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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



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by Becky Santiago
CNA President

My name is Becky Santiago and I am excited to be serving as the President of the Coronado Neighborhood Association for the 2022-2023 term. I am honored to serve with a Board who brings a lot of renewed energy to the Association and to serve a community which eagerly plans and engages in community events and gatherings. In the last few months in particular, we have seen increased participation at neighborhood events and our monthly CNA meetings (join us – meetings are the first Thursday of every month from 7:00-8:00 PM at Incito School). I am eager to build on this positive momentum.

Our talented and enthusiastic board members have hit the ground running partnering with local non-profits, organizing fun events, and improving our online presence and communications for the neighborhood. This fall alone, we are planning and supporting events such as a neighborhood-wide yard sale, Coronado Kids Carnival, Halloween Costume Ride, a kickball tournament and WayneFest. And that's on top of the pancake breakfast, welcome-back coffees for teachers and caregivers, and an ice cream social we hosted at our community garden (if you haven't already been, I encourage you to check out the garden's new location on the south side of Emerson Elementary). Our partnership with G-Road will allow children access to our garden space to learn and explore and you'll be hearing more about this in a future G-Road Dispatch takeover. In addition, board members have been hard at work behind the scenes revamping our website, adopting a new automated membership site, and finding ways to make toolshed rentals easier for our members.

I look forward to a fantastic year with you all!

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All Up in Your Neighbor's Business

BY DARIN TOONE

Have you ever the thought that owning your own business might be something you would like to pursue? I think many have had this dream at some point during their lifetime. Let's face it, the thought of being your own boss sounds pretty good some days, and the Coronado Neighborhood is full of people who have made that leap into owning their own business. It's been a fun experience getting to know our neighbors and finding out what businesses they are involved in.

As I have conversed with friends in Coronado, I have been inspired by how many entrepreneurs and small business owners live amongst us. I love asking how and why they started their own business and it's intriguing to learn about their personal journeys. If I were to break down each story I have heard, there seems to be two main drivers that propel people to take the leap of faith into business ownership; personal freedom and fulfilling their passion. Most believe the money will come if they stay focused on their passion.

Our self-employed neighbors made the leap into business ownership for various reasons; their job wasn't providing them the satisfaction or pay they would like, they were not working in a profession that fulfilled their passions, their boss was hard to work with, and some just wanted to keep more of the money they produced. Inside Coronado, if you need a product or service, most likely there is someone who can meet your needs. Home builders, handymen, CPAs, pest control, metal work, health supplements, health and fitness, attorneys, coffee shops, restaurants, tailoring, landscaping, and more - Coronado has them all.



Frontino team outside home base - Brandin's Coronado home

If you own a business, please contact the CNA for more information on how to get on our business directory.

Brandin and Eli Bear, neighbors, and owners of Frontino Pest Control, shared with me a little about their journey to becoming business owners. Brandin said, "We learned that building a business is like building a team, a family. We wanted to impact people's lives and the best way for me to do this was to build a business based around sound principles that would benefit everyone involved: our employees and our customers." Frontino is a veteran-owned company and take their commitment to positive impact one step further by planting a tree for every pest service they perform, which is a great way to give back to the community and the environment. For Brandin and Eli, the startup years were filled with long days, performing all the duties by themselves as they built the foundation for a successful brand. Currently, Frontino has a team of employees, and the company is on a very positive growth trajectory.

Bryan and Brittany Schlueter, owners of We Build Res, also live in the neighborhood. They started their own business building custom residential and multi-family housing. Bryan realized shortly

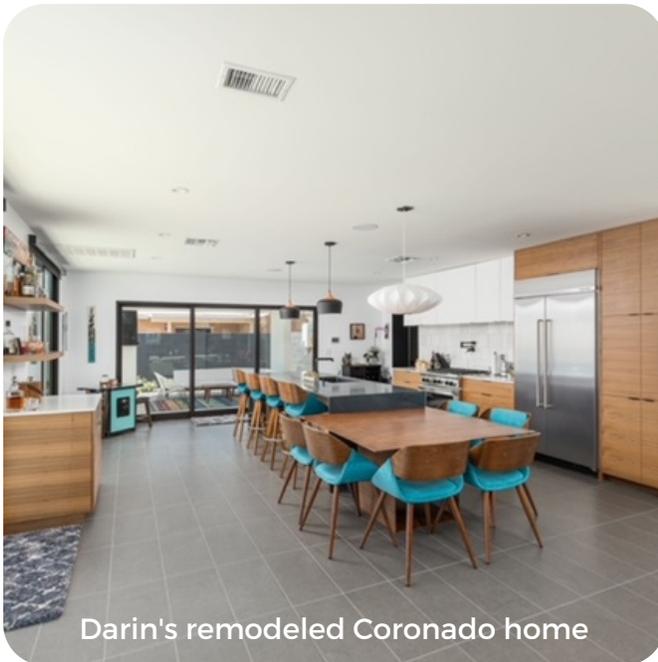


**Bryan & Brittany
Schlueter**

after graduating from college and landing his first corporate job that he was miserable. Driving the same route to work every day, sitting in the same cubicle and chair every day, not making the money he wanted, and not being challenged by his job. He decided that it was time to take his drive, network, and skillset to go out on his own, with the goal of earning more money than he could ever make working as an employee. He left his job, started his business, and has never looked back. Bryan and Brittany have built a thriving business which has contributed to some of the fantastic remodels and new builds here in the Coronado.

When my wife and I remodeled our home a few years ago, we wanted to utilize as many neighbors as possible to support those around us. We were able to find highly skilled people such as concept and interior design, general contracting services, custom metal fabrication, landscape design, painters, plumbers and more, all within the neighborhood. It was enjoyable to have people we knew and trusted work on our project. It made our remodel project that much more satisfying to have many of our neighbors help us carry out our vision.

It is my hope that you learn about your neighbors, take the time to get to know them and what they do for a living and get all up in their businesses by supporting their services and products. As we build relationships in our community, and support those around us, Coronado will continue to be the best place to live in the Valley.



Darin's remodeled Coronado home

(Pumpkin) Spice Up Your Life

BY KIRSTEN KEANE

Autumn in Phoenix: we decorate our porches with gourds that swelter in the sun, bust out our sweaters from their summer hibernation, and line up for pumpkin-spiced lattes while the thermometer still reads triple digits. Ah well, drink for the weather you want, not the weather you have.

Every season comes with various rituals and milestones:

- Abandoning New Year's resolutions by February.
- Sending flowers because you forgot to order a Mother's Day gift in time (again).
- The first sunburn of summer.

But fall in the desert southwest is a time of refresh and renewal and kicks off a flurry of traditions. Aside from my annual Gilmore Girls re-watch (I'm not the only one who does that for some fall feels, right?), I have a few other customs that frame my mindset for the season that might help you set the mood too:

Picnics

Picnics always seemed like a quaint activity characters in Jane Austen novels did to pass the time between afternoon visits with suitors. But during the pandemic, it became a quaint activity I did to gather safely with family and friends. Picnics are now an annual tradition for me that I kick off with Ballet Arizona's free "Ballet Under the Stars" event each September.

Picnics are about gathering, enjoying nature, and people-watching. After dozens of picnics, here are my tips for a successful spread...



- **Blankets:** Although you probably don't need one blanket per person now as we did then to maintain social distancing guidelines, a soft yet cleanable blanket is - quite literally - the foundation. Bring a spare one to bundle up if you're gathering on a chilly day. You can even find blankets with water-proof backing that roll up into handy straps to tote around easily.
- **Food:** One of my favorite and easy to prepare picnic meals is charcuterie. I often pack up individual containers for each guest, including a selection of cheeses, meats, crackers, mustard or jam, fruit, and some chocolate-covered nuts. Slider sandwiches are another easy option. You can purchase a tray of ready-made tear-apart rolls, slice them in half, and then fill them with your favorite sandwich ingredients. Add some snack packs of chips or fruit and brownie squares or cookies. Similarly, you could assemble a large wrap of hummus, veggies, and tofu and cut it into pinwheels for individual servings that make an impressive presentation without too much effort.
- **Beverages:** Cans of sparkling water are always appreciated, but I've found that fancy lemonade is a big hit (my favorite is Lemon-Lime Mintade from Smitten Kitchen). You can prep the juice-syrup mix ahead of time and pour fresh drinks with a splash of club soda and a garnish of mint.

Oktoberfest-themed dinner

My ideal way to ring in the tenth month of the year was once Oktoberfest at Tempe Town Lake, but I'm no longer so youthful that I can stomach the long lines, spilled beer, or the feeling that hangs over me the following day.

Last year, as a nod to that festive fall event, I hosted an Oktoberfest-themed dinner instead. My guests only briefly tolerated the Oom-pah radio station I insisted on playing, but I'm confident they'll return for another Bavarian-inspired dinner this year. (Lederhosen or dirndl dresses optional).

My recommended menu:

- Pick up a selection of sausages from the German Sausage Co. in Arcadia and some traditional pastries from Old Heidelberg Bakery for dessert.
- Boil the brats in beer with some onions and peppers and sear them on the grill before cutting and serving sample-sized bites with sauerkraut, mustard, relish, and sure, even ketchup.
- Pan fry slider-sized portions of pork schnitzel and serve with halved dinner rolls, arugula, and lemon aioli. You can prep these earlier in the day and reheat them in the oven or air fryer to serve.
- Prepare an easy spätzle pasta side dish (another opportunity to make ahead and keep warm in a crock pot). I like mine jazzed up with butter, fried sage, toasted hazelnuts, and parmesan.
- Ask guests to contribute drinks from the region. These could include German beers like pilsner, bock, Märzen, Dunkel, or schwarzbier; or—for the wine-drinkers like me—riesling, Liebfraumilch, Spätburgunder (German for Pinot noir) or—my personal favorite—Grüner Veltliner (okay, that one is actually Austrian).

I'm less familiar with vegetarian/vegan/restricted diet buffet options that fit this theme. Still, the opportunity to celebrate with friends and nosh on even gluten-free pretzels is enough for me to do the polka.

A soup party

Now in its 15th year, my parents are famous for their annual Soup Party they host as the temps start to cool. In fact, we have friends and family who fly into town for the occasion. In the party's most-attended year (2019), we had 52 guests and 19 soups!



Here's how we make a soup party happen without hiccups:

- Get creative with the theme and invitations. One year I designed the invitations to mimic the Campbell's Soup label and replaced the labels on actual soup cans before sending them out. Another year the invitations resembled printed airline tickets (which I'll admit did create some confusion).
- Ask each guest/couple to bring a crockpot of soup. Ask for the recipes they plan to make to share with all guests after the party, and avoid - for instance - eight butternut squash soups. Encourage your guests to explore recipes from around the world. Some guests may not be interested in making soup but could contribute dinner rolls or dessert.
- Before the event, set up a long table with plenty of surge protectors or even multi-pot crock pots into which guests can pour their soups. Line both sides of the table with the crock pots, leaving enough room in front of each for a label and small containers of recommended toppings.
- Pre-assemble plates of small sample-sized paper cups—guests go through the line once and are always back to try more.
- Create a beverage station (away from the soup line) with a cooler or tub of your favorite drinks on ice. Add a drink dispenser with sangria or a fall-spiced cocktail/mocktail and plenty of ice and water. If the weather is chilly, include a crockpot of hot apple cider or a carafe of hot coffee or tea.
- Make it a contest! Pass out ballots for your guests to vote on their favorite soup, and have a cookbook or gift card as a prize for the winner.

A soup party is fantastic if you enjoy hosting but don't want to toil over a hot oven or make a multi-course feast.

Neighborhood Events

BY KIRSTEN KEANE

After a brief summer hiatus, events in Coronado are back! Don't miss the many upcoming opportunities to connect with neighbors:

- **Yard Sale (Saturday, Oct. 8)** Need to clear out some space? Join in on the community yard sale date. Visit bit.ly/coronadoyardsale
- **Halloween Bike Ride (Friday, Oct. 28)** Join us for a spooktacular ride around the Coronado neighborhood! Visit: bit.ly/halloweenbikeride
- **Coronado Kids Carnival (Saturday, Nov. 5)** Plenty of fun for the family, more details to be posted soon.
- **WayneFest (Saturday, Nov. 12)** Great music, delicious food, and cold beverages - tickets will be on sale soon! Look out for announcements on waynefestphx.com
- **Kickball Tournament (Saturday, Dec. 10)** Join us for some friendly competition. More details to come soon!

You can always find event information on our website: thecoronadoneighborhood.com, by subscribing to our email newsletter, and by following us on Instagram (@coronadophx) and the Coronado Neighborhood Association page on Facebook.



I Turned My Bare Yard Into a Forest in Six Months

BY ELIZABETH MAUPIN (REACH OUT VIA INSTAGRAM: @CHARLIE_N_ELLIE; YOU MAY ALSO KNOW HER AS GARDEN EM ON FACEBOOK)

I was hooked after stumbling across Youtube videos about people that created shady food forests in the Valley. So, I visited a food forest where their yard was 20° cooler in the summer and their fruits and vegetables were incomparably more delicious than store-bought. I also read books like *One Straw Revolution* and *No Dig*, and watched the documentary *Kiss The Ground...and then began a journey!* My goal: create a mini forest that is sustainable, beautiful, giving, and provides relief from the summer heat.

This past October I began planting and now have a total of 46 trees, including mulberry, peach, ficus, fig, pomegranate, plum, jacaranda, mesquite, Chinese Elm, neem, moringa, bamboo, African sumac, desert willow, citrus, olive, apricot, cherry, and palms. Even with all these plants and trees, my water bill is lower than when I had mostly rocks and grass! As the trees mature and grow into complete shade, I plan to water very seldomly, in the summer only.

Building a food forest begins with a higher canopy shade tree layer. Shade is paramount; mulberry or moringa trees are great for fast shade! If you decide on a mulberry, make sure it's a female so it can produce fruit (the males are banned and cause allergies).

There are many methods for maximum growth and conservation. I learned about water harvesting and installed rain gutters that spit directly into tree wells. In just one inch of rain, I can capture 1,000 gallons of water.

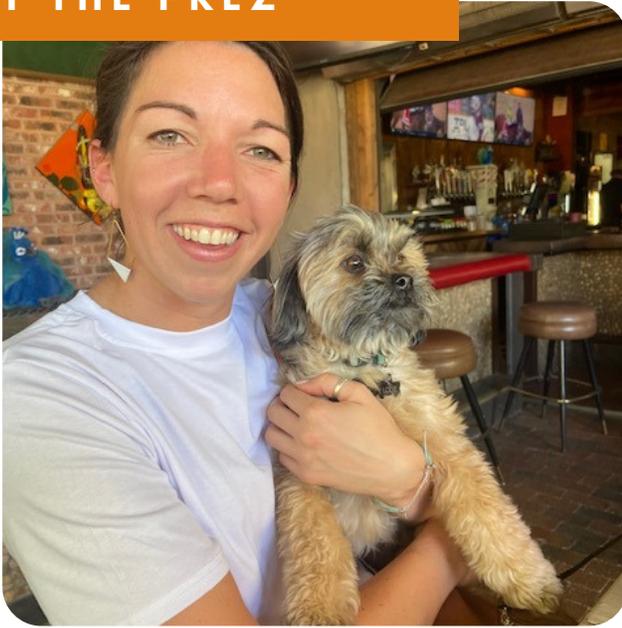


I created swales, which collect and store rainwater, and made circular berms around the trees. All shower and kitchen sink water is saved and goes into the yard using easy no-plumbing methods. I also collect and store food waster and then bury it under the thick layers of mulch where it can decompose into rich soil - I do this each week and it only takes minutes.

Mulch is the key to establishing lush trees and plants. I started with the free service, Chip Drop, and have had at least five deliveries so far. The model is simple: arborists will drop chipped trees and plants to you instead of the dump. Mulch covers every forest floor in the world. Layers and layers of mulch quickly transform Phoenix dirt into rich living black soil that stays moist even in July! I removed rocks and spread mulch everywhere, about 1-2 feet high. My soil stays around 89° (with rocks, it was 120° or more!)...and you'll attract earthworms! These wigglers work your garden for you. They aerate the soil, leaving paths for roots to grow, and break down mulch, turning it into worm castings: superfood for your plants.

Chip drops are FREE! Simply go to chipdrop.com. Be ready though, as it's no tiny pile; it can be a mini mountain! Not sure if you need all of it? Perhaps consider sharing with a neighbor - Coronadoans can work together. I know a few arborists that would happily share the chip drop amongst two or more houses!

Here's a little insight into my progress! I began planting just last October. In just a few months, my boring, hot yard started looking and feeling like a forest. I can't believe the growth rate. Now, when I see my yard from a window or walk into it, I can't help but smile. It brings me so much joy!



Meet our New CNA President

BY BETH JOHNSON AND BRIAN JOHNSON

Hey Neighbors! Brian and I are both so excited to have an opportunity to be on the Neighborhood Association Board this awesome community and wanted to take a few minutes to introduce our newest CNA President, Becky Santiago.

We've known Becky for a few years and odds are you've probably seen her riding her bike or walking her dogs around the 'hood. Now that she's our President, we wanted our neighbors to have a chance to get to know her a little better, so...onto the Q&A!

After moving to Arizona in 2014 and then to Coronado in 2018, Becky joined the CNA Board in 2020 because she and her then-roommate were planning to join. Her roommate ended up backing out, but Becky was excited about it, so she ended up joining the board as a director.

What made you join the CNA?

I'm in City Planning, so this is in my realm of interest. I was ready to meet more people in Coronado and this was a great way to do that.

What's your favorite part about being on the board?

I love seeing the neighbor's ideas and event ideas come to fruition and planning events that people are excited to attend. And I enjoy meeting new

people and I have met so many people through my involvement with the CNA. The more people you meet/know, the more of a community it is, right?

What's your vision for the board?

To create processes that make it easy for the Board to put the events in place that the neighborhood wants to see. Since we're volunteer-based, continuity can be difficult and creating tools and resources to make it a smooth operation moving forward would be fantastic.

How did you end up in Coronado?

I'm in transportation planning and work in Downtown Phoenix and Midtown. I was looking for a place within a mile of the light rail to be able to practice what I preach and when I was shown a house in Coronado, I told the realtor I wanted to focus my search there. The houses had so much more charm compared to anything else I had seen, and I had heard great things about the neighborhood from a friend who lives here. I got lucky and found a house that I absolutely love!

What are your hobbies?

The CNA! Also, my yard. I love it. I love taking care of it and having people over to enjoy it. Soccer, biking, and boating, too. Hit me up if you have a boat and want some company! 😊

What's your favorite sport to play/watch?

Soccer, for both. I played soccer from kindergarten through college so it's definitely a big part of who I am. It's a dynamic game with no real opportunities to stop and reset, which makes it interesting to watch to see how teams adjust over the course of the game. Plus I like that it's a pretty firm 90 minutes - no 2-minute countdown that really lasts 30 minutes.

What is the dumbest way you've injured yourself?

Well, I'm known for cutting my finger when in the kitchen. I have not learned my lesson!

Note: Becky stayed true to her word. The next day after the interview, she texted me that she cut her hand!

MEET THE PREZ CONTINUED

Do you have any hidden talents?

I wish I did. I can juggle 3 tennis balls, but not sure that counts. Really, I'm a jack of all trades - I dabble in a lot but am not a master craftsman in any one thing (except maybe soccer and the CNA toolshed).

Who is your hero?

My soccer coach growing up, Coach Stein. He was all about us being balanced and well-rounded athletes. Once, someone on the team got a flat tire and he was shocked when he found out none of us knew how to change a flat. So, during our next practice, he taught us all how to change a tire. He was that kind of guy. I still see him from time to time when I'm back in Chicago, where I grew up.

Also, my big sister. She's always had her stuff together and knows how to have fun but also be responsible.

What is one thing that instantly makes your day better? something that always makes you smile?

That's easy. My dogs! I love giving them big squeezes!



What's the best place you've traveled to (so far)?
I'm fortunate to have traveled a lot with my family. But I'm obsessed with Japan and would love to go back and do more hiking there. I also love sushi and other Japanese food. And I got to ride a bullet train (remember, transit nerd over here!), so I'd say that was definitely one of the best places I've ever traveled.

What's your next travel destination?

I'm traveling to Alaska next year for a friend's wedding. I've never been and am excited. So much hiking to do.

Brian and I would like to thank Becky for her time! Next time you see Becky around the neighborhood, don't be shy to say "hey!"

To learn more about the Board and all things CNA, be sure to follow us on Instagram: @coronadophx



Becky with her dad at Fushimi Inari Temple

What is your guilty pleasure?

I'm watching the Outer Banks right now. It's a teen drama...SO bad but so good!



Meet Your Neighbor: Jennifer Glenn

BY PHIL FREEDOM

Jennifer Glenn has been a driving force for great local independent music in the neighborhood for a long time. She leads and brings together multiple bands with different sounds, and has played numerous porch concerts and local events. I figured it's about time we reach out and ask a few questions. Her current projects include Music For Spiders, and Peanut Butter and the Feral Cat.

Hi Jenn! So how did you get into playing music and how long have you been playing?

Well, I've always enjoyed singing and sang in the school choir in junior high. I was very shy though, and stopped in college. That is when I first picked up a physical instrument though. I took a classical guitar course at Phoenix College where I had studied voice and music theory. I wasn't very disciplined with practice, so guitar fell by the wayside.

I did sing in a couple of projects early on, and then when I met my ex he needed a bass player for his band, so I started playing bass. I fell in love with the instrument and continued my music education at Glendale Community College with Dwight Kilian.

How many bands have you been in and have you written most of the songs?

It depends what you mean by 'band'. I have been in quite a few duos and different projects through the years. As far as named bands I think I've been in eight.

I don't consider myself a band leader as much as a band member. I work best collaboratively. Every project I've been in has been collaborative in nature, where every musician writes their parts. In Music for Spiders I am the sole lyricist. Peanut Butter and the Feral Cat is more of a music collective than a band. The core group is Dave Tapley, David Renner, Brett Eklund and myself. We really love having people sit in with us including fellow Coronado residents J Scott Howard, Theron Wall, Kimberly Shelton, and the late Tommy Connell.

Where do you find inspiration for songwriting?

I write in a journal regularly to clear my mind. It's usually stuff I'm trying to work out, either personally or something I see those I care about struggling with. Many times a song can be about me and several others because I'm speaking about certain feelings and my memory pulls in anything that relates to that feeling.

When my cousin, Francisco, passed away from a drug overdose I wrote several songs about his struggles with addiction, and how it felt to cope with the loss of someone who was like my brother.

The journal entries are just a raw stream of consciousness gobbledygook, so, if I'm using this method, I really have to workshop them.

I find a lot of inspiration on the fly throughout my day. I use an easy voice recorder on my phone to record melodies that I think of and lyrics that come to mind. And I really enjoy workshoping an unfinished skeleton of a song with my bandmates. I feel very vulnerable doing this because I may not have even worked out the vocal melody yet. It can be pretty rough, but this is where the magic happens: what others are playing influences the whole direction of the song. I feel safe being imperfect because of the trust between me and my bandmates.

How do you get the names for your bands?

My music collective was looking for a new name because people had trouble remembering our previous name. Our drummer David Renner jokingly put things I talk about in a band name generator, and out came Peanut Butter and the Feral Cat. For the last Porch Concert we needed to give Brad Bridwell a name for the promo. I put Peanut Butter and the Feral Cat in as a placeholder. It stuck for that show. I'm still not sure if we'll use it again.

Music for Spiders is the new manifestation of Wood Rat Metal Pig, which are the Chinese astrology symbols for my husband and me respectively. In March 2020, Wood Rat Metal Pig started recording our first studio album, but this ended as Covid 19 took over. I lost my way creatively after that and I've just recently started to feel inspired again. As I looked ahead to recording and booking the name no longer seemed to have the same energy for me. Around that time we had a black widow infestation in the studio and David Renner renamed our Signal group to "Music for Spiders". I really loved the idea of writing and playing music for spiders, they are always there because they are our biggest fans, so once again he named the band. He's a funny dude.

I know you have lived in the Neighborhood for a long time... what drew you to Coronado and what do you like most about it?

I am a Phoenix native and I'd always wanted to live downtown. The quirkiness and artsiness of the downtown has always appealed to me ever since Modified first opened its doors. I lucked out in finding a house I could afford in Coronado because it is the most wonderful community to be a part of. I like how involved the neighborhood is. I mean who else has Porch Concerts, Waynefest, Oak St Mural festival, a cool home tour, a tool shed & garden etc... Additionally there are so many ways Coronado gives back.

I am lucky to be a small part of Caring Coalition, organized by Sat Kaur Khalsa (another Coronado neighbor). They provide weekly food care packages to students at risk of hunger on the weekends.

You and Dave (Tapley) have helped plan community bike rides and helped out with the Rusty Spoke Bike Collective. What is it that draws you to supporting bike culture?

Dave Tapley got me involved with bike stuff. He was already volunteering at the Rusty Spoke and helped start a new Monday night social bike ride when we met. I joined the fun and found the bike community to be a very welcoming and lively bunch who know how to support each other. Coronado is such a perfect location to bike downtown and skip the difficulty with parking and congestion. Many times it's even quicker and cheaper to ride a bike than to drive and pay for parking, plus you feel like a kid again!

I know you did Yoga Nidra for a while. Can you explain what that is and why you are drawn to it?

I am a trained facilitator of the Integrative Amrit Method of Yoga Nidra. Kamini Desai is my teacher. Yoga Nidra is an easy to follow guided meditation. Lying or sitting, you are led through a series of breath and body awareness techniques designed to help you move into progressive states of relaxation and restoration. Yoga Nidra is great for clearing old holding patterns and stimulating new, creative, clear thinking. This is why I was drawn to it.

It all began when I went to a Yoga Nidra class at Desert Song, which was really impactful to me. I looked deeper into the practice and found a book by Kamini Desai. This ultimately led me to study with her and start facilitating my own group sessions. I stopped those because of COVID-19, and have not been in a place to restart again yet

What kind of stuff are you working on now?

Honestly, right now I am working on my mental/physical health and reconnecting with my community and creativity.

ROSEANNA PHILIPS



Meet Your Neighbor: Roseanna Philips

BY BECKY SANTIAGO

It's 6:00 am in early August and I'm walking my dog, Benny, on one of our normal neighborhood loops down Palm Lane, around Coronado Park, and back home via Monte Vista so we can say hi to Cleo, the friendliest German Shepard "guard dog" you'll ever meet. It's hot and humid and the streets are already busy with people walking their dogs before it gets even more hot and sweaty outside. And that's when I spot an adorable older lady walking a small black chihuahua with greying hair and a tongue so long it was practically touching the sidewalk. It hung comically out to the side like a cartoon. I have a soft spot for grandmas and dogs and so we got to chatting and one of the first things that came up was that her family has owned the same house in Coronado for 70 years. There has been a lot of change in the neighborhood since I moved in four years ago, so I could only imagine the transformation she's experienced. Before parting ways, I asked if she'd be willing to sit down and be interviewed for a Get to Know Your Neighbor article for the Dispatch. She graciously accepted and invited me to her home where we spent a lovely Saturday afternoon chatting for a few hours. So now without further ado, I present Roseanna Philips.

Roseanna Philips lives on the corner of Oak and Mitchell with her two dogs – Sassy, who I described above, and Gizmo, an approximately 12 pound mutt who is both guard dog and amazing receiver of pets. Her house is full of pictures and trinkets. She also has an impressive salt and pepper shaker collection on display along with her other eclectic decorations. Roseanna sits with one leg up in a large burgundy recliner. She has a glass of iced tea and is ready to tell stories so we dive right into it with some family background. I learn her family moved to Arizona from Indiana when she was seven years old. Her parents bought their house in Coronado (built in 1931) when Roseanna was 14 and she recounts a neighborhood not too unlike ours today. It was a real community – many houses also acted as stores. She tells me Burt's house used to sell candies and ice cream bars, and the house on 10th St and Oak sold bread and juices. We don't have homes with walk-up shops quite like they did, but I was happy to hear the reliability of neighbors and knowing who to go for this, that, or the other has been a cornerstone of the community for a long time. Sunshine Market has been in the neighborhood a long time too, but back in the day it was called Yokum's and used to be much smaller, true to size of the surrounding community.

One not surprisingly big change is the landscape of the community. While it wasn't a farm when Roseanna and her family moved in, she narrates the history of some of the houses that are remnants from an older time (hence, our historic neighborhood designation). The house on the corner of 11th and Monte Vista used to be the main farmhouse, the two-tone house down the street from her is two-toned because the original part of it was from when the building was the milkhouse, and a few other houses were also part of the original farm. By the time her family moved to Coronado it was a community though, but a quiet one. There weren't sidewalks and many people took the bus or walked to get around. As a child, Roseanna would drag her bedspring to the yard and sleep outside under the stars. Her yard wasn't fenced but it was a safe neighborhood, and everyone knew each other.

ROSEANNA PHILIPS CONTINUED

While Roseanna didn't live her whole life in her house, she spent almost every Sunday after church there and partly raised her kids in the house as well.

Roseanna has five children, 11 grandchildren, and 3 great-great grandchildren, all who have spent time in the Coronado home. The one addition to the home's original structure was actually to provide additional space for two grandchildren living there at the time. Roseanna expresses gratitude to her parents who willed the house to her; there are so many memories there that not even the highest offer from a developer would convince her to sell her home. She loves how the community still feels like it's one from the 40s or 50s - she knows all the kids up and down the street and she not only knows her neighbors on her block, but those five streets over and three streets north. Coronado is homey, the same feeling it was like when she was growing up. And hearing that made me all warm and fuzzy inside - especially as I sat there on her couch, grateful for how she opened her home to tell stories about herself to me, a near complete stranger.

But I didn't walk away a stranger. Roseanna gives me a hug as I depart and instructs me to say hello whenever I see her around. I reassure her I will because honestly, I can't wait to get to know her better. She is funny and sweet and I highly recommend everyone say hello to her if they have the chance. Huge acknowledgement and thank you to Roseanna for sharing some of her stories and a bit about Coronado's history.



Meet Your Neighbor: Michael Stopher

BY PHIL FREEDOM

Neighbor, Artist, Musician, and more, Michael Stopher, also known as 2DES, has been steadily producing content in Coronado for a decade. He has participated in Oak Street Alley Mural fest, the Hive's Coronado neighborhood art show, as well as creating other murals in the neighborhood, 3D augmented reality art, live art and artwork. He is always up for projects, so I hit him up with a few questions.

Was it art or music first for you? And how did you get into doing both?

Art came first; when I was 11, I remember my cousin's boyfriend would airbrush amazing low rider art on fabrics. He was kind enough to give me an airbrush and teach me. As time went by I was introduced to many mediums, forms of art and cultures that have shaped my current style. In the early 2000's there was an explosion of refreshing unique music producers and genres that compelled me to buy a sampler and drum machine. I would say I just play with music like a child. It's good to have an outlet you don't take too serious and have fun with for mental health.

You cool with any medium? Which do you prefer? Anything you avoid?

I use acrylics, aerosol, airbrush, clay and digital but I prefer oil paints because of the rich pigment and zen experience I get while using them.

What influences you?

I love to look deep into nature for inspiration. Primarily tree trunks and driftwood patterns. I am inspired by fantasy films, Victorian designs and the gothic aesthetic. Any art that leaves me awestruck and shifts my state of being inspires me.

You have a unique style: the folds, the symmetry, the movement. How do you describe it?

It's a unique style that evolved from a love of graff letters, wood patterns and biomechanical art. Flow is important to me and the style has a balance of receptive healing flow and protruding sharp protective shapes.

Is it gods or priests or saints that you paint?

Great question. They are meant to be universal healing spiritual characters that anyone from any spiritual practice can resonate with.

What is it about birds that draws you to paint them?

I feel they symbolize freedom and I view sparrows as humble sacred creatures.

Some of your people are faceless, why is that?

To counteract the bombardment of shallow selfie culture. It is a suggestion to look beyond the face and into the heart and beauty of the mind.

What's your take on augmented reality art and what can be done with it?

It's a great outlet that allows artists to fully engulf the viewer in a world or dream like never before.

What do you value in our neighborhood?

I value the people who take initiative to create community events that showcase creativity and include all cultures. Open minded neighbors who allow colorful murals on their fences. The acceptance of those with a will to be weird. I feel we have a great supportive community that really shows big love in many ways.

Any future goals or projects you are working on?

I have a goal to paint more local murals and eventually hit the states and world. I have survived a rough dark past and definitely want to help people out with mental health issues. I aim to work with sites on getting beautiful powerful images out to spread awareness and help those who are suffering mentally. I also have a project in line to take photos of struggling food vendors and paint them like powerful queens and then give them a generous portion of print sales.

I am most active with art on Instagram as @2des and can be found on FB as Michael Stopher.



Coronado Home Tour is Back!

Could your home be on HGTV? Does your milkweed bring all the bees to the yard? If you're interested in showcasing your home and/or garden in the 2023 Coronado Home Tour, please complete the form below and we will be in contact soon: <https://airtable.com/shrqt6mUzINC5kybo>

Home Tour also includes a street fair at Coronado Park. If you are a business owner, artist, or merchant and are interested in having a booth at the fair, please fill out the form below and we will be in contact soon: <https://airtable.com/shrj2T5jPoPsLcf1p>

Finally, we need helpful hands to support the planning of Home Tour and we need day-of volunteers to help it run smoothly. If you are interested in helping please complete the form below and we will be in contact soon: <https://airtable.com/shrl8Qk6JsoSUI42l>

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- Descent Coffee
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- Boom Boom Room
- The Cash Nightclub & Lounge
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- Fresh Start Women's Foundation
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- El Ranchero
- Realeza Michoacana
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- Tacos Huicho
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Have we missed a business or neighborhood resource?

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Your membership supports programming in the neighborhood. Membership in the Association is open to all residents, businesses, and nonprofits in the Greater Coronado Neighborhood.

Benefits of Membership:

- Members get access to the community toolshed (link above).
- Members are eligible to run for positions on the Coronado Neighborhood Association board.
- Voting privileges at Association general & annual meetings (you must be a member at least 28 days prior to any vote in order to cast your vote)

Visit thecoronadoneighborhood.com/membership/ to pay your membership fees. If you have trouble paying dues online, please contact:

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