

## Presidents Message

Our committees are putting together the community surveys on the various areas of interest within Sandia Heights. If you have particular area of interest or concern please send it to the office at [shha@sandiahomeowners.org](mailto:shha@sandiahomeowners.org). Suggested topics from Sandia Heights Residents at the Annual meeting were: mandatory membership, speed bumps, speed traps on Friday and Saturday on Tramway Blvd., improve the sound reducing capabilities of the walls along Tramway Blvd., emergency response, and covenant enforcement.

## Arts in the Heights

You are invited to view the works of some of our amazing Sandia Heights residents on Sunday, September 24, 2006, 1:00-5:00. Pick up a map at the Sandia Heights office that day or simply follow the signs from Tramway Blvd. Meet the artists. Refreshments will be served at each location. See samples of their art and a synopsis of each artist on page 7 of this Grit.

## SHHA Presents - The Santa Cruz River Band in Concert



**Saturday, September 30.** Mark your calendar! On Saturday evening, September 30, the Santa Cruz River Band will return from their annual concert tour in Europe to perform at our Sandia Heights Coffeehouse at 7:30 p.m., Church of the Good Shepherd, 7834 Tennyson NE.

Come join your Sandia Heights friends and neighbors for a relaxed, enjoyable evening of music, conversation, and coffee, teas & desserts. Bring the kids! This will be an all-ages, alcohol-free event.

At this, our third Coffeehouse, we will host the region's premier southwestern folk music band. The

Santa Cruz River Band delivers a beautiful, intriguing, and powerful musical blend of traditional and contemporary songs in English, Spanish, and Native American Tribal tongues accompanied by traditional and contemporary guitars, mandolin, and banjo. Their music is both authentic and original and rooted in the traditional styles of the Southwest and Mexico. Their songs are interlaced with stories drawn from the early memories and personal family histories of the band members as passed down to them through the generations. Band members are Michael J. Ronstadt, Ted Ramírez and Gilbert Brown. Michael Ronstadt shares the talents of a family that includes well-known sister Linda. Read about the band and listen to their music on [www.santacruzriverband.com](http://www.santacruzriverband.com).

Suggested entertainment donations: \$15, \$10/seniors & teens, \$5 children 6 and older. Refreshments by Church of the Good Shepherd Youth Group, food donations go to church youth activities. Please contact Linda Bolton at 856-7100 or [nightsmgt.com](http://nightsmgt.com) to volunteer.

## **Community Services & Membership Committee:**

Vicki Criel, Chair

### **Letters to the Committee:**

I wanted to say that I very much enjoyed the Jazz Night on 7/15. This event not only gave all of us a chance to listen to some good music in a beautiful setting, but we also got the opportunity to meet some of our neighbors, whom we otherwise would not have met. I met several people and later ran into one of the people I met at Whole Foods. Without the opportunity to meet her at the July 15th event, we would have passed each other by. We are a large community and the chance to meet at Association events is a good thing!! The more neighbors who know each other, the more pleasant the atmosphere of our community, and the better the likelihood of solving conflicts. I'm glad to see that other events are scheduled in the near future, and I want to thank the people who are working on these events.

Marge Bernstein

Please accept my gratitude for your efforts in organizing Jazz Night last Saturday. It was

quite an enjoyable affair, and a most pleasant way to spend a summer evening. Not in the least, it also provided everyone with a congenial forum to meet and socialize with their neighbors and fellow homeowners, an opportunity that I otherwise find quite elusive. I encourage you to continue to put on functions such as this. Again, my sincere thanks.

James M. Skorich

### **Committee Notes:**

The SHHA Jazz Nites are FREE events for all Sandia Heights residents. The musicians are often Sandia Heights residents. The events are usually at the Four Seasons Pool and Tennis Club or at the SHHA office courtyard on San Rafael. The SHHA Community Services and Membership Committee serves beverages and hors d'oeuvres at these summertime events. Please contact Chairperson Vicki Criel at [vcriel@comcast.net](mailto:vcriel@comcast.net) or 615-3333 for additional information. The SHHA Coffeehouse is typically held in the fall at a local church. The musicians are usually nationally known artists, and a \$15 donation per person at the door are encouraged. Coffee and light food is served.

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### **Community Event Bulletin:**

*(these groups are not sponsored by SHHA)*

- **Sandia Cork & Fork Update:** Cork and Fork is an informal dining activity, centered around small group dinners, each typically involving four or five couples, hosted in individual homes, with each couple contributing a specific dish for the meal. Cork and Fork currently has 20 full members and 3 alternates and there is certainly room for more. So, if you're interested in getting involved, please contact the Cork and Fork chairman, Larry Anderson (821-3158; [andersnm@aol.com](mailto:andersnm@aol.com)), for more information or to become a member.
- **Recycling:** The Recycling Group is working hard to help our community become part of the Recycling Solution! Our first community Recycling Drop-Off Event is on Saturday, October 21st between 8am - noon at the Sandia Heights Services Office on Tramway Road half-way up to the base of the Tram on the right. Bring all of your recyclables except glass. Volunteers are needed. For more information please contact Cheryl Ferguson @ 505-856-1403 or [cheryl@nmpolicymatters.com](mailto:cheryl@nmpolicymatters.com).



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- Attempt to publish both sides of every issue, including constructive criticism, no abusive or insulting remarks.
- Reserve the right to edit any submission.
- Not to print any unsigned letters or articles.



**Stats and more from the Sandia Heights Security Patrol:**

Introducing this month’s featured security officer: John Evans. Johnny has worked security for Sandia Heights for 25 years and currently serves

as our Security Supervisor and carries the manager card on our license. Johnny and his wife, Marene, have two children, Tommy and Keri.

If you have any questions regarding these stats please call Sandia Heights Security at 856-6347.



Call Type	# of calls	Call Type	# of calls
Attempted B & E	1	Theft	8
Breaking & Entering	3	Utility Co. assist	10
Alarms	30	Special request	4
Car accident	1	Customer assist	12
Fire	5	Noise complaint	4
Fireworks complaint	7	S. O. assist	2
Lost/found pet	4	Parking problem	2
Motorist assist	6	Vandalism	35
Open Door/window	16	Wildlife report	5
Pet nuisance	2	Vehicle burglary	3
Rescue assist	1	Newspaper pickup	11
Snake call	5	Special patrol	17
Speeding vehicle	2	Homeowners on vacation	241
Suspicious person	5		
Suspicious vehicle	19	<b>Total calls</b>	<b>461</b>

**Security Alert!** There have been several burglaries in the Sandia Heights area. The burglar has entered through unlocked doors (sliding glass and garage side doors) while occupants were sleeping. The burglar is interested in ladies' purses and men's wallets (from which he extracted all cash, and then dumped all credit cards and other items in various places) and personal computers. The Bernalillo County Sheriff has informed us that this burglar is very brazen about entering, seems to be only interested in cash, leaves your doors propped open so he can easily exit, and seems to only enter through unlocked doors (not breaking windows or doors down). We cannot emphasize enough for people to lock their doors even when they are home.

**Revised Update – Don Wortman**

In the June publication we reported that a Taekwondo studio would be occupying the southern two retail spaces in the Pinon Square building on Tramway next to the \$1.75 Cleaners, and that by January the owner of the building hoped to have a restaurant in that space. Instead, the Taekwondo studio, SOUTHWICK’S BLACK BELT ACADEMY, will be the permanent resident of that space.

## ACC ACTIVITY LOG

*The following is a summary of your Architectural Control Committee's activity since last month's GRIT.*

45 Cedar Hill Place – Tear down existing house and build new house. Neighborhood review completed. Front setback changed, now in compliance. Approved. Letter of Notification sent to neighbors.

60 Juniper Hill Loop – Replace windows. Approved

412 Live Oak Loop – Replace windows. Approved

532 Roadrunner Lane – Re-stucco. Approved

621 Cedar Hill Road – Patio fireplace and bancos. Approved

726-3 Tramway Vista Court – Re-roof. Approved

726-30 Tramway Vista Drive – Replace windows & doors. Approved

807 Tramway Lane – Fill-in swimming pool. Approved. Letter of Notification sent to neighbors.

1167 Laurel Loop – Upgrade & pave driveway, re-stucco house. Approved

1698 Quail Run Court – Parapet repair. Approved

1702 Quail Run Court – Addition. Neighborhood Review in process.

1836 Tramway Terrace Loop – Additions, re-stucco, re-window, replace fences with walls. Change to approved project; increase addition height to ten feet. Approved

2019 Quail Run Drive – Re-roof. Approved

2411 Tramway Terrace Court – Re-roof. Approved

2866 Tramway Circle – Ramada, landscaping, re-stucco and existing fence & gate. Neighborhood Review in process.

8232 Raintree Drive – New house. Neighborhood Review completed. Disapproved - proposed residence exceeds height restriction, front setback not in harmony with adjacent structures.

9102 Lynx Loop – Replace windows. Approved

12712 Colony Place – Parapet repair. Approved

*Check the ACC Project Log at the Sandia Heights Homeowners (SHHA) website [sandiahomeowners.org](http://sandiahomeowners.org). Click on THE A.C.C. then on Architectural Control Committee Project Log and read about all projects currently under ACC management.*

### Covenant Review

Proposed unified covenants: The Covenant review group encourages all property owners to attend the outreach session for your unit to familiarize yourselves with the changes to the existing covenants which are proposed. We hope you will review the UCs via the website, [www.sandiahomeowners.org](http://www.sandiahomeowners.org) or you may come and look at a copy in the SHHA office. All meetings will be held at the Church of the Good Shepherd at 7pm, per the following schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Units</u>
Tue. Sep 12	SHN, SHN-1, SHN 2 & 3, South 1, South 2
Wed. Sep 13	South 3, 4, 5, 6
Thur. Sep 14	South 7, 7CC, 8, 8C
Tue. Sep 26	South 9, 10, 11, 14
Wed. Sep 27	South 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20
Thur. Sep 28	South 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28

Voting is planned for October; ballots will also be available at the above meetings. If you can't attend your scheduled meeting, please come to another scheduled meeting.

# ARTS in the HEIGHTS

Sunday September 24, 2006 1:00-5:00 PM  
Presented by the Sandia Heights resident artists

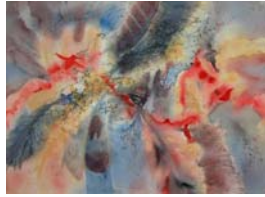
## Barbara Besser

I am a passionate visionary artist. My father was my mentor and my education has been at Southern CT. State University. I have 20 years teaching experience. I work in mixed media and create spiritual portraits at fairs and special events. I also facilitate empowerment classes and workshops with emphasis on visual art/collage.



## Lynda Burch, 369 Big Horn Ridge Dr.

My lifetime retirement dream has been to learn to paint and to do so in watercolors. Ten years ago I decided I couldn't wait for retirement (I'm still not there), so I began from zero taking classes. Lots of teachers and workshops later, I finally began to feel creative and my art appears in Yucca Gallery and Amapola Gallery, both in Old Town. I am a member of many organizations and have been juried into many regional and national shows.



## Barbara Nahler

I begin my paintings with unprimed canvas which I manipulate by stretching, sometimes adding yarn to it to make more design. To make the canvas ready for painting, I gesso the entire surface. The manipulation of the canvas usually dictates how it is to be painted. To finish, I sometimes add copper foil or copper dust. I also work with colored pencils and do mostly realistic subject in this medium.



## Kit Langdon

I have been studying at various classes since childhood, but I became serious about my art as an adult and attended the College of the Redwoods at the Mendocino, CA Art Center. I have been painting with various media (oil, watercolor, etching and pastels) since then, but have recently settled mainly on pastels. I enjoy using a variety of styles and subjects for my work.



## Barb Boedeker, 147 Whitetail Rd

In my work, I try to capture the simplicity and feeling of primitive art forms (mostly Native American) and present them in a modern way. I draw inspiration from petroglyphs, pictographs, painted hides, sand paintings as well as pottery, especially the pottery of the Mimbres. I am also inspired by the prehistoric painted caves of France (several of which I had the opportunity to visit last year). I use acrylic paints and a wax resist technique to achieve the unique style of my paintings. Special orders are welcome and can be customized to your specifications regarding size, colors and content.



## Fred Miller

Fred Miller studied with numerous nationally known artists. He is founder of the Art Studio, not-for-profit cooperative of artists whose mission is to further art education, and he teaches portraiture and drawing. His paintings have won numerous nationally juried awards. He is a signature member of the Pastel Society of New Mexico and of the Madonna Daniel Memorial Fund Board which provides grants to aspiring artists.



## George Hight

A New Mexican Native from Gallop – Retired photographer and artist. He started his career with Convair during WW2 as an illustrator and coordinator. He paints southwest landscapes and miniature oils. His works can be found in homes across the US, Europe and Asia. He is presently associated with Yucca Art Gallery in old town.



## Sheila Richmond, 70 Pinion Hill Place

I work in both oils and pastels. People, in their varied postures and activities, seem to call for me to use oils, and landscapes bespeak pastels. I continue to be fascinated by the varied landscape of the Southwest. Every season shows something which I want to capture and share through pastels. In each medium, I hope to evoke an answering response from the viewer which is meaningful to both of us. I continue to be fascinated by the varied landscape of the Southwest. Every season shows something which I want to capture and share through pastels and oils.



## Judi Foster, 70 Pinion Hill Place

Judi Foster is an Expressionist artist using veils of color, both transparent and opaque, to connect with the viewer. She has earned Signature Membership in three national organizations. Her work appears in the 2006 Who's Who of American Women and on the cover of New Mexico Women in Business Directory.



## Heather Ropes

Heather Ropes paints furniture with a touch of whimsy and a flourish of color. Borrowing from several folk art traditions, each piece is unique. Sizes vary greatly.

### **NOTE:**

*The final list of artists and locations that they will be presenting their art, and map can be picked up at the SHHA office on San Rafael on the day of this event.*





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### **SHHA Announcements**

- The classified ads can be found on the website [www.sandiahomeowners.org](http://www.sandiahomeowners.org)
- **Summer Office hours** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 to 3pm. ***Wednesday 9 to 6 pm.***

- **PHOTO CONTEST**

We're starting early! It would be wonderful to get a greater variety of photos to choose from instead of the usual winter season photos that are submitted in November. So get that camera out and start taking some shots!! We're taking entries for our annual photo contest for the 2007 Sandia Heights Resident Directory.

Submission criteria:

- You must be an SHHA member and you must be an amateur photographer.
- Photos must be related to the Sandia Heights area (see the 2006 Directory).
- Photos must be able to fit reasonably on the cover of the directory without loss of the composition.
- Photos must be in color, digital submissions preferred.
- The resident must submit a statement that the photograph is an original taken by the homeowner, that he/she is not a professional photographer (in business as a photographer), and that you grant permission to SHHA to use the photo.

All entries may be picked up at the office once the Directory is published. Be creative and good luck!

### **Church of the Good Shepherd 7834 Tennyson NE 856-1004**

Come join the Fun, Salad, Sliders (small hamburgers) and the Great Talent of  
**COGS IDOLS**

Saturday, 9/9/06 at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$25 each

Raffle Tickets:

Children ≤18 free

6 for \$5 or \$1 each