

# To Friends Of Cave Creek Canyon

## What a change February Brings



(The Fagan's orchard) by Sarah Thomson



Late afternoon  
lighting

by Cecil Williams

**Weather forecast starting Feb. 18-20 is for temperature in the mid 70's with an occasional cloud. You can see Jupiter, Mars and Venus at night!**

## **The sycamores are getting ready for Spring**

**by Cecil Williams**



## **FOCCC at work in the Canyon!**

**by Dinah Davidson**

Thirteen energetic FOCCC volunteers and one well-behaved doggie turned out to pull invasive horehound on Saturday morning, 07 February. Donning gloves, and deploying various tools, they made short work of a large horehound patch near the first bench along the Nature Trail above the Silver Peak pullout. The group then moved to the Sunny Flat Campground where, starting at the bridge, great progress

was made in removing the species on both sides of the road and in as far as the central 'plaza'. (Special thanks go to those working beneath prickly catclaw!) Plants with seeds were placed in bags deposited at the USFS station, and those lacking seeds were left to replenish soil nutrients.



On this beautiful morning with crystal blue skies, Sunny Flat lived up to its name, taking the edge off the morning chill. With the site still closed to visitors, no campers were disturbed by our activities. Plenty of horehound remains, and we'll eventually take up where we left off on this work day.



Event organizers Dinah Davidson and Barbara Miller would like to thank the following participants for their enthusiasm and congenial company as a pleasant time was had by all: Al Bammann, Laura Caron, Larry Johnson, Rolf Koford, Juliet Krenshaw, Elaine Moisan, Linda Pretty, Loren Smith, Sarah and Keith Thomson, and Lorraine Titus. Barb and Pete Miller provided water and snacks. Counting participation by Barb and Dinah, the Friends group contributed 39 hours of volunteer service to the USFS.

Images by Sarah Thomson

**Happy Belated Valentine's Day!**



By Sarah Thomson

## Ranching in the Area Ray Mendez below





(Images by Karin McQuillan)

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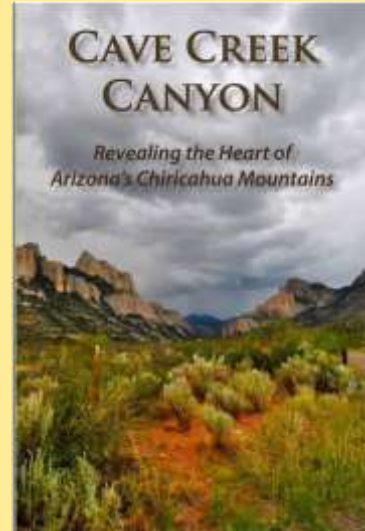
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A very successful book launch and signing was held on January 31. It was a great party and fun for all!





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## More Canyon News!

### The Ranger Station is now open

Friends of Cave Creek Canyon assisted the Forest Service by finding volunteers Larry and Audrey Johnson to operate the Ranger Station. Their first weekend they had more than 60 visitors.

The station will be open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Larry and Audrey will be there until sometime later in March when Ranger Ron resumes his part time duties.

Thanks to Larry and Audrey for helping out.



Wouldn't it be nice if the station was open more?





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## Friends of Cave Creek Canyon, Chiricahua Regional Council and the U.S. Forest Service hosted on Feb. 17 the:

### Community Work Session on the future of Recreation in Cave Creek Canyon

This workshop was for the community to begin participating in planning the future of recreation in the Cave Creek Canyon area. The effects of the September flood made a reappraisal of the recreation opportunities here necessary, and community involvement is paramount to obtain the best results.

This was the first meeting in a process of determining the future of Recreation in this Canyon. There will be opportunities to follow up this workshop by participating in smaller issue-specific groups over the next few months.

Kevin Warner, District Ranger mentioned that at other similar community meetings he has participated in the average attendance has been about 12 or so members of the public. At this meeting there were over 80 attendees! **This attendance indicates the huge community interest and concern about the Canyon.**

Thanks to the Southwestern Research Center for providing the venue and refreshments for the meeting.

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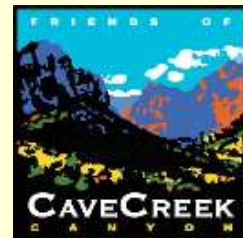
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*Thank you, Reed Peters, President*

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