Friends of the San Pedro River Roundup

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President's Message

As we close the 2026 fiscal year chapter, I am proud to share with you a year marked by community impact, collaboration, solvency, and accomplishments in line with our mission and goals.

Looking back to our incorporation in 1987 with 10 concerned citizens and looking to today and as we go forward with our 289 memberships (representing an estimated 365 people), we continue to reach our local community with the importance of protecting and conserving the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA). We continue to expand our partnerships, while solidifying our long-established partnerships to "protect the riparian area and the aquatic, wildlife, archaeological, paleontological, scientific, cultural, educational, and recreational resources of the public lands surrounding the San Pedro River in Cochise County, Arizona" (Public Law 100-696, the Arizona-Idaho Conservation Act of 1988).

I am proud to be a volunteer and working closely as president with my fellow Board members to accomplish our goals throughout the year. I want to recognize the contributions of our vice-president, Ron Stewart, and treasurer, Renell Stewart. We welcomed new Board members Amy Metz and Holly Richter and are grateful for the continuing involvement of Robert Weissler, Jim Herrewig, Sally Rosén, and Louise Wilkinson.

Our annual membership meeting was held at Fairbank on October 24. Thanks to all who attended and participated in our history walk with Ron and shared in discussion with Jim on the history of FSPR and SPRNCA through his storyboard display. We acknowledged our volunteers with total service times of at least 250 hours. A special recognition was presented to Sally Rosén, who donated over 10,000 hours of service.

Our organization saw the resignation of the nature store manager and hiring of a new one, Ann Hess. If you have not stopped by San Pedro House (SPH) recently, please do to say hello and peruse the new products. FSPR will be hosting a Black Friday event there featuring stained glass artwork by this year's Celebrate the San Pedro! first-place art contest winner (see article, p. 3).

Importantly, I am pleased to let you know that we closed out FY26 on a financial high note. As of Sept 30, 2026, our general fund account balance was up from last year. Our gross margin from SPH sales increased. Contributions via donations from private individuals and businesses, as well as grant monies, were up. Overall net income left us



Renell Stewart (left) presents a special gift for 10,000 hours of volunteer service to Sally Rosén. Photo by Joanne M. Roberts.

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Ron Stewart (right) shows pottery sherds found around the Fairbank area. Photo by Joanne M. Roberts.

in a positive financial position. A goal of the Board and me is to maintain the solvency of our investments; thus, our funds are kept in revenue-producing investments. We set and remain committed to a fiscal year budget.

FSPR continue to support our partner, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), through grants; educational history, bird, and nature walks; species monitoring; an informational-teaching community xeriscape garden; special events such as the Celebrate the San Pedro!; and maintaining two information contact stations at SPH and Fairbank Schoolhouse Museum. While visitation has not returned to pre-Covid numbers at either station, it generally has been increasing each year.

We have sponsored fantastic speakers and presentations alone or in collaboration with the Friends of the Huachuca Mountains and will continue to look to all our partners for such opportunities. These events are announced early to you, our members, and you are sincerely invited to attend and bring a friend!

All our activities are doable because of our volunteer team. We updated our volunteer hand-



History storyboards by Jim Herrewig on display in the Fairbank Schoolhouse. Photo by Joanne M. Roberts.



Leader Ron Stewart (second from left) with history walk participants. Photo by Joanne M. Roberts.

book, a living document, as we prepare for our volunteer orientation-reorientation training early in 2027. Our training program, along with on-the-job experience, prepares our volunteers for their duties as guides, educational docents, gardeners, and contact station hosts.

Our volunteer gatherings were well attended and, as an organization of volunteers, I want to thank you all for the work you do. Your commitment and efforts are noticed and greatly appreciated by me, the Board, and our visitors. Would you like to get involved as a volunteer? Send us a message at fspr@sanpedroriver.org.

I want to take this opportunity to remind all our valued members that without your support, our organization and our work could not be realized. FSPR is an organization that advocates for the protection of SPRNCA. This mission is accomplished by supporting and encouraging responsible recreational use in cooperation with the BLM. We educate our visitors and local community about the environmental values of SPRNCA and how it is managed. Within our capacities as a small nonprofit organization, we encourage our members and the community to be aware of county, state, and federal actions that could impact the cultural and natural resources within SPRNCA and its watershed. While we don't have the financial resources for lobbyists and lawyers, we all have a voice to comment and participate individually.

Look for announcements on our third annual membership Christmas potluck and other holiday happenings at SPH.

To our families, friends, and colleagues, wishing you all good health, strength, a wonderful season of celebrations, and a fruitful New Year!

— Joanne M. Roberts, FSPR President



Jim Herrewig. Photo by Ron Stewart.

Remembering Jim Herrewig and Pat Jacobsen

By Ron Stewart, FSPR Vice President

We are saddened to report the passing of Jim Herrewig, one of the founding members of the Friends of the San Pedro River. He passed away on Saturday, November 7, leaving behind his wife Patricia and children.

Jim worked as the Director of Community Development for the City of Sierra Vista for over three decades. In that role, he supported the creation of the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area. When a group met to form a support organization, Jim was a participant. He was a member of the first Board of Directors of the Friends.

In the last few years, Jim rejoined the Board and was a valuable member whose experience and historical knowledge was of great value. He was also a long-time member of the Arizona Site Steward Program and served as the Assistant Regional Coordinator.

Jim loved SPRNCA. He was always in the field visiting sites for his site steward duties. His photos and artwork have graced FSPR social media. His photos taken at the time of SPRNCA's creation in 1987-78 are some of the only concrete records of that time.

Jim was a contributor, valued member of FSPR, and a friend. We will miss him. Our thoughts and condolences to his wife Pat and all of Jim's family.— ***The Board of Directors, Friends of the San Pedro River***



Pat Jacobsen working on the reflcting pool during a recent workday. Photo by Ron Stewart.

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the unexpected death of a valued member of our community. Pat Jacobsen, long-time site host at San Pedro House and the Empire Ranch, passed away in October. The FSPR Board approved the placement of a memorial brick dedicated to Pat in our walkway located in the SPH xeriscape community garden. Pat will be missed by all. Our thoughts are with his wife, Kate, during this difficult time.— ***The Board of Directors, Friends of the San Pedro River***

Thanks to Great Volunteer Sue Leskiw

By Ron Stewart

In 2010, Sue Leskiw and husband Tom became snowbirds for four months each winter, leaving Humboldt County (California) for Cochise County. Soon, she was volunteering once a week in the San Pedro House bookstore.

In February 2012, Sue became editor and layout person for the Friends' newsletter. Even after the Leskiws sold their Palominas home in 2017 and stopped migrating south, she continued to handle River Roundup long distance through the November 2026 issue (nearly 15 years!).

Sue has done a great job and FSPR thanks her for her efforts. She will keep busy volunteering for various nonprofit conservation organizations in Humboldt.

So, FSPR now needs a newsletter editor. The ideal candidate will know newsletter software and help develop a new look for River Roundup. They will work closely with the Board and staff on articles of interest to our members and wider community. Anyone interested in volunteering for this position should email us at fspr@sanpedroriver.org.



Special Holiday Event

Join us from 11 am to 2 pm on Friday, November 27 for a casual holiday event at the San Pedro House. Enjoy light refreshments, a warm, cozy ranch house set in the beautiful San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area, reduced holiday prices in our Nature Store, and a special demonstration by local artist Michelle Rose. Michelle, a stained-glass artist, won our Celebrate the San Pedro River logo contest. Some of her work will be offered for sale.

Make plans to attend. It will be a great way to get out of your house by coming to ours!

Board Hosts Volunteer Appreciation Pizza Lunch

By Joanne M. Roberts, FSPR President

For the third year, in a warm gesture of gratitude, the Board and staff treated volunteers to a pizza lunch celebrating their dedication and hard work. The event was filled with laughter, conversation, and the aroma of fresh-baked pizza, creating a relaxed and joyful atmosphere that continued though the power outage during an awesome monsoon storm!

Fortunately, before power was lost, pizzas already had been baked for our group of 20 to 30 volunteers. Board members helped serve slices, exchanged stories, and expressed heartfelt thanks to the volunteers whose time and energy make such a meaningful impact. Beyond the delicious food, the lunch served as a reminder that every hour given, every task completed, and every smile shared truly matters.



Pizza, friendship, and a fun gathering of FSPR solunteers, Board members, and staff. Photo by Joanne M. Roberts.

The gathering wasn't just about pizza: it was about connection, recognition, and reinforcing the sense of community that keeps FSPR thriving. Volunteers left with full hearts (and stomachs), knowing their contributions are deeply valued.

BLM Installs New Motus Station

By Robert Weissler, FSPR Board Member

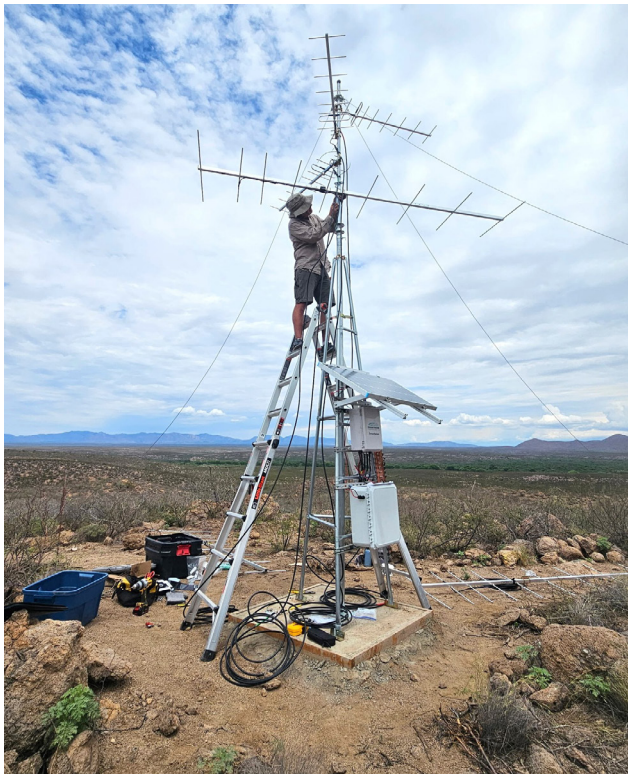
Last year FSPR contributed $2000 to supplement BLM funding to purchase equipment and supplies required for a Motus wildlife tracking station in SPRNCA. Subsequently, the Friends provided another $500 to cover a shortfall in BLM funding for installation of the equipment. A year later, a BLM team led by wildlife biologist Hannah Pierce contracted with Jonathan Horst to install the tracking station. The Fairbank Motus Station was activated in July and is now live. The following link provides the latest on the Fairbank station:

https://motus.org/dashboard/#e=profile&d=stations&s=16319&f=%7B%22dtStart%22%3A%222025-09-18%22%7D

Recent wildlife detections include two Bendire's Thrashers, a Northern Hoary Bat, and a Purple Martin. One Bendire's Thrasher was the first animal detected by the station on July 22, coming from Whitewater Draw Wildlife Area (where birders go the see Sandhill Cranes in winter), a distance of 50 kms (31 mi). Three days prior it had traveled from the Chihuahuan Desert Important Bird Area (IBA) near Lordsburg, NM to Whitewater Draw, a distance of 116 kms (72 mi). It ended up at the Ash Canyon Bird Sanctuary later on the 22nd. On September 11, a different Bendire's Thrasher made the very same journey.

The Purple Martin was detected at Fairbank on August 16, traveling south from the Nature

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Motus station installed on a hill overlooking the San Pedro River near Fairbank. Photo by Jonathan Horst.

Conservancy Preserve along the middle San Pedro River down past the Ash Canyon Bird Sanctuary, a distance of 90 kms (56 mi) in less than two hours. The prior day, it left the Arizona Game and Fish Department's (AZGFD) Colorado River Nature Center and traveled 510 kms (317 mi) to the San Pedro!

The Northern Hoary Bat started its journey on August 24 from White Sands, NM to Bill Evans Lake the next day and visited first Chihuahuan Desert IBA, then Rodeo, NM, and next Whitewater Draw, before reaching Fairbank on September 3. On September 13 it left Fairbank and arrived at the AZGFD Lower San Pedro Wildlife Area two days later, a distance of 131 kms (72 mi).

The Motus Wildlife Tracking System is a powerful international collaborative research network that uses automated radio telemetry to monitor the movements of birds, bats, and even large insects. It employs a network of sensors that can detect miniaturized tracking tags attached to wildlife. To date, there are 2226 Motus stations detecting 55,457 animals in 464 tagged species. Data are used to track movement and study changing distribution. This is especially useful for migration patterns, which is one reason that installing a Motus station in a bird migration hotspot like SPRNCA is important.

Citizen Science in Action: SPRNCA Kestrel & Screech Owl Nestbox Monitoring

By Louise Wilkinson, FSPR Board Member & Joanne M. Roberts, FSPR President

Mike Shaw (Hawkwatch International Tucson, HWI), Hannah Pierce (Bureau of Land Management, BLM), and Joanne Roberts (FSPR) collaborated to organize a nestbox monitoring team using the established HWI protocols that were carried out by FSPR volunteers in a portion of the riparian corridor within the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA).

The original goal of the HWI program was to monitor American Kestrels (AMKE) during their breeding season because data supported a decline in populations throughout its North American habitat. According to long-term (30 year) datasets from multiple scientists and organizations, AMKE population declines were due to adult survival rates. The monitoring program evolved into a cavity adopting raptor ecology study where the HWI research team enlists the aid of volunteer community scientists, like the FSPR volunteers, to monitor and record information on AMKE, western screech (WESO) and barn owls (BNOW) at their nests/nestboxes. The two owl species were added later into the research as a result of these species using HWI AMKE nestboxes.

There are challenges in defining what specifically is affecting AMKE adult and juvenile survival that cannot be answered strictly by establishing nestboxes. However, researchers cite declines in arthropod prey and the use of chemicals to kill ro-



(From left) Joanne Roberts, FSPR president; Brenda Zaun, FSPR volunteer; Mike Hawkes, HWI Tucson. Photo by Linda Mickley.

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BLM biologist Hannah Pierce trains volunteers in the nestbox monitoring process. Photo by Joanne M. Roberts.

dents and insects. Additionally, predation pressure is cited as a cause in AMKE decline in survivorship.

According to the North American Breeding Bird Survey and Partners in Flight, WESO population declines are occurring but trends are difficult to study due to the species nocturnal (nighttime) habits. WESO are threatened by barred owl predation, clearcutting of forests, high density development and human encroachment into prime streamside habitat.

The purpose of our comprehensive and systematic monitoring within SPRNCA in 2026 is to determine presence and nesting (if possible) of WESO and AMKE thereby establishing a baseline year for future repeat monitoring. The purpose of repeat monitoring is to determine presence-absence and nesting changes over time.

Previous HWI nestbox surveys in Sonoita, Tucson, and other areas of southern Arizona and Utah had found decreases in population numbers and fledged young of AMKE. HWI approached BLM and FSPR about expanding the range of nestbox surveys in southeastern Arizona to increase our understanding of both species' populations statewide.

In December 2025 Mike and Hannah installed 11 nestboxes between the San Pedro House (SPH) and the Hereford bridge. An artificial nestbox placed in the large cottonwood tree located southeast of the SPH years previously was cleaned and added as the twelfth box for this study.

Ten FSPR volunteers traveled to Tucson in early February for an evening training session conducted by Mike and his colleagues. The need for and importance of these surveys--plus the research protocol--were presented, followed by a field training session led by Hannah and Joanne. Surveys were conducted by eight of the original ten volunteers every 7 to 10 days in accordance with the protocol between mid-February and late June. The volunteers were organized into 3 teams and were assigned specific boxes to monitor. Two volunteers monitored a nestbox on their private property adjacent to SPRNCA where AMKE were documented nesting in prior years. A small GPS camera and flash unit were attached to an extendable pole to monitor the nestboxes and record breeding activities. Data were collected onsite using two cell phone applications, Gaia GPS and Akaso Go and downloaded to an HWI project database.

So, what did we find? Nesting and fledgling success occurred on the private property. Five nestlings successfully fledged and all were banded, weighed, sexed, and their physical condition recorded. A second attempt at the same nestbox was unsuccessful**.** While we cannot say with 100% accuracy it was the same pair because neither are marked (i.e. banded), it is reasonable to believe it was the same pair that made the second nest attempt. AMKE have high nest site fidelity especially when previous nests are successful. The reason for the second clutch failure is unknown.

In one of the twelve SPRNCA nestboxes one nest with nestlings was documented; not by one of our target species but by a pair of Brown-crested Flycatchers. The nest was predated prior to fledging.

Volunteers had multiple sightings of AMKE and WESO throughout the season. Juveniles and adults were observed and it was apparent that there was an abundance of natural nest cavities for these raptors to use. Such was the case for an active Red-tailed Hawk nest in a large cottonwood tree along a wash leading to the river. Two fledglings were observed, with one of them seen flying with its parents.

Volunteers watched a successful Great Blue Heron (GBHE) nest throughout the season. The GBHE nested in a cottonwood tree where successful nesting has occurred in the past several years.

Volunteers also often observed WESO in a cavity in large cottonwood tree behind SPH.

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The cavity is near the artificial nestbox cleaned by Hannah and Mike before monitoring began. While we cannot state with 100% accuracy that the same owl was present from the beginning of the survey period, it is reasonable that it was the same individual. We also hypothesized that the cavity is likely a roost site rather than a nest site based on years of anecdotal reports. No nesting behavior was observed in 2026.

What else did our citizen-scientists see? Coyotes, skunks, snakes, bullfrogs, lizards, birds, Gila monsters, insects, deer, Gould's turkey (and their tracks), mountain lion (tracks), a variety of other critter tracks and scat, and the emergence of spring and summer wildflowers and foliage. Many photos were taken, stories were told, and friendships formed. Overall, it was a very successful field season.

Timing Is Everything

By Holly Richter, PhD, FSPR Board Member

The Cochise Conservation and Recharge Network (CCRN) is a collaborative partnership established to implement management projects that will increase water availability to meet current and future demands in the region. Local and federal partners have joined forces to develop innovative projects that provide a resilient water supply for people and nature along SPRNCA. FSPR and Friends of the Huachuca Mountains gave a presentation in July about these projects, but to learn more, visit www.ccrnsanpedro.org

This was the perfect year, and the perfect time of year, to complete a new CCRN stormwater management project along Coyote Wash. Much of the runoff from downtown Sierra Vista drains into this wash. Due to paved surfaces and rooftops, there is much more runoff than would have occurred naturally in the watershed. Little has a chance to soak into the ground in such a developed area.

When a riparian area occurs downstream of a developed area it will experience larger, faster floods and more erosion and sedimentation, but less natural recharge of groundwater. Fast-moving floods have little opportunity to sink into the ground. The new Coyote Wash Stormwater Management Project, managed by Cochise County, will slow floodwater from urban areas and increase groundwater recharge, benefitting SPRNCA that lies downstream. The new facility allows more time for recharge into the bed of the wash and decreases flood peaks and sedimentation. Monitoring instrumentation installed during construction will reveal how much additional water was recharged by the facility this year during the generous monsoon. Stay tuned for the monitoring results!



Coyote Wash is shown in the background during monsoon flooding. Some of the floodwater is shown being diverted into a large, constructed basin next to the wash, where it will slowly meander back to the wash, allowing more time for infiltration into the ground and recharge groundwater supplies. Photo courtesy of Cochise County.

SPRNCA Scouting Opportunities

By Louise Wilkinson, FSPR Board Member

Do you know a Boy or Girl Scout that would like to learn about birding in SPRNCA? Perhaps he or she is looking for a community or conservation project to complete or is interested in working on another merit badge. Organized scouting hikes and group camping are also possible.



Scouts working on merit badges. Photo by Louise Wilkinson.

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As the current FSPR scouting liaison, I have assisted a local Boy Scout in developing and completing an Eagle Scout project at San Pedro House for FSPR. That project resulted in a beautifully revitalized garden pod in front of the house by the parking lot fence. Scouts from another troop came out a few times to do service work in the gardens and a Boy Scout Birding Merit Badge workshop was held in 2025 for youth from local troops.

Working with these young people is always rewarding and is mutually beneficial. Please help us spread the word about scouting opportunities in SPRNCA.

Discovering the Lives of San Pedro River Beavers

By Joanne M. Roberts, FSPR President

The Friends of the San Pedro River and the Friends of the Huachuca Mountains sponsored this free public presentation on May 16 by Dr. Steve Merkley and Professor Frank Emanuele, instructors at Cochise College Sierra Vista and Douglas campuses.

Once plentiful, beavers were gone from the San Pedro by the early 1900s. The river-- including its upper reaches--was called "Beaver River" by trappers in the early 1800s because it boasted a large population of beavers and their dams. Beavers disappeared due to several factors. One was dynamiting beaver dams to end malaria outbreaks in Army posts near the river. Another factor was a series of major floods during the 1890s and early 1900s that washed away dams, downcutting the riverbed. Additionally, intensive trapping led to extirpation (local extinction) of this species in the San Pedro.

Removal of the beavers was a major cause of the transformation of the river ecosystem from a slow-moving, surface-level stream notable for its ciénegas and ponds into a downcut, faster, straighter channel that did not retain moisture. Ciénega is a Spanish word derived from its literal translation "hundred waters" or "cien aguas." Additionally, it is an ecological term for a stable spring-fed wet meadow or marsh in an, otherwise, arid region. Similar to an oasis in the desert.

North American beavers (*Castor canandensis*) were reintroduced into the Upper San Pedro in 1999 by the Arizona Game and Fish Department in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management. This was done to restore a keystone native species, with the hope that beavers would help restore marshy backwater habitat for the benefit of the endangered Southwestern Willow Flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*). Beavers prospered for a decade after the reintroduction, then began to decline. Today, numbers are reduced and there are only a few areas within the upper reaches where beavers are living. We learned at the presentation that only 12 to 15 individuals are believed to be using the San Pedro River north of the United States/Mexican border.



Q&A session after beaver presentation. Photo by Joanne M. Roberts.

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Beaver swimming in San Pedro. Photo by Ron Stewart.

Dr. Merkley also described a very important observation from 2022. He and his team of undergraduate research students recorded evidence of food-caching behavior, which suggests that beaver could stay in bank lodges during periods of low water flow by eating from their food caches[1].

The Cochise College Undergraduate Research program, led by Dr. Merkley and Professor Emanuele, has been monitoring beaver activity along the San Pedro River for several years, using both wildlife cameras and conducting field work. One interesting finding from their research is that bird activity is much higher near the Hereford Bridge, where beaver have gained a foothold in recent years, than near San Pedro House, where few beaver have been documented.

Using advanced scientific research tools, Professor Emanuele is using DNA from samples of wood chews gathered in the United States and Mexico by the students participating in the Undergraduate Research program to explore beaver population diversity. Future work with environmental DNA (e-DNA) studies will help further our understanding of the lineage and relationships throughout North America.

Tell a friend! Throughout the year, our organization hosts natural, cultural, and historical presentations, many of which are open to the public. To learn more about the Friends of the San Pedro and our monthly programs, visit us at FSPR | conserving and sharing the river or https://www.facebook.com/fspraz/

[1] Merkley, Steven; Emanuele, Frank; Cebreros, Sergio; and Perez, Lluvia (2024) "Evidence of food-caching behavior in the American beaver *(Castor canadensis)* prior to and after pond drying in the San Pedro River, Arizona, USA," Western North American Naturalist: Vol. 84: No. 1, Article 13.

Available at: https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/wnan/vol84/iss1/13



Artist Jan Talmadge Davids with her birds. Photo by Ron Stewart.

An Artist's View of the San Pedro River

By Ron Stewart, FSPR Vice President

Jan Talmadge Davids' works of art portraying the natural world of the San Pedro River are now on display at the Phoenix Art Museum. Having grown up in Benson, the river has been part of her life.

A few years ago, Jan fulfilled a lifelong dream by entering the art program at Arizona State University. Much of her work there has addressed issues surrounding the San Pedro River.

Jan was selected for the Lehmann Emerging Artist Award, which included an exhibit of her work, informing visitors about her and her art. We got the chance to share a special occasion with Jan at the Museum, when she spoke about her work and what she has on display there.

Included in the exhibit are a larger-than-life portrayal of a water umbel plant, another of the blossom of an eryngo plant, and a third portraying migratory birds of the San Pedro River. Jan explained that these sculpture projects were chosen to highlight the beauty of the river environment and also the threats it faces. The umbel and eryngo are both endangered species.

Here is a quote from Jan that appears in the exhibition: "During the site-specific research, observations, of flora and wild clay from the San Pedro Rivere recall the natural landscapes of my childhood, which have been affected by climate crisis and agricultural abuse."

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Thank you, Jan! Pottery walnuts on sale at the Phoenix Art Museum gift shop. Photo by Jan Talmadge Davids.

She has also created pottery representations of Arizona walnuts that are wonderful and for sale in the Museum gift shop. Part of the proceeds will be donated to FSPR.

Jan is a volunteer and lifetime FSPR member. At her booth at our Celebrate the San Pedro! event this year, she brought a small printing press where people could make their own postcards with the FSPR logo. She visits the area frequently and has become part of the community of people who love and work for the river.

Congratulations Jan! We love your work and can't wait to see what you do next. The Museum exhibit runs until January 2027. We encourage you to head to Phoenix to see it. Here are some photos to entice you. Click here to see her website: https://jantalmadgedavids.com.



The scene at the Phoenix Art Museum. Photo by Ron Stewart.

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Friends of the San Pedro River (FSPR) is a nonprofit, volunteer organization dedicated to the conservation of the River and the health of its ecosystems through advocacy, educational programs, and interpretive events.



The Holiday season is upon us and Christmas will be here before we know it. We had a great time at the members' Christmas gathering at San Pedro House last year, so we're planning to do it again, Saturday, December 19! Details to follow.