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Helpful Tip

Did you know we keep a supply of small lawn flags used to notify Moises when we have a need for sprinkler head repair? You will find them available on the outside of his tool storage shed located in the dumpster area next to our exit gate onto Granada. Should you come across a broken sprinkler head, please make use of these flags to mark the spot.

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the quarterly Canyon Granada Times, co-edited by your neighbors Karen Ross and Greg Purdy. Karen and her husband Jeff are five-year, winter residents of our community. Greg and his mother Marilyn are full-time residents and have lived at Canyon Granada for over 20 years.

If you have any questions you would like addressed in this newsletter or suggestions for future editions, you may contact either Karen (powerup6850@gmail.com), or Greg (gregmpurdy@icloud.com).

A Word From our HOA President – Ed Young

Water! It has been said that water is the most important commodity on earth. I truly breathe a sigh of relief every time the clouds open and bless our desert valley with rain. It does not appear we have had enough rain, and a continuing drought may be in our not-too-distant future. The Desert Sun and the Wall Street Journal recently wrote there is a strong probability we will have water usage regulations in the very near future. Here at Canyon Granada, we do all we can to keep our water usage in check. From adding drip lines and desertscape, to keeping a close eye on our irrigation system. Please repair any leaking faucets, running toilets, etc. We can all do our part to help preserve this most important commodity.

Message from Management

Maryellen Hill & Associates has been contracted by our Canyon Granada Board to return as our management company. Normal business hours are Monday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you have an issue that needs to be addressed by our HOA Management, contact:

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Projects

With the leadership of Hap Blaisdell and the addition this fall of Saty McDaniel, Rosie Sandragorsian, and Roy Yoshimatsu, our Canyon Granada Landscape Committee is fully staffed and energized to tackle some over-due projects to further beautify our HOA grounds -- with a great deal of help from Moises and his boss, Rodrigo Ruiz. The biggest project recently undertaken was updating the desertcape outside the walls of the complex and providing for the strong possibility of drought restrictions throughout our grounds. Another was replacing some of our aging trees and shrubs, particularly in the stairwells. These initiatives gave us the chance to once again re-introduce a wide variety of colorful hibiscus shrubs that were lost several years ago in a valley-wide disease epidemic.

Did You Know?

While Canyon Granada has always had citrus trees, we became a veritable orchard when Bristol Farms Co-Founder, Grant Gravatte, purchased a unit here. As produce director for the markets, he selected many additional citrus trees for planting throughout the complex—38, at last count—that would both do well in our climate and that our residents would most enjoy. Ever the perfectionist, his wife, Sue, once commented, “I wasn’t sure our first store would even survive because Grant got so upset whenever someone removed an apple from his carefully-constructed produce pyramids!” While the Gravattes no longer own a home here, we all still enjoy the citrus bounty his carefully curated selections continue to provide. (By the way, there is a citrus tree legend map on the Canyon Granada website in the Documents & Forms section.)

Canyon Corridor Neighborhood News

Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs (ONE-PS) is the name of the umbrella organization overseeing the nearly 50 official neighborhoods located throughout Palm Springs. Canyon Granada is located within one of Palm Springs’ largest ‘Norgs’ (neighborhood organizations) called Canyon Corridor. Canyon Granada residents, Greg Purdy and Mary Jane Murdock, were two of the five founding Canyon Corridor board members. Assisted by Greg’s mother, Marilyn, thousands of letters and postcards were initially sent to neighborhood residents to generate interest in forming our own Norg. On June 9, 2011, we became the City’s 27th officially recognized neighborhood. While Mary Jane recently passed away, we remain forever grateful for her dedicated efforts in founding Canyon Corridor and for serving as board secretary for many years. For more information about ONE-PS, please visit www.one-ps.org.

Upcoming Events

Modernism Week – February 17-27, 2022

The mission of Modernism Week is to celebrate and foster appreciation of midcentury architecture and design, as well as contemporary thinking in these fields, by encouraging education, preservation, and sustainable modern living in the greater Palm Springs area.

Our Canyon Granada community is blessed to be co-located in one of the most beautiful midcentury modern neighborhoods in Palm Springs. During Modernism Week, a steady flow of double decker buses and home tours take place right across the street from our community. The small, white homes between South Palm Canyon, Avenida Granada and Palo Fierro, were designed by the renowned architect, William Krisel. Along with Dan Palmer, Krisel formed Palmer & Krisel architects. Krisel designed more than 30,000 homes throughout Southern California. The total number of houses and condominiums designed by the firm exceeds 40,000. By the late 1950s, Krisel and Palmer were working with seven out of the 10 largest homebuilders in America. In addition to Palm Springs, Los Angeles and San Diego, large tracts of homes designed by the firm were built in Las Vegas, Florida, and Arizona.

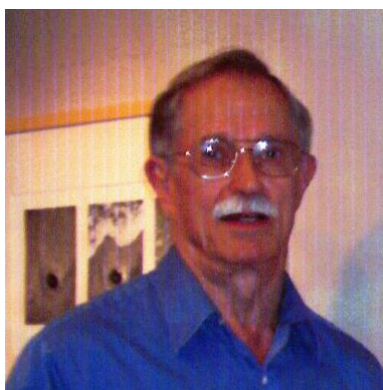
In the 1950s Krisel helped to nearly double the size of Palm Springs by building 2,500 tract homes that still exist today. Beginning in 1956 with their first Palm Springs tract, Twin Palms, Krisel, the firm's lead designer for desert houses, used variation of orientation and roofline, integration of indoor and outdoor living, and careful use of standardized elements to make modernist design affordable. The houses facilitated indoor-outdoor living in the desert with sheltered patios and pools and in some cases breezeways; clerestory windows improved air circulation while bringing light into the house. The interior designs included flexible room dividers to adapt the floorplan to the owners' preferences.

Enjoy the events of Modernism Week, knowing that our Canyon Corridor and Indian Canyons neighborhoods are premier locations showcasing this iconic architecture.

Resident Profiles – The Roaring 90’s

Canyon Granada has the distinction of being home to a number of “nonagenarians,” or people who have lived into their 90’s. In this and future 2022 issues, we will be profiling some of our community residents who have achieved this auspicious goal.

Paul Sansom



You would never guess that our spry, handsome neighbor, Paul Sansom, is now a nonagenarian!

Paul moved to Canyon Granada in 1995. He first owned Unit 821 as a part time resident, traveling here in the winter when he wasn't in his native Texas. Paul spent many reflective hours enjoying the serenity of Palm Springs and the views of the San Jacinto mountains. He produced some beautiful oil and acrylic paintings as a result.



Paul is an accomplished artist, with a distinguished career in fine art and package design. His academic path wound its way through degrees in business, geology and art. He also completed a tour of duty in the Navy where he was a meteorologist. Paul is a twin, and his brother Bob, now deceased, encouraged him to attend ArtCenter College of Design, where Paul graduated with honors in 1964. Paul's brother Bob was an Emmy award winning set designer for the Carol Burnett show, and he and Paul were very close and shared many of the same interests.

Paul worked around the world for some distinguished ad agencies and design firms, including Saul Bass, Raymond Loewy, and Mattel. He also taught packaging design at the Los Angeles and Pasadena ArtCenter for six years.

Eventually, Paul and his brother Bob bought an avocado ranch in north San Diego County and tried their hands at being gentlemen ranchers. This explains why, on any given day, you might see Paul with a pair of pruning shears in his hands, giving a little TLC to a few of his favorite trees.

Paul has contributed to our Canyon Granada community in many ways. If you've been admiring the beautiful metal sculpture and Canyon Granada logo at our front entry gate, you can thank Paul for conceiving of, designing, and supervising the fabrication of that signature piece. He has also been a member of our architectural committee for many years.

Paul has been instrumental in designing other facets of our community, including an aesthetically pleasing and noise muffling enclosure for the equipment at our east swimming pool. On a more basic level, he has used his paint brushes to touch up rails and gates within our community for many years.

Paul now resides in a casita near the east swimming pool. The interior of his home is a gallery of the beautiful paintings he has created over the years, most of which were produced right here at Canyon Granada.

The next time you see Paul walking about the property, stop to say hello and to thank him for his over 25 years of commitment to our community.
