



# Branching Out

Sedona Friends of the Forest

From the President — Manny Romero

Hello Friends,

The second Saturday of 2018 became a milestone in Friends history, as a new wilderness trail named for long-time members **Gene and Darl Rector** was completed and dedicated. Special thanks to the more than 40 members who worked hard on site to make this trail day a success.

The Rector Trail is a beautiful connector between Bell Rock and Courthouse Butte. Thank you to the Red Rock Ranger District for honoring our valued colleagues with this momentous tribute.



In mid-February we acknowledged new and old members at our annual New Member Welcome Event. The well-attended program was spearheaded by Membership Chair **Betty Parker** with assistance by a planning group that included **Marilyn Painchaud, Jennifer Young, Terry Orlick, Elaine Hackett, Craig Swanson, Debbie Wych** and myself.

As you may know, Betty will soon relocate to Maine and is turning over Membership

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Volunteer Recognition

Chair duties to **Jerry Piepiora**. Thank you, Betty for all your work and dedication as a highly regarded leader and as a spirited member of the Graffiti team. Safe travels.

In further leadership changes, **Jerry Checchia** will take the reins of Trail Maintenance and Construction and **Jerry Piepiora** will assume his old position as chair of Graffiti. Thanks to you both.

My sincere appreciation to **Ernie DiMillo** for his dynamic leadership of the Trail Maintenance group these last several years. Ernie lead the group during a period of record tourism growth and the resulting impact to Sedona trails.

Next year marks our 25th anniversary and it's not too early to begin planning for a year of celebration. I met recently with Vice President **Craig Swanson** and Past President **Jennifer Young** to discuss some preliminary ideas, based on special events developed five years ago by the 20th anniversary team.

Craig will chair the 25th anniversary committee and is seeking your ideas. Events throughout 2014 included published historical articles; three narrated slide shows; a one-day film festival co-hosted with the Sedona International Film Festival; oral story telling at Board meetings; and special activities at the Beaver Creek Work Station during our annual meeting and picnic. Keepsakes to mark the occasion included a 20th anniversary logo mug and two beautifully printed cookbooks.

Please contact Craig if you have suggestions or would like to serve on the planning committee.

Our next Board and Member meeting only days away—Wednesday, March 28 at 9 a.m. in the Ranger Station Administration building. Come early and sample a variety of tasteful refreshments provided by Hospitality Committee members **Deneise Piepiora, Jennifer Young, Craig Swanson, and Terri Petrescu**. And don't forget to replenish your stock of Friends merchandise courtesy of Merchandising specialists **Debbie Wych and Ronnie Ward**.

The remaining 2018 Board and Membership meetings are:

**May 9**

**September 12**

**Annual Meeting (TBA by Forest Service)**

**December 12**

Thank you all for your strong support of Friends of the Forest. I look forward to seeing you at our meeting next week.

Friends volunteers assisted the Forest Service Youth Day in the clean up of Dumas ditch see more information at:

**Red Rock High School Crescent Moon Ranch Project February 7, 2018**

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/coconinationalforest/sets/72157663467629027>

FOF Photo team did a training/practice session making a 3D photogrammetric model of the Chief's Award Bowl.

**FS1198 2017 U.S. Forest Service Chief's Award - 3D**

<https://sketchfab.com/models/fbc79e41383e4924999312bb28a8a60f>

We have had a very successful “launch” in 2018 of interesting walks and presentations. A sincere thank-you is extended to Tori Marshall (ANHA) and FOF members **Chris Weld, Kevin Harding, Al Cornell, Michael Campbell, and Jim Wilson** for the time they spent in preparing for and delivering such interesting topics in January through March.

A full slate of events is on tap for April and May as well. The Geology Walk, Birding Walk, and Photo Walk will all be repeated one or more times between now and the end of May. And registrants will also be treated to a new First Friday topic (“Optics: Binoculars and Spotting Scopes”) to be presented by **Kevin Harding** on April 6, plus an encore presentation (“Liking Lichens”) by **Garry Neil** on May 4. Finally, “Wildflower Walks” will be led by FOF member **Bob Beltz and Tori Marshall** (ANHA) every Friday in April and May. Stay tuned to future issues of Branching Out, or check the Friends’ web site, for more details as they become available.

An exciting new program is under development by the Forest Service, led by **Candice Mark and Nina Hubbard**. The subject is freshwater snorkeling. The FS will be presenting an overview of the proposed program and a request for funding from FOF at the March Board Meeting. Come and learn, and stay tuned.....

Finally, I want to express thanks to **Marilyn Painchaud** for her technical assistance in creation and editing of events in Neon, and to **Jennifer Young** for her ongoing mentoring as I learn this job. And thanks as well to four people who assist me “behind the scenes” – **Candice Mark** (FS Customer Service Rep) for her coordination of the schedule, **Paul Schwartz and Manny Romero** (FOF) for assistance in editing and creating flyers using in publicity, and **Ed Hodges** (FOF) for printing and posting those flyers in Sedona and Cottonwood. With these folks, it takes just a mere pressing of the “Send” button and it happens!

For a complete list of upcoming events and a brief description of each one, check out the “Public Events” on the FOF home page.

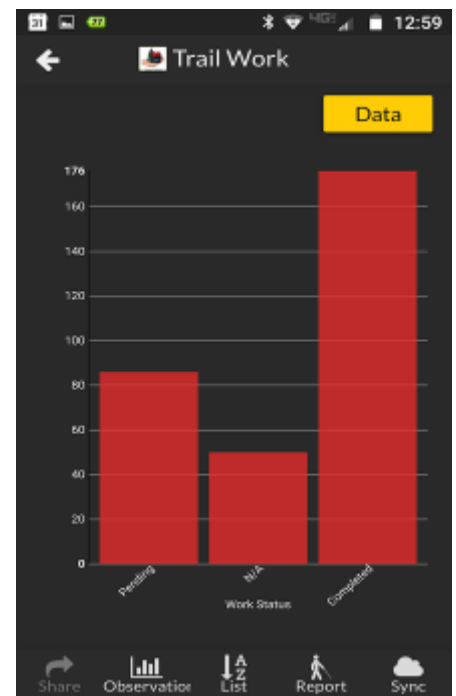
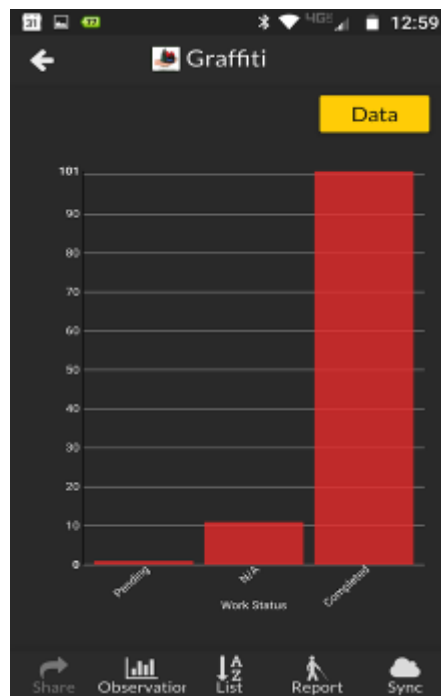
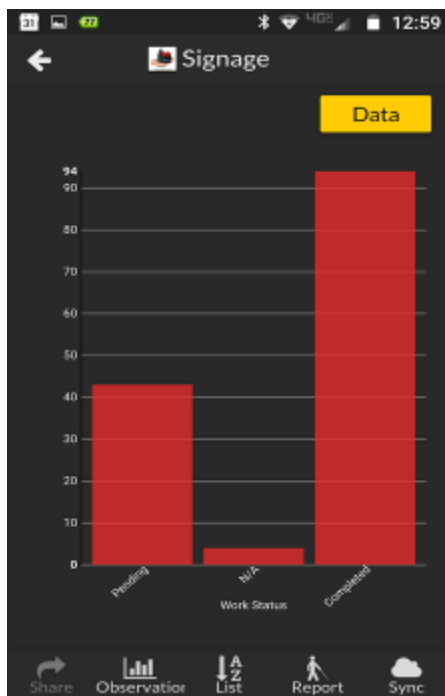
**Bob Wych**  
Chair, Interpretive Programs

**Check out all of the great interpretive programs on our website:**  
**[friendsoftheforestsedona.org](http://friendsoftheforestsedona.org)**

# FoF Trail Patrol and Maintenance Committee Highlights

## Trail Patrol Highlights, 10/2017 to 3/2018

Date Range of Hikes	Total Hikers Observed	Total People Engaged	Total Bikers Observed	Total Equestrians Observed	Dogs off Leash	Pounds of Trash Removed on Hike	Total Miles Hiked
10/1/2017 to 3/31/2018	19080	7415	4256	59	376.5	443	5655



A big thank you to **Bob Haizmann** for the Committee Highlights, it is great to see the results of the hard work by our members. Although, we are still trying to figure out how we have half a dog off leash, this must be a statistical marvel. Suggestions are that it was a very small dog or it was part dog/cat? I must admit our members see some unusual things out on the trails. Jean Ober, Editor

## Treasurers Report

**Peg Kern** has completed the 2017 Internal Audit and her report will be presented to the Board for approval at the March 28<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

The 2017 Federal form 990EZ and Arizona Form 99 Non-Profit/Exempt Corporation tax returns have been filed; also, the 2018 Arizona Corporation Commission filing has been completed.

Form January 2017 to March 2018, the board/president approved the contribution of \$12,037 to Forest Service requested projects. The projects funded were:

Horse Gates (10)	\$2500
Agave Project Supplies Rulers**	\$465
4TB Hard Drives (8)	\$880
Hopi Speaker Donation	\$300
Photo Documentation Team supplies	\$210
Rector Connector Trail Dedication	\$128
Sign shop Supplies	\$978
Two-way Radios for Heritage Sites	\$195
V-V Days	\$500
Wilderness signs	\$5379
Wilderness Remote Cameras**	\$502

\*\* Items paid from directed donations

All project purchases have been completed and the associated accounts closed.

**Tom Cloonan**, Treasurer [treasurer@fosedona.org](mailto:treasurer@fosedona.org)

FRIENDS OF THE FOREST SEDONA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS MEETING RED ROCK RANGER  
STATION CONFERENCE ROOM

March 28, 2018 @ 9:00 AM

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME. HOSPILITY COMMITTEE PROVIDES COFFEE, TEA AND LIGHT SNACKS  
PLEASE JOIN US AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FRIENDS AND HOW WE ASSIST THE U. S. FOREST SERVICE



## Graffiti Removal

Greetings!!

We are finally all caught up with "reported" graffiti. Since our last newsletter we have cleaned up Fay Canyon, Bell Rock, Cathedral Rock, Devils Bridge & some paint under Walker Creek Bridge. There have also been many reports on Chimney Rock, Airport & Doe, just to name a few.

We currently have 66 dedicated members and a total of 581 hours put in since Oct 1<sup>st</sup>

We have been quick to respond to all reports, which I believe keeps the "copy cats" to a minimum. The FOF report app has been very useful and now we can record and keep track of hours through the app as well.

Please keep the reports coming and I look forward to seeing you out on the trails.

**Jerry Checchia**



Graffiti team in action (above) removing scratching's  
(below) of the Walker Creek painted graffiti removal before and after pictures. Pictures by Jerry Checchia





Based on the hours reported, we have lots of people out hiking. A big thank you for reporting issues, engaging people, and cleaning up trash. Special thanks to those people who go clean up trash at the trailheads on a regular basis. With more and more people hitting the trails, the trailheads seem to be the place there is the most trash.

We finally got winter this month. The Loy Canyon group hike got postponed due to rain in the forecast, and the Bear Mountain hike was shortened due to it being a cold and windy day. Loy is now rescheduled.

We did have an excellent hike to Hangover, where we got into a little snow on the north side. We took it nice and slow because it was icy, and made it down safely.

**Teri Petrescu**



**Teri Petrescu** takes a turn on the cross-cut saw to help the sawyers **Mike Ober** and **Ernie DiMillo** remove a stump from the Crescent Moon Garden.

## TRAILHEAD BEAUTIFICATION

During December of 2016, **Gene Rector** and **Kevin Harding** had the idea to begin cleaning up trailhead parking lots. They discussed this with **Adrian** at the Forest Service and President of the FOF, **Manny Romero**, who both thought it sounded like a good idea. It was decided to report the hours through **Trail Patrol** since picking up trash is one of the duties of that committee. Adrian assigned this project to **Laura Koller**, USFS Forestry Technician – Recreation. She created a list of things to be checked at Trailheads which included: picking up micro-trash, checking signage and hiking a short distance on the trail to check for trash, contacting visitors, handing out visitor guides, checking bathrooms, picnic tables, fencing, trash cans, removing stacked rocks and overgrown vegetation, reporting graffiti, observing and reporting any issues with car stops, pavement potholes or culvert plugs.

High visibility safety vests and pickup sticks were purchased and **Gene, Kevin** and **Al Gilson** went to work on January 9, 2017. The work is usually on Mondays during the fall and spring season, alternating areas to cover approximately 40 trailheads and parking areas all over the Sedona district. On one occasion, while working at Dry Creek Trailhead, we encountered FOF member, **John Losse**, cleaning there. We learned that he had been doing this for some time and is continuing to do that year-round. Thank you, John. For many years, **Bill and Justine Kusner** have cleaned around the Forest Service Visitor Center and Admin Building along with cleaning Bell Rock Vista and Courthouse Vista. A big Thank You to them also.

In October 2017, **Joe Landholm** said he would like to start helping with this project and **Darl Rector** is an occasional helper. Kevin takes care of the reporting to Laura about each trip, letting her know where and when we worked, and any problems noted. For the most part, there is not a lot of trash but occasionally there are large items like car parts or clothing. Recently, there have been soiled baby diapers. We hope that doesn't continue.

### Darl Rector



The crew **Joe Landholm, Kevin Harding, Gene Rector** and **Al Gilson**, photo by Darl Rector



### Volunteer Hours

Once again, the Friends have outdone themselves by volunteering 16,534 hours in 5 months; that's an average of over 3,300 hours per month, or about 770 hours per week! Last year through February we had 14,762 hours, so we're well on our way to another new record for the year.

Committee	2018 Hrs. thru Feb	2017 Same Period	Change in Hours	% Change
Air Quality	241	280	-39	-14%
Cultural Resources	4,808	3,177	+1,631	+51%
Graffiti Removal	570	521	+49	+9%
Interpretive Pgm	153	153	0	0%
River Rangers	186	196	-10	-5%
Special Projects	1,800	689	+1,111	161%
Trail Maint&Const	1,540	1,896	-356	-19%
Trail Patrol	3,844	3,445	+399	+12%
VIS	2,058	2,288	-230	-10%
Water Sampling	0	0	0	0%
Admin/Meetings	1,334	2,117	-783	-37%
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,534</b>	<b>14,762</b>	<b>+1,772</b>	<b>+12%</b>

Of special note are the 1,270 hours that have been contributed so far this year in support of Wildlife Projects (aka 'Janie's Projects'), which are recorded under Special Projects. For the same period last year, 187 hours were reported for this category. That's an impressive change!

### NEON Update

I'm happy to report that the Friends of the Forest won a give-away during a recent NEON webinar announcing a new product – Workflows. All NEON Clients are being given one active Workflow at no cost, but as the winner of the give-away, we have received up to fifty active workflows! This normally carries a \$50/month additional fee at our current membership level, so it was quite a valuable "win".

While we still have a lot to learn about how we can best put Workflows to use, one clear use is with the automatic notification of new applicants for our projects, something that our Committee Chairs have been asking for. We're currently working on defining and testing a new workflow for each project in NEON; initial results look very promising. This feature will send an email to the appropriate Committee Chair(s) whenever an existing FOF member logs in to their NEON account and "applies" to actively join one or more projects. Note that the current process for new members who check off areas of interest on their applications is not changing; the Membership Chair will still notify the Committee Chairs about new member interests.

**Peg Kern**

## Agaves on a Bender

Prior to moving to Arizona, my knowledge of agaves was that they are called century plants in Texas and used to make tequila in Mexico. I have since learned a thing or two while working with fellow Friends on the Agave Inventory Project, led by Scott Newth. There are more species of agave (21) in Arizona than in any other state. Agaves were cultivated by the pre-Columbian cultures for food, medicine, cordage, textiles, and building materials.

In the Red Rock Ranger District, the most common agave is the wild Agave Parryi. Participants in the project are searching for and documenting the non-Parryi varieties which were cultivated by the pre-Columbian people. An easy field test we use for determining if an agave may be a domesticate is the bend test (pictured below). The leaves of the domesticate agaves bend very easily compared to the Parryi because more of the energy/carbohydrates of the domesticates are concentrated in the hearts as opposed to the leaves (think roasted agave hearts). Another indicator we look for are knarly teeth.

According to Scott, “the primary objective for the project is to determine, if possible, the connection of non-wild agaves to pre-historic cultures. It is a long story and not yet conclusive (something I am working on with the Hopi) but the early indication is that these non-wild agaves were treated and used differently by the Ancestral Puebloan people (i.e. rituals, ceremonial) as opposed to just another food source. An analogy to help explain the importance of agaves for the Ancestral Puebloan people is: “buffalo were to the Plains Native Americans that agaves were to the Ancestral Pueblos in AZ.”

Botanists have identified 4 types of domesticated agaves in the Verde Valley with 2 of those endemic to the Verde Valley. Domesticated agaves are most likely found near archaeological sites. In our search, we found several clusters near Sacred Mountain and the John Heath ruins. We also scoured the area around Montezuma Well but came up dry. Our search technique includes glassing from hilltops (binoculars), hiking, and driving on unfamiliar Forest Service roads.

### Marilyn Painchaud



Non-Parryi Agave, flexible leaves with knarly teeth



Parryi Agave, stiff leaves and tiny teeth

# Membership

Membership has been steadily increasing since our December board meeting. We have added 42 people to the ranks (family and individual memberships). Fifteen of these attended the Annual Welcome Event, along with some of our newer members like **Cathy Robinson and Diane Hodges**.

Let us welcome our newest Friends of the Forest members:

**Linda Patterson,  
Amy Urick,  
Robert Paterson,  
Jade Suster,  
Paula Potter,**

**Susan Meyer,  
Tim McKimmie,  
Mikelle Hebeka,  
Jane Sutter,  
Jeri Merritt,**

**Casey Osmonovich,  
Karen McClelland,  
Teresa Ray,  
Tony Schuit,  
Patrick Galdieri,**

**Mark Schrandt,  
Russell Dunn,  
Scott Koshland,  
Marlene Macek,  
Carol Genatossio,**

**Mark and Susan Sisson,  
Jim and Marsha Smith,  
Mike and Jamie Coyne,  
Kathy and Glenn Cocoros,  
Les and Barb Heffner,  
Ingrid Broszeit-Rieger**

**Karen and Bill Wilcox,  
Wayne and Vicki Fischer,  
Barry and Arlette Levitan,  
Yvonne and Hugh Stelson,  
Kathy and Paul Roth,  
Bob Grimes**

(I do apologize for unintentionally omitting any new members.)

## RENEWAL UPDATE

On March 14, a final renewal notice was sent to 33 households. Time to **RENEW** is running out. If you do not renew by **April 1, 2018**, your membership will be void and you will no longer be able to volunteer!

Go online to [www.friendsoftheforestsedona.org](http://www.friendsoftheforestsedona.org), select "**Join Us**," and follow the steps to **renew**, using PayPal or Credit Card

OR

Use the form below.

Just print this message, fill out the form below and mail along with your dues payment to: Friends of the Forest, Inc. P.O. Box 2391 Sedona, AZ 86339-2391. **Your dues or donations are fully tax deductible**

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**Friends of the Forest Membership Dues, 2018**

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Category: ☐ Friend \$25    ☐ Family \$35    ☐ Lifetime Friend \$150

☐ Lifetime Family \$250    ☐ Additional Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Betty Parker**



### Photo Digitization Project

The project to digitize and catalog the historical/archaeological 35mm slides and prints for the Coconino National Forest continues in Phase 3 of the project. The slide portion of the project was completed in 2012. Work continues on the print portion of the project. To date, we have processed 61,449 (**100%**) of 67,442 print images! Phase 3 entails transcribing the hand-written and typed comments, from the margins of the slides and back of the prints, into a “photolog” database (MS Excel). This phase is by far the largest in terms of hours required for completion.

**UPDATE:** I am pleased to announce that we have completed the transcription portion of this project. All that remains is for me to consolidate and merge a few files and clean-up some file naming errors. The print portion of this project was started in February of 2012 and completed in February 2018. Many thanks to the 9 folks who worked on this project over the past 6 years! Special thanks to **Bill Kusner** who has been with the project since the beginning and was personally responsible for 60% of the 341 work packages that were processed.

### Site Recording Project

This is an expansion of a long running series of one or two-person team projects that has been undertaken by Scott and Daniella Newth since 2013. It has become painfully apparent that there are dozens of archaeological sites in the Red Rock Ranger District that are known to many locals and avid hikers and are unknown to the Forest Service. It is important to get these sites recorded and into the Forest Service inventory so that they can be documented for future evaluation. Many are in readily accessible areas and are at risk for or have already suffered vandalism/graffiti. This project is being headed up by **Scott Newth** and features a multi-organization team consisting of members from Friends of the Forest, Verde Valley Chapter of the Arizona Archaeological Society (VVC/AAS a.k.a. VVAS), the Verde Valley Archaeology Center (VVAC), and the Arizona Site Stewards.

**UPDATE:** This group goes out twice each month and, since the first of the year, has recorded 8 sites in the Mooney Canyon, Long Canyon, Bear Mtn., and Brins Mesa areas. There are many sites that still need to be recorded!!

If you are interested in helping with this project, or would like more information, please contact Scott Newth at [rsnewth@msn.com](mailto:rsnewth@msn.com). (928-274-7773)

*(L to R) Don McLimans, Scott Newth, and Ken Lee taking measurements to prepare a drawing to help record the site”.*



## Cultural Site Photo Documentation Project

This team photographically records archaeological sites and artifacts utilizing numerous techniques. These techniques include conventional digital photography, 3-D modeling, RTI (**R**eflectance **T**ransformation **I**maging), and image enhancement using specialized software. Both the 3-D modeling and RTI processes require a firm protocol and attention to detail to achieve even mediocre results.

The weather has slowed down some of the field work, but progress continues at several more difficult to reach (distance and/or elevation) locations.

As a result of the concern that certain ancient pictograph images at Palatki and Honanki are fading due to natural causes and/or increased visitation, the photo documentation team has initiated a new process as part of the documentation at the Heritage sites. An initial evaluation of videos acquired at Palatki indicate that vehicular traffic on the entry road at speeds greater than 15mph greatly increases the amount of dust raised into the air that appears to be carried by the wind up to the rock art alcoves. The Friends of the Forest has purchased specialized supplies and software to allow color calibrated photography of pictographs under controlled lighting conditions to allow comparison of image color saturation and luminosity over periods of months to years. Representative pictographs at the Heritage sites have been selected and photographed as part of this project. Additionally, Nori Thorne (FOF artist and volunteer) is creating modern pictographs on sandstone rock slabs that will be put in place at several locations at Palatki for period photography to better determine the impact of dust from visitor foot and vehicular traffic. The software and relatively high-tech methods being employed are similar to those being used by various Park Service and Conservation based organizations around the country.

The site photography project still has several years of work ahead. If you are interested in helping with this project, or would like more information, please contact **Spence Gustav** at [spencehg@yahoo.com](mailto:spencehg@yahoo.com). Check out the links below for a sample of our work.

## Docent Program

Our biannual Docent Refresher featuring Peter Pilles was held in February to a packed house of seasoned and new docents as well as site hosts. Aside from Peter's presentations, we had a very well received question and answer session as well as discussions on site interpretation. The event was video recorded for the benefit of those who could not attend and future docents.

I would like to welcome **Di Bustamante**, **Cathy Robinson**, **Patrick Galdieri**, and **Carol Genatossio** to the program. They are still in their training phase.

We were sad to say goodbye to **Craig Johnson**. He moved away from the area in February for family reasons. Craig had been an active member of the docent program for 13+ years and for the last five years had been volunteering at Palatki every Sunday. Thank you, Craig!!

We are always in need of new docents, particularly if you spend all or part of the summer months in the Verde Valley!

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 ([fofdocents@gmail.com](mailto:fofdocents@gmail.com)) for more information.

**Jerry Walters** 284-1339

Check out the links below for the site photography team's work:

Palatki Grotto the Crack near Willards Roost

<https://sketchfab.com/models/235d75c1f0714779a0ce333f2cca2599?ref=related>

Palatki Grotto Panel 16

<https://sketchfab.com/models/dd2f61a5acfd4bf5bc9407aa134869d9?ref=related>



## Trail Maintenance & Construction

Winter was brutal, snow drifts, below zero temps and howling winds! Be thankful we live in Sedona and don't have to deal with that stuff! TM&C has pressed on in our quest to keep the Red Rock areas beautiful and safe. We have replaced twelve Kiosks with the updated steel design, as well as doing our usual trail maintenance. Our ranks have grown also and the new faces are a very welcomed.

**Ernie DiMillo**



The heavy lifting being done by the TM&C crew of the new steel Kiosks (above).

While others are removing the old wooded kiosk and removing the information signs for reuse.

Truly a TEAM effort. Pictures by Ernie DiMillo

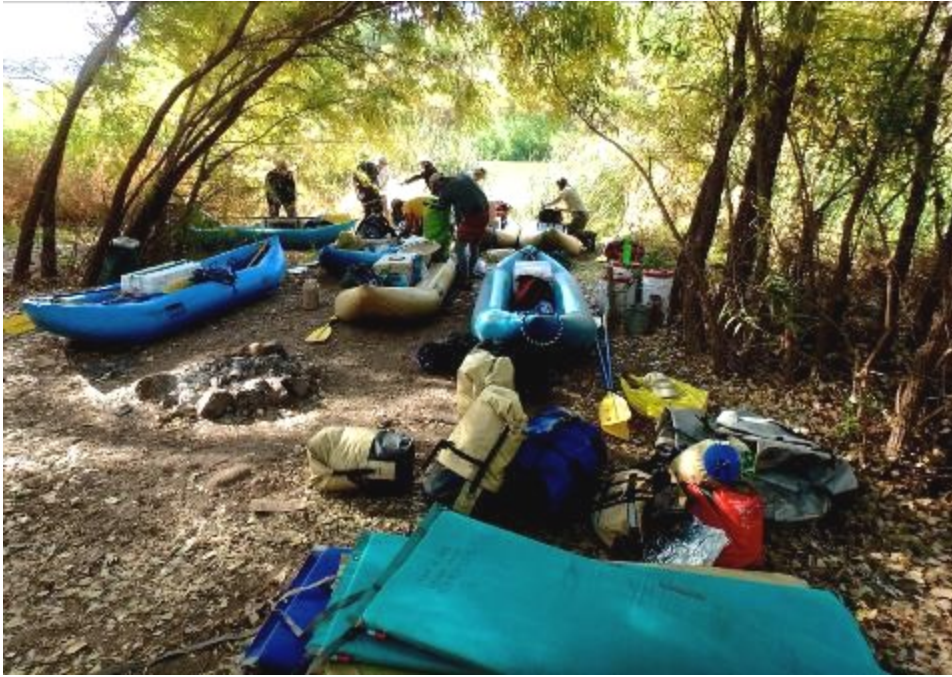


Post holes being dug and aligned before placing new Kiosk. Pictures by Jean Ober



The Friends of the Forest, Inc. is dedicated to assisting the U. S. Forest Service in maintaining, protecting, and restoring the scenic beauty and natural and cultural resources of forest lands for the enjoyment and use of present and future generations. The objective of this nonprofit, volunteer group is to work in partnership with the U. S. Forest Service in tasks it does not have the manpower or the funds to accomplish on its own.





Coconino National Forest Rangers are organizing their gear and loading the boats for another Verde River clean up. The trip down the river is part of the on going effort to maintain the Wild and Scenic River. The Friends drove the Rangers and all of their gear to the put in at Child's and then meet the boaters at the take out at Horseshoe Lake eight days later. With the Friend's providing the drivers it frees up staff members for other duties.



**Ken Zoll**, archaeo-astronomer, former FOF docent and director of the Verde Valley Archaeology Center at Camp Verde, standing left of the rope barrier, explains the alignment of shadow and rock art marking the vernal equinox to the large crowd witnessing the occurrence at the V Bar V rock art site. Photo by **Dave Kennedy**, FOF docent



## Committee Chairs Honor members at the 2017 Volunteer Recognition Picnic



Visitor Information Services - **Terry Orlick Bob Chadwick, Norm LaDuke, Butch Greathouse**



Cultural Resources - **Jerry Walters Bob Beltz, Tom Cloonan, Paul Cooley, John Losse, Ruti Lovitt, Paul Schwartz, Wayne Swart**



Trail Maintenance & Construction - **Ernie DiMillo Mark Munsell, Steve Orr, Jim White, Jim Manning, Al Milavec, Jean Ober, Kurt Starbuck, Rich Spinelli**



Trail Patrol - **Elaine Hackett Michael Harris, Tim Fogarty, Gene Rector, Terri Petrescu, Jon Petrescu**



Graffiti Removal - **Jerry Checchia Evan Holtz, Betty Parker, Jerry Piepiora, Nori Thorne, Dave Poppe**



River Patrol - **Mike Vitek Don McClimans**



Air Quality Testing - **Brian Painchaud Eloise Baldauf, Rick Baldauf, Chuck Boyle**



Water Sampling - **Al Cornell Michael Campbell**



# President's Awards to Outstanding Volunteers of the Year 2017

## Volunteer Recognition Picnic October 2017



New Volunteer of the Year **Jerry Checchia, Betty Parker**

Volunteer of the Year **David Murrill**



Distinguished Volunteer **Jim Manning, Carol Wirkus, Jennifer Young**



Special Projects Award **Bob Haizmann**



Heart of the Friends **Ernie DiMillo, Debbie Wych**



President's Award **Peg Kern, Marilyn Painchaud, Gene Rector**

