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Message from the Dean—Top Ten Lists

We are confronted with "Top Ten" lists constantly in our daily lives. A search of the Internet gave me a bewildering array of top ten lists, and there actually was a site touting the top ten "Top Ten Lists!" I think I can top all of these lists by creating my own "Top Ten Reasons Why I Love the Arizona Folklore Preserve." Here they are:

10. The sound of Ramsey Creek tumbling over the rocks and under the arched bridge.
9. The lingering sounds of musical instruments as they reverberate to stillness in the AFP theatre.
8. The applause and cheering of approving, enthusiastic audiences.
7. Sitting on the AFP deck and looking up at the cliffs of the Huachuca Mountains.
6. Contemplating the long life of our treasured and majestic Arizona Sycamore trees (including the one "growing through" the AFP deck).
5. Being led melodiously "*Along the Navajo Trail*" by the wonderful harmony of the Desert Sons who exemplify the western music tradition at it's finest!
4. "Being moved" by the incomparable Santa Cruz River Band who have just sung one of their Spanish classics, and I couldn't translate a single word of it!

3. Hearing Dolan Ellis sing flawlessly the tricky wording of his song "*Who's Gonna Run the Truck Stop in Tuba City When I'm Gone?*"
2. Oatmeal raisin cookies (individually wrapped!) and tasty hot coffee always served with a smile.
1. Friendly, helpful and dedicated AFP volunteers and UA South staff who "make it all happen, week in and week out!"

I'm sure each of you has your own ten reasons why you love the AFP. I encourage you to send me your top ten lists by emailing me at jubbg@email.arizona.edu. Maybe we can use these thoughts in ways that will make for even more effective advertising of programs at the AFP.

Thanks for joining with all of us at UA South and the AFP Board in preserving the folklore of Arizona.

Gerald "Skip" Jubb, Ph.D.
Dean, UA South



See Reason #6

Photo by Skip Jubb



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AFP New Program Coordinator



The University of Arizona South and the Arizona Folklore Preserve are happy to announce the hiring of a new program coordinator at the Folklore Preserve. Karen

Redwine started work on April 29, and has already made her mark on the place with a determination to beautify the Preserve through intensive attention to both the deck and the lobby. Karen's down home style is in evidence all over the place, including the office, which she made herself at home in, within the first 24 hours! Karen invites friends of the Folklore Preserve, old and new to come have a look.

Karen is no stranger to folk music, having worked in coffee houses since the age of 15 and she claims that she knows

the words to at least as many songs as Dolan Ellis does. Bold claim, but it's obvious that she does love the music and the culture of the West. She also spent many years as a ranch cook in Montana, and learned to cook in a Dutch oven in the coals of an open fire. She has those pioneer skills!

In fact, Karen informs us that she lived in a covered wagon for months at a time in the Northwest many years ago. "I'm almost a pioneer myself," she laughingly says, "I just did it a century too late". Ask her about "John Baby" the toy rock that her little son lost one day. What a story!

Along with attending the performances at the Folklore Preserve, Karen will also be instituting educational and cultural presentations and events for all ages. "There is so much to do here", Karen declares, "but I love every minute at this beautiful place, and I'm so excited to get things done!"

Judging by the way she's hit the ground running, we can only imagine what she might do next. Whatever it is we're sure we'll love it.

Be sure to come out to the Folklore Preserve and meet Karen, she is a terrific addition to the AFP family.

Photo by Vern Appelt, AFP Volunteer

Looking for gifts for Father's Day?

Gift Certificates available at the Arizona Folklore Preserve.

Give the gift of music to someone you love.

Check page 4 for details or call (520) 378-6165



Show Schedules

Sat. & Sun. June 7 & 8

Singer/Songwriter Joni Harms,
2002 AWA Entertainer of the Year
2003 WMA Song of the Year
2003 WMA Female Vocalist of the Year

Sat. & Sun., June 14 & 15

Dolan Ellis, Arizona's Official State Balladeer

Sat. & Sun., June 21 & 22

The Southwestern Folk Music of the Santa Cruz River Band
Ted Ramirez, Gilbert Brown, and Michael Ronstadt

Sat. & Sun., June 28 & 29

The soothing sounds of Michael Grande

Sat. & Sun., July 5 & 6

Dolan Ellis, Arizona's Official State Balladeer,
presenting a Patriotic Show

July 7 - August 22

Closed for Summer Vacation.

We reopen Saturday, August 23, 2008

More info on the schedule can be found here:

<http://www.arizonafolklore.com/events.htm>

Artist Bios by Bonnie Brock*

June 7-8: **Joni Harms**

(www.joniharms.com). Joni loves the West, and most of the songs she writes and records are about the Western way of life. She comes by that honestly, as an Oregon cowgirl living on a ranch that has been in her family for more than 130 years. Joni has won awards from both the Western Music Association (Female Vocalist of the Year, Song of the Year, both in 2003) and the Academy of Western Artists (Entertainer of the Year, 2002).



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June 14-15: **Dolan Ellis**

(www.dolanellis.net) presents Summer's Song. This weekend's theme is all about summers in Arizona—the good and the bad. He's sure to include beautiful photography from the Superstition Mountains, his original "Camino del Diablo," about one of the hottest regions of our state and some refreshing scenery in songs like "Lake Powell."



Photo by Scott Farenz

June 21-22: **Santa Cruz River Band**

(www.santacruzriverband.com)

This group has been gracing our stage since April 2002. Their music is acoustic at its best. All are outstanding songwriters, and all have strong Arizona heritage that comes through clearly.



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June 28-29: **Michael Grande**

(<http://www.arizonafolklore.com/MichaelGRande.htm>)

Michael is a singer-songwriter, but more than that, he is a very talented guitarist. This acoustic virtuoso has a smooth, deep singing voice and charms audiences with his stories of growing up in Brooklyn, wanting to be a cowboy.

July 5-6: **Dolan Ellis**

(www.dolanellis.net) presents "Independence Day: Arizona Style." Our artist-in-residence closes the season with another patriotic show. If you missed Memorial Day, here's another chance. There will be songs about the summer, and just about anything else that seems to fit.

Come pay tribute to the USA with the Arizona State Balladeer.

**Bonnie Brock is the Publicist for AFP weekend programs.*



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Arizona Folklore Preserve SUMMER PROGRAM

For kids ages 8-12

With an interest in learning

- Cowboy skills
- Cowboy poetry
- Western Folklore

July 14—17 at 10 a.m.—3 p.m.

At the AFP in Ramsey Canyon

For more information call

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Gift Certificate

We have them. We have some printed in the \$30 denomination, because that is the perfect amount to give to music lovers. That will admit two people to one of our concerts.

We can also make a gift certificate for any amount you specify - just keep in mind that it's best to make them an amount that can be spent at a single concert. They can also be used to purchase CDs and other merchandise at the bookstore.

Reservations are still required when using gift certificates for concerts.



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Meetings, Retreats, and Private Parties

Get away to beautiful Ramsey Canyon to add a relaxing aspect to your next business or social event. The Arizona Folklore Preserve facilities and grounds are available for private functions of all sorts (conferences, workshops, meetings, parties, weddings, etc.)

For more information, call (520) 378-6166 or email folklore@email.arizona.edu. We will be glad to provide space, AV & sound equipment and catering for your entire meeting needs. Entertainment can be arranged.

Volunteers

The Arizona Folklore Preserve is more than a place to see a show, more than a collection of antique objects, more than a beautiful wooded location and more than a remote site of the University of Arizona South. Yes, it is all of these things, and yes they are all important, but the heart of the Folklore Preserve is the volunteers, without whom it would be impossible to keep things going.

Staffed almost entirely by dedicated volunteers, the Preserve is maintained, and served by individuals who share a love for the music and

the stories surrounding the history of the West. Knowledgeable and professional, our volunteers are here to enhance your experience at the Folklore Preserve in any way possible.

In fact we laughed the other day about a sign on a ranch gate which used to say "GO AWAY, " until the crabby rancher died and his wife changed it to read "GO AWAY... HAPPY." That has become our unofficial motto here. We want everyone to go away from here feeling good.

Once a year, in the fall, we hold an orientation and training for individuals interested in

becoming volunteers. Along with the weekend volunteer participation there are also opportunities throughout the week to pitch in and help at the Folklore Preserve.

If you feel a calling to serve here at AFP please call 378-6166 and talk with Program Coordinator Karen Redwine to discuss the possibilities.



Photo by Skipp Jubb