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APRIL 2011 NEWSLETTER

TMA Membership

If you have not renewed your membership for 2011, please do so by going to our website at www.tucsonmountainsassoc.org and download the membership form. Please also invite your neighbors and friends to join us as we work together to represent your interests to the City Council, Pima County Board of Supervisors, and other groups that impact our west side (e.g., Environmental Enhancement Fund for Starr Pass, Tucson's Conservation Leaders' Forum, Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, etc.).

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Help a Wildlife Photographer

Tom Wiewandt, our prominent Southwest photographer and TMA member who has helped with our website and annual awards program, is in post-production work related to a Sonoran Desert multimedia project, and he is trying to fill some gaps. He is seeking active bird nests in native vegetation, especially those of a roadrunner (always tough to find), cactus wren (must be picture-perfect), and raptors (preferably in the arms of a saguaro cactus). On the mammalian side, he is looking for approachable jackrabbits, foxes, ringtail, or a coyote den with pups.

He would be grateful for your assistance in locating these sites and can be reached by telephone at **743-4551** or by email, tom@wildhorizons.com. Please support Tom, he helps us a lot!

Family Night Under the Stars – April 30

Marana Parks and Recreation is planning a "Family Night Under the Stars" event at **Ora Mae Harn Park**. The park is located at **13250 North Adams Road**. This family oriented event will be the evening of **April 30 - May 1, 2011**. You will be able to camp out overnight, and there will be some outdoor and environmental education displays. Arrangements are underway for crafts, story telling, games, and outdoor movie, campfire, and best decorated campsite contest. Set up of camp sites would begin at about 4:00 PM. Vendors will be serving food and drink. Overnight camping registration is required by April 27 (mail-in or online registration: Marana Parks and Recreation, 1155 W. Civic Center Drive, Marana, AZ 85653 or activenet4.active.com/marana; www.marana.com) The telephone number is **382-1950**.



Music Party – May 7

Regina Romero has represented the west side on the City Council over the last few years. She has championed a number of issues, including conservation of Painted Hills as open space, and a water footprint policy that endorses the wise management of our water supply. A number of TMA members are co-hosting a campaign party for Regina Romero on **Saturday, May 7**, from 5:00 to 7:30 PM. It will be hosted by Pamela Ridgway at her home, which is located at **1722 N Placita Tuberia, 85745** (off Trails End). There will be fresh and exciting acoustic music featuring RAHE. Her music includes a diversity of Africa, South America, American Blues, Soul and Jazz, and Flamenco of Rahe's native Spain. If you wish to join in the festivities, please contact Pamela at pamelaridg@gmail.com or **743-7227** to RSVP by April 30.

