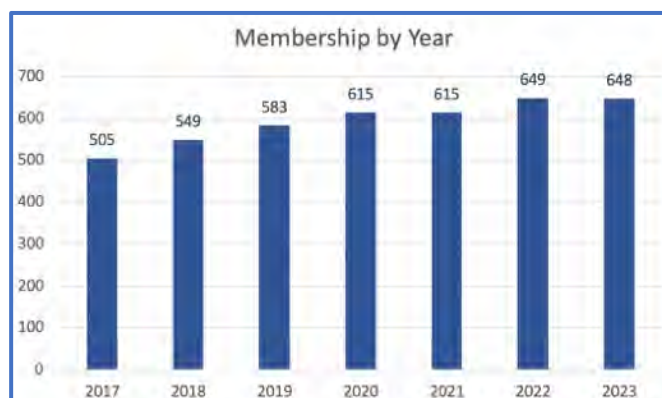
At this event, you'll learn about Friends of the Forest and the activities you can volunteer for. You'll hear from **District Ranger Any Tinderholt** about the value FOF brings to the Forest Service, watch a short video about FOF's first 25 years of service and learn about the benefits of membership.

Our membership as of August 22 2023 is 618. Since our last newsletter, 28 new members have joined Friends of the Forest: **Bruce Belluschi, Martha Bowman, Melissa Dunn, Steve Galginaitis, George Goley, Christi Jacquay, Steve Jacquay, Sam Kaplan, Anne Kavanagh, Cyndy Lakowske, Steve Lakowske, Jean-Paul Lamunyon, Braden MacDonald, Sherry Macdonald, Amy Marcotte, Janis Mock-Jones, Braxton Nasett, Christina Nasett, Gracelyn Nasett, Nathan Nasett, Nancy O'Heir, Itzel Garcia Penland, Thomas Penland, Dave Thomas, Barry Webb, Gail Woody, Gloria Woody and Karen Yook.**

Anticipating that we will have some additional new members before the end of 2023, we'll again set a record for membership this year.

As a reminder, Committee Chairs whose new members need FOF name tags should now contact me, and I'll arrange to have the tags created by Sedona Engraving.

Craig Swanson



FOF Membership Data as of August 22, 2023 (using calendar years)				
		Annual	Life	Total
2023		19	9	28
	Past Members not Renewing for 2023	61		
	Current Membership as of 08/25/2023	220	428	648
2022	New Members Added in 2022	18	5	27
	Past Members not Renewing for 2022	67		
	Current Membership as of 11/23/2022	238	411	649
2021	New Members Added in 2021	46	14	60
	Past Members not Renewing for 2021	60		
	Membership at the end of 2021	224	391	615

Despite the heat, it has been a busy summer for Trail Patrol and Preventative Search and Rescue (PSAR). Back at the end of May, Margie and David Terrell, Jerry Checchia, Melissa Pontikes, Mike Boyd and Dale participated with the Red Rock Ranger District in leave no trace training followed by a public education day at Crescent Moon Park with the organization LNT - <https://lnt.org/get-involved/>

Over the summer we had several EARLY morning hikes including Carroll Canyon (pic), Chimney Rock, and Boynton Vista. September will have a hike on Snake/Anaconda/AZ Cypress and another on the Cornville Trail System. We are also finalizing two presentations in September – one on RRRD animal tracks and scat and another on amphibian adaptations to desert environments. Both are being given by FoF members - more information to come by email soon.

And then there is PSAR. I have to give a shout out to the members of this group who volunteer their summer weekends to support area First Responders. From Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend (Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays) these folks are typically working 5-6 hours in the middle of the day at Dry Creek Vista (Devils Bridge) (pic) or Bell/Bruce Brocket TH ("The Crack") actively letting hikers know what the hikes involve, safe hiking practices and offering alternatives when appropriate. The goal is a safe/enjoyable hiker experience and reducing the aid calls to local first responders. Through August 21st, we have interacted with 8,250 hikers, "turned" 1,161 (convinced them to get more water, do an alternate or a shortened hike or come back at an earlier/cooler time. We have provided aid (shade/chairs to rest/cooling clothes/water/electrolytes) to 121 and water to over 2,700 with five more days to go. Our efforts were supported by the RRRD (new pop-up tents), Barlow Jeeps and ATV Sedona (water and ice) and Walmart (400 Propel electrolyte packets).

For more information on Trail Patrol or Preventative Search and Rescue (formerly Trail Ambassadors), please contact me (Dale Evans) at trailpatrol@fofsedona.org See you on the trails.

Carroll Canyon Hike



Preventative Search & Rescue



Dale Evans

Air Quality & Water Monitoring

I want to thank the volunteers who helped with filter changes at Ike's Backbone over the summer. With so many volunteers out of town, it was somewhat challenging to fill the weekly schedule. However, several people stepped up to help and we never missed a filter change.

After years of monitoring the water at the same sites in Oak Creek, the USFS and ADEQ added new sites and dropped most of the old ones. All the new sites are located in Oak Creek Canyon. We are still sampling 3 sites at Crescent Moon, since it's a highly recreated area. We will continue collecting and processing water samples from Oak Creek through October.

Fossil Creek opened to the public on June 26th and we continue monitoring the water there monthly throughout the year. Collecting and processing water samples from Fossil Creek takes up most of the day, so I am super appreciative of the volunteers who help with that project.

John Zieran is our new co-chair for the Water Monitoring division. He is a photographer and took this amazing picture of the big waterfall at Fossil Creek (below).

Happy Hiking!

Cynthia Malowitz



L-R **Karen Yook, John Zieran, Kelly Gardner**



John Zieran, Co-chair Water Monitoring

Fossil Creek Waterfall

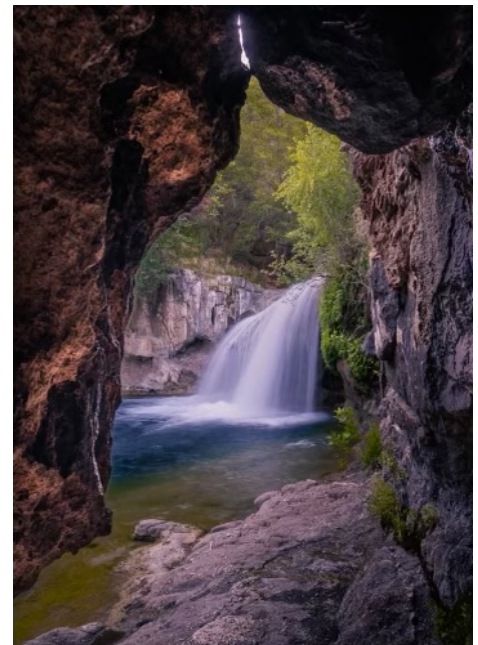


Photo by John Zieran

Cultural Resources

A Brief History (originally published September 2016)

*"The Cultural Resources Committee ("Palatki Warriors") was formed in Sep. of 1995 at the request of the FOF President Marylee Dunning. She had approached me in Aug. and asked if I would Chair this new committee, so I made a pitch for members at the FOF Aug 1995 meeting which was held at the Fire house in West Sedona. This initiative was started by Forest Service Archaeologist Marietta Davenport, who had been confronting the problem of graffiti at Palatki. The Committee held its first meeting at Palatki in Sep., 1995 and signed on the following FOF members: **Sherman Loy, Bob Erickson, Barbara Sturgis, John Sturgis, Toni Raymond, Ruth Cornell, Al Cornell.** We started out by having someone at the site almost every day, from 0800hrs thru 1600 hrs. for a year, during which time we gave out info and counted heads. And, more members were joining us. Although the sign-in register showed a visitation of around 1800 a year, our head counting demonstrated that the site had been receiving around 15,000 visitors a year -- quite a surprise to Marietta Davenport. Due to this high level of visitation and the importance of Palatki, improvements were quickly made to the parking lot, a six-panel handout was developed, a gate installed at the entrance, USFS Rangers started living in the Palatki house and Palatki became the second site in the United States to be designated as a Fee-Demo site."*

Courtesy of Al Cornell

Thus began the important work of your committee. The docent team has had an active membership of 27 (2012) to 45 (2007) individuals annually and have contributed 2,100 to 4,800 hours annually. Another long-standing activity of the committee has been assisting with the coordination and staffing of the annual Archaeology Discovery Days event. This weekend long event was last held in 2018. Work is underway to revive and rename this festival in March 2024. In addition to these standing activities, the committee has been involved in numerous short and long term **Special Projects**. The most notable are the Photo Digitization Project (started 2011 and completed in 2020) and the Cultural Site Photo Documentation project (ongoing since 2012). The photo documentation project has ranged from 12-36 members. This team contributed 1,690 hours in FY 2015 and 3,000+ hours since FY2016!! In addition to standard photography, this team has ventured into the frontier of 3D modeling of the ruins and rock art panels. The level of detail that can be obtained is incredible!

The Current Situation

We get 22,000 to 29,000 visitors per year at Palatki, 12,000-17,000 at V-Bar-V, and 21,000 – 31,000 at Honanki. The numbers are ever increasing. But more amazing is the huge number of visitors going to remote sites due to the Pandora's Box of social media. This visitation has exploded and along with that comes graffiti and other forms of vandalism. Our committee's objective is to protect these cultural sites and to educate our visitors to the importance of these sites. Our primary form of education outreach is through the Docent Program.

Docent Program – WE NEED YOU!

Though the need for docents is ever increasing, our pool of docents has been shrinking. We have lost 10 very active docents in recent years and have only had 2 new docents. Our current team of 34 has about 15 year-round residents with the remainder being seasonal. Half of our docents have more than 7 years of service. 12 have more than 10 years with the highest being 17 years! The loss of docents is primarily due to our aging team. Life changes have forced them to, very reluctantly, cease volunteering and/or move away from the area for family reasons.

Now is the perfect time to join and be mentored by an extremely knowledgeable team of veteran docents!

We are always in need of new docents, particularly if you spend all or part of the summer months in the Verde Valley! Seasonal residents are wholly welcomed (and needed) too. Training is scheduled whenever we have members interested in the program.

Cultural Resources

If you are interested in helping protect our cultural heritage sites and learning more about the **Palatki**, **Honanki** and **V-Bar-V** sites, consider joining the Cultural Resource and Protection Committee. Please call or email me for more information. Our FAQ is also available online: <https://www.friendsoftheforestsedona.org/activities/cultural-resources-protection/> (See the "Click HERE for answers to common..." paragraph) Our email is: docents@focsedona.org

Cultural Site Photo Documentation Project
Photo Team is back to being busy.

Recently completed the first part of a photogrammetry project done as an agency assist to the Park Service and the City of Flagstaff at the Fleet Building in Flagstaff. Models created to assist in the restoration plan to potentially include modification of part of the structure to a Native American Cultural Center. (Models on Sketchfab)

Schedule in place to do a historic site (Winter Cabin) for the Flagstaff District as part of their preservation/restoration efforts. This is also in coordination with the NAU Forestry Dept. with undergraduate and graduate student participation

Completed a 3D assist to the Prescott Forest at historic Arnold Cabin. (Models on Sketchfab)

We currently have over 2,400 3D models and over 68,000 views on Sketchfab. The wide distribution and variation of our models has resulted in communications from various organizations and researchers to assist, collaborate or share methodology.

The lichen impact study on petroglyphs at V bar V with NAU lichenologist Prof. Frank Bungartz and his graduate students and changed somewhat but a variety of lessons learned working on this project has resulted in the gaining of experience and application of new (to us) technique to our other projects.

The Dust Study at Palatki and Honanki has reached a new phase and new methodology is now being initiated.

Please contact **Spence Gustav** at spencehg@yahoo.com if you have any questions or would like to join his team.

Arizona Archaeology Council Conference – Sept. 15, 2023

This year's conference will be held at The Cliff Castle Casino in Camp Verde, AZ. **Spence Gustav** will be representing Sedona Friends of the Forest and presenting a paper titled: **The Benefits of Collaboration, Synergy, Technology, and Volunteer Expertise at Work in the Verde Valley and Beyond**

Jerry Walters

The Graffiti Removal Committee was busy this summer. We had a number of successful outings, some beyond the Coconino National Forest.

We went to Camp Verde to remove paint graffiti at an abandoned mining site in Prescott National Forest. Just getting there was a major adventure on the forest roads. The forest service provided the paint remover and water. Our committee provided all the labor and expertise. Regretfully we usually do this project once a year.

Every year we go to Slide Rock State Park, often several times a year. Literally hundreds of scratches were removed during our outing. Wish I had a dollar for every heart or tic-tac-toe we removed. And of course, one of the homestead buildings had paint and marker graffiti we had to remove.

The West Fork is a popular trail, and therefore lots of graffiti. We managed to keep dry crossing Oak Creek multiple times. We had a great hike and took care of lots of graffiti.

We also had an outing at Cathedral Rock Trail. It's a relatively short hike, but a bit of a scramble to get up to the end of trail. Once again, we cleaned hundreds of scratches.

A big thanks to the committee members that were able to attend our outings. Also, thanks to committee members that continue to work independently on reporting and remediating graffiti.

Jim White

Our Committee In Action



Slide Rock State Park



A special request from Toni (Forest Service) for assistance with repair of the back porch of the Crescent Moon Ranch house brought out the intrepid TM&C members to tackle the job. Over four days the stalwart group cleaned and replaced window screens, painted the porch and while there they cleaned out the garage next to the ranch house. Great work by the Friends, the porch looks great and is ready for the next visitors to rent. If you would like to spend a pleasant night at this historic ranch house check out Forest Service website <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/coconino/recarea/?recid=72113> for more information.

Photos by Pat Quinn



Trail Maintenance & Construction



Photos by Pat Quinn



TMC tree cutting crew at the top of AB Young trail cleaning downed trees from the trail.

Long Canyon Trail sign install

Rod Cashin and the sign crew were busy with request for more trail signs.



Ernie, Jeff and Rich



Photos by Rod Cashin

River Ranger Support

In June, we received a call from the Forest Service with a mission involving the Arizona Game and Fish Department. We were asked to meet their biology team at the Perkinsville Bridge, assist them in the put in, and transport all of their equipment and vehicles to a Parsons Springs location where everything could be picked up at the end of the mission.

The purpose of this trip was to evaluate the many species of fish along the Verde River. The Game and Fish team had an electrical device in the canoes which, when activated, momentarily stunned the nearby fish, allowing the examination to be performed, and then released back into the river.

Our request was to provide 4 drivers to travel from the Verde Ranger Station to Perkinsville, and then take all vehicles and equipment to Parsons Springs.

I was joined by Warren Holm, Frank Wirkus, and Pat Quinn. Lots of miles over gravel roads in some pretty remote areas, but fantastic scenery!! Many thanks to our drivers for a most pleasant day.

And, as usual, if any FOF members would like to join us, please contact me at riverrangers@fofsedona.org. We will assist you in getting or renewing your government drivers license and possibly a trailer certificate.

Jerry Piepiora



Perkinsville Bridge put in



Neon Tech Team

One of the ways I volunteer for the Friends is by helping administer the system we use for all membership activities (NEON) and consolidating and reporting volunteer hours each month. You can view your hours for the current fiscal year (ending September 30th) by clicking the "Update My Information" link on the FOF Member Portal page. This link leads to a variety of information (some of which is read-only like the hours). The hours history by year goes back to 2014 and the current year is updated as early as the eighth day of the month through the prior month.

For the current fiscal year (October 2022 through July 2023) we have collectively put in over 27,000 hours in a wide variety of activities!

That is a great achievement. However, the hours for the month of July are the lowest for the year so far. Of course, many members are away, and the weather has been brutal. One other factor seems to be that we are missing some hours. How hours are entered varies by

activity. In some cases, the committee chair reports the hours for the members (e.g., Trail Maintenance). In other cases, each of us enters our own hours (e.g., Trail Patrol).

Please take some time before the end of the year to ensure all of your hours have been entered. It is not too late to go back and enter hours that were done earlier in the year. We want to ensure that the data reported reflects all of the important contributions we are making. While we know the fundamental value of the work we do, it is important to the FOF and the Forest Service to quantify the total effort to report out on the value that volunteers provide.

If you have any questions on entering hours, please contact your committee chair and if you have any system questions feel free to contact me.

We will be reporting in detail on hours for the full fiscal year in the coming months.

Alan Glickstein

I would like to thank all the committee chairs, board members and volunteers who have submitted photos and articles to this issue of Branching Out.

Jean Ober, Editor



A message to all new and active volunteers regarding the Red Rock Pass, volunteers who contribute 16 or more hours can request a Red Rock Pass. The request process is outlined below. Thank you.

If you already have the America the Beautiful Pass, then you do **not** need a Red Rock Pass.

Requirements	16 FOF volunteer hours for the fiscal year October 1 st through September 30th
How to Request a Red Rock Pass	If your current pass will expire at the end of the month, [or you never had one] then send an email to annie.glickstein@fosedona.org [see sample below]
What do I need to do when requesting a pass	Verify your mailing address and phone number in NEON (the FOF website that you log into to sign JHAs – choose “Update My Information” to view what is on file for you.
What will happen next	All hours will be verified and a request for the current month’s Red Rock Passes will be sent to the Forest Service on the 14 th of each month.
What if you never had a Pass	Same procedure as if your pass was expiring.
What if I request a Pass after the 14th of the month	Your request will be processed the following month along with that batch of requests
What do I HAVE to do when I receive my Red Rock Pass	You MUST sign and return the acknowledgment form that will be mailed to you along with the Red Rock Pass.
What if I requested the pass and I did not get it by the end of the month?	Email annie.glickstein@fosedona.org and there will be a review to track it down. It has happened that passes were mailed to incorrect addresses, they were received a little late due to postal delays, or just got missed. We’ll figure it out.

Here is a sample request:

Subject: Red Rock Pass Request

My Red Rock Pass is expiring this month, I have more than 16 hours and I checked my address and email in NEON. I promise to sign and return the acknowledgment form when I receive the Pass in the mail.

***Thank you,
Earl E. Bird
555-123-4567***



2023 Board of Directors Ballot

All ballots due no later than 5pm on Friday, November 3, 2023

The link for electronic voting will be provided in a separate email. You will have the ability to write in your own candidate electronically. If you do not have access to a computer and cannot use the link, then you can mail in the ballot prior to the Annual Meeting on **November 4, 2023**. FOF Bylaws require all ballots be received by the Secretary before 5 pm of the day preceding the Annual Meeting.

Continuing on the Board – The Nominating Committee is pleased to nominate the following Board members have agreed to serve another 3-year term:

- **Bob Beltz, Jerry Checchia, Melissa Pontikes, and Rich Spinelli,**

New Board Members – The Nominating Committee is pleased to nominate the following members to serve a 3-year term:

- **Bob Does, Annie Glickstein, Glenn Kingsbury, Margie Terrell, and Jim White**

Retiring from the Board – On behalf of FOF, the Nominating Committee extends their sincere gratitude for their service:

- **Jon Petrescu, Terri Petrescu, Jerry Walters, and Jennifer Young**

The Directors' term in office begins immediately following the announcement of election results at the Annual Meeting. A very special THANK YOU to the Nominating Committee: *Rod Cashin, Jerry Checchia, Dale Evans, Spence Gustav, Melissa Pontikes, Sam Serrill, and Bob Wych.*

MAIL-IN BALLOT

For members who prefer a paper ballot and/or cannot use the electronic ballot with write-in capability

Please **cast your vote** by placing a check next to the candidates of choice or by writing in the name(s) of another candidate.

☐ **I VOTE FOR ALL 9 CANDIDATES PRESENTED BELOW**
(if you check this box, no need to check boxes below)

☐ Bob Beltz

☐ Jerry Checchia

☐ Bob Does

☐ Annie Glickstein

☐ Glenn Kingsbury

☐ Melissa Pontikes

☐ Rich Spinelli

☐ Margie Terrell

☐ Jim White

Write-in Candidate(s):

Name(s) of FOF member(s) who is (are) voting:

Mail your ballot to: Friends of the Forest, PO Box 2391, Sedona AZ 86339



Friends of the Forest Leadership

As of August 31, 2023

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Friends of the Forest Leadership

As of August 31, 2023

Committee	Chairperson	Co-Chairperson / Notes
Audit	Jennifer Young jennifer.young@fosedona.org	Will be Glenn Kingsbury
Cultural Resources/Docents	Jerry Walters docents@fosedona.org	
Graffiti Removal	Jim White graffiti@fosedona.org	
Hospitality	Adrienne Pichette Adeoutwest@gmail.com	
Interpretative and Education	Bea Logan bbgym@hotmail.com	
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