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Dear Friends of the Sonoran Conservancy of Fountain Hill,

As 2014 draws to a close we'd like to pass on news & events that may be of interest to you. Your conservancy has been very busy this year and we want to be sure you have the latest information.

The Andrews-Kinsey Trail is now officially open.

November 8th, 2014 found nearly 80 people gathered high in the Fountain Hills Preserve to honor and recognize Chet Andrews and Roy Kinsey. Chet and Roy are two area leaders who have worked to bring us what we enjoy today, both the Scottsdale and Fountain Hills Preserve's. This new trail links Fountain Hills, Scottsdale and McDowell Mountain Park.

Please visit our web site to view pictures and the story of the event.

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Adero Canyon construction and access.

As most of you are aware before too much longer Adero Canyon development in the lower section will start. The exact start date is not known at this time.

However, it is important for you to understand that the safety of the public is first and foremost. In an effort to address your safety during construction, the lower, southern canyon will be fenced off with appropriate warning-advisory signage.

As we learn more and dates become known we'll be sure to pass this information on to you.

Hike program for Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 is underway.

I think we have a hike for nearly everyone. Three of our conservancy board members have done a fantastic job in setting up this program for you. Many thanks to Pam and our 2 Carol's.

Visit our web site at www.scfh.org to see if there are some for you, my guess there is. With over 20 hikes you will find one or more that peek your interest.

Trail helpers gladly accepted.

With all the activities that your conservancy is involved with we quite frankly need help! Your Fountain Hills trails are hand built not machine cut. We are most fortunate to have a fine group of volunteers, **The Trail Blazers**, who not only build but maintain your trails as well. These women and men work hard for you however there is a need for more help. As with all dedicated volunteer help it is unfair to keep asking for their time week after week, a few more workers would help spread the work and lessen anyone's time commitment.

Also, for those of you who have hiked with us you'll recall we have **Stewards** to help you and answer questions as we move down the trail. We can use more people to assist our leaders and lend a helping hand. We can only expand our hiking program if we expand the number of folks willing to help out on our hikes. To learn more about becoming a **Trail Blazer** or **Steward** please feel free to contact me at smfleming@cox.net . I will be sure your inquiry gets to the right person. Thank you for your consideration. Oh by the way, it is fun work and you get to meet new and interesting people !

Becoming a member of the Sonoran Conservancy of Fountain Hills.

All of those involved with the conservancy are volunteers and we give of our time freely. From time to time we dig into our pockets to cover some expenses. Funding for what we do comes entirely from donations by private individuals. We do offer membership for \$35.00 per year and as we are a 501 C-3 group this donation is a tax deduction for you.

Happily, we have copies of Marianne Jensen's wonderful book, **Wildflowers and Plants of the McDowell Mountains**. This is the latest edition too. Your donation is not only needed, it is appreciated and a copy of Marianne's book will be sent to you for the \$35.00 membership.

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With our wonderful rains of late my guess is next spring will be a fantastic wildflower season. Marianne's book will prove invaluable.

In closing I want to thank all of you who have supported us in the past and continue to do so.

Remember to visit our web site, it is loaded with information for you.

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From the Board of The Sonoran Conservancy of Fountain Hills.....

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Sincerely,

Pam Cissik and Steve Fleming, Co-chairpersons