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Arrowhead Improvements Association Newsletter

October/November
2014

John Krall Award History

John Krall spent many years helping residents with all kinds of projects, including voluntarily cutting wood and clearing our roadsides. In 2003 Noreen Horwitz, an Arrowhead resident, thought that he should be honored with a community service award. A plaque was made and was presented to John Krall at an AIA meeting in 2003.

2014 John Krall Award Winners Don and Kathy Koeltzow



Don and Kathy Koeltzow are this year's John Krall Award recipients.

Both from New Mexico, Don and Kathy Koeltzow, met in college and married. They will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in January. They are blessed with three children and nine grandchildren ranging in ages from 5 to 22. Don is a Bio Chemist and worked as a professor before joining the Federal Government. After all the kids were in school, Kathy went back to school and earned her nursing degree. She worked for 20 years as an oncology nurse, and then taught nursing in Delta.

In 1996 they came to the area for Kathy's niece's graduation from nursing school. They saw an ad for Arrowhead and decided to check it out. They were already thinking about finding a place to retire, loved the mountains, and wanted a place to enjoy summers. They would then look for a winter spot so Don could golf in winter. They bought a lot and did enjoy the summer months. Then they came for a visit during the winter and they were hooked!

Don gave Kathy a birthday gift of a chainsaw and they got to work! They cleared over 70 trees for the driveway alone. They started on the house in 2004 and made it home in 2006.

They both enjoy being busy and participating in their neighborhood. "It's a way to pay back..." says Kathy, "It has been a nice journey."



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President's Message

Dear Owners,

Now that summer has ended and we are officially into fall, it is not too soon to be thinking about winter. While the high country temperatures and colors this fall have been wonderful, we all know that winter, snow and snowmobiling are not far off. In preparation for winter I have a few board decisions I would like to share with you.

First, the winter parking lot will be available for owner parking on or after October 15 as specified in the land use agreement with Gunnison County. If you are going to park a snowmobile trailer or would like a diesel parking space, please contact Arrowhead Patrol for details.

Second, the board set November 17 as the latest date to have your RV at Arrowhead. Please monitor weather conditions as a consideration for deciding when you will take it off the mountain.

Next, I would like to mention that the sign in boxes located at Ute and Lake Roads will be removed for the winter. One owner sign in box will be located at the recently remodeled warming hut that is available for your comfort and safety. The warming hut is located in the SW corner of the winter parking lot.

Lastly, the board has purchased, after extensive research and consideration by John Moseman, other board members and our heavy equipment operators, a groomer for our filing roads. The scheduled delivery date is October 9 and our lead groomer will be Ron Corder.

Please note that the board will host its winter resident meeting immediately after the October board meeting. This is an important meeting for all winter full/part time residents and especially important for new full/part time residents.

The board has two positions up for election this fall with three candidates running. Please exercise your ownership right and vote for two of the three candidates. Please return your ballot as specified.

Speaking for the board, I want to thank all owners for contributing to a wonderful Arrowhead summer! We all met new owners and renewed friendships from past summers. There were several community summer activities that were very well attended by owners, including the best ever attended Fourth of July picnic. The board is especially pleased and wants to thank owners that no noncompliance violations were issued this year. Thank you all for your support of the association covenants, rules and regulations!

In closing, please take advantage of not only the remaining fall season but the wonderful high country winter. For those of you that are seasonal at Arrowhead, please have a great winter and remember that the Inn is available for your winter accommodations. We are all looking forward to seeing you next summer. Sincerely,

Mike Wigent AIA Board President



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My wife and I are owners at Arrowhead and last summer our daughter Amber took this photo while we had had the big dumpster at the Winter Parking lot...

... it might be a fun thing for the next smokesignals...

Ironically, its a Bruin, peeking out of a "Bruin Bin"!

- Larry Kontz



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~ Brian Keith



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All comments in this issue about "What is great about Arrowhead..." come from a contest we ran in a previous issue of Smoke Signals. Thank you to all those who participated!



"I so love to meet friends at the Inn for a beer and hamburger! When we have family and friends a trip to the Inn is a must....looking back at the pictures always brings a smile to my face :-)"

We are looking forward to your grand opening! #1 son Rodney is driving back from California just to attend!!!!"

~Bridget Isle



AFTER 25 YEARS WITH SO MANY GOOD TIMES, I HAVE TO SAY MY BEST TIMES IS WITH ALL OF OUR GRANDCHILDREN.

ENJOYING HIKES, FISHING, SNOWMOBILING, AND GOING TO THE INN FOR A BURGER... THAT WAS ALWAYS A SPECIAL TREAT FOR ALL OF THEM. NOW THEY ARE ALWAYS WANTING TO COME BACK EACH SUMMER AND WINTER FOR MORE OF THE SAME, AS YES THEY ALL SAY, "GRANDMA IS THE INN OPEN, WE WANT TO TAKE YOU AND GRANDPA FOR A BURGER,?" I LOVE THIS COMMUNITY . THE INN IS OUR HUB.

~THANK YOU, CAROL BOND



FORESTRY MESSAGE

BY BILL CONWAY

Thanks to great community participation in the MCH Pack program and removal of beetle infested trees by individuals, contractors, and our monthly cleanup day crew, Arrowhead is doing better than most of Colorado in the fight against bark beetles. However, a recent visit to Arrowhead by Forest Service entomologists has confirmed that both Douglas fir and spruce beetles are increasing in this part of Colorado. Please notify Bill Conway (541-729-6259) if you notice Douglas fir that have turned red, spruce trees that are starting to loose needles or have bark around the base from wood pecker activity, or Douglas fir or spruce trees that have blown down recently.

Spruce beetles are the most wide spread in southern Colorado with over 300,000 new acres infected in 2014. They have the potential to kill every spruce at Arrowhead in the next few years. Spruce beetles are also very difficult to control. The large scale spruce beetle trapping program that has been in place at Arrowhead this summer may or may not be effective. I will continue to adjust that program in consultation with entomologists. MCH packs may have some effect on spruce beetles. If the spruce beetles increase at Arrowhead, information will be provided on how to spray some individual trees, but that will not be practical on a large scale.

MCH packs continue to be a very effective tool against Douglas fir beetle. With the increase in Douglas fir beetles in areas adjacent to Arrowhead, EVERYONE who has a Douglas fir tree on their property should be putting up MCH packs. We are at a critical point with Douglas fir beetle and your participation is essential to protect your trees and the community. Volunteers will be putting up about 2500 MCH packs on community property.

Forest Manager Bill Conway will be accepting orders from now to Dec 31, 2014. The price is lower than last year at **\$1.35 per pack** and if we get our usual large order together, you should get about 10% extra MCH packs. **Checks should be made out to AIA and sent to Bill Conway at 1734 SE 52nd Ave, Portland, OR 97215.** Delivery to owners will occur in early May 2015. If you are unable to put them up at the correct time in May, there will be information available at that time on how you can have someone else put them up.

HOW MANY MCH PACKS SHOULD I ORDER

Try to find the situation below that best fits your lot. (1 Ac Lots)

Situation 1 – You have a lot that is mostly conifer with a significant amount of Douglas fir and/ or spruce along with some balsam. Order about 40 packets. This will allow you put them up around your property line about 25 feet apart to create a “vapor” barrier and also have some to put on individual larger Douglas fir and spruce on the interior of your lot.

Situation 2 – Same as above but you have a significant number of Douglas fir and spruce over 20” diameter (the beetles’ favorite trees); then order about 50.

Situation 3 – Your lot is mostly balsam or aspen with scattered Douglas fir and spruce. Order enough to put one on each tree Douglas fir or spruce. If you get a few extras in your final order, put two on the largest trees.

Situation 4 – Your lot has distinct areas with different vegetation. Maybe half is aspen and the other half a mix of Douglas fir, spruce and balsam. Put a ring of MCH packs around the conifer area. Or, if the conifer area is small enough, just put an MCH pack on every Douglas fir and spruce.

Situation 5 – You have one of the above situations and you also have Douglas fir and spruce on adjacent common land that you want to protect. Generally in this situation people are focused on individual large trees. Order enough to put on each Douglas fir or spruce you want to protect.

Situation 6 – Your lot has all balsam, aspen or you live in a meadow with no trees; then you do not need to order.

Call Bill Conway at 541-729-6259 if you have questions about how many MCH packs to order or any other questions on Arrowhead Forest Management.

There is still good firewood available in the log pile at the No Stump Dump. You might want to use a chain to pull logs out for safe and easy cutting. People are busy cutting wood this time of year and it is a good time to think chainsaw safety. Please use full protection equipment including hard hat, hearing protection, chaps, gloves, and boots. If you are concerned about the safety of cutting a tree, it is probably time to call a professional.

Bill Conway
Arrowhead Forest Manager



Board Workshop and Meeting Dates

Next Board Workshop:

October 17.

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Next Board of Directors Meeting:

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**Winter owners meeting on 10/18

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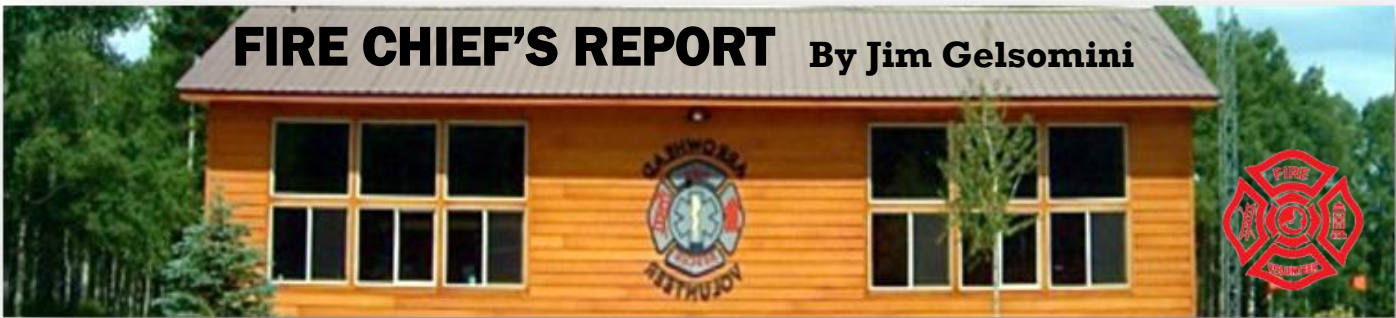
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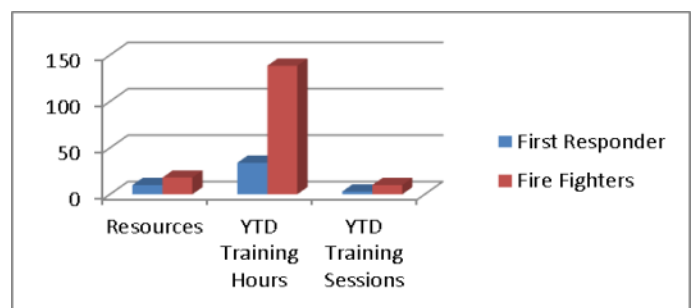
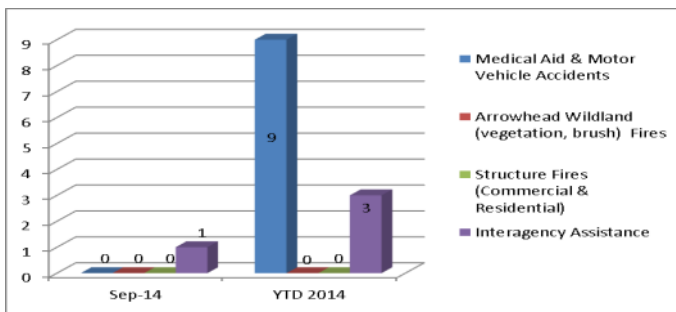


Emergency Response Events:

Description	Sep-14	YTD 2014
Medical Aid & Motor Vehicle Accidents	0	9
Arrowhead Wildland (vegetation, brush) Fires	0	0
Structure Fires (Commercial & Residential)	0	0
Interagency Assistance	1	3

Training Categories: Medical, Wildland and Structure

Groups	Resources	YTD Training Hours	YTD Training Sessions
First Responder	10	34.00	3
Fire Fighters	18	138.50	10
AVFD Combined	28	172.5	13



First Responder & Fire Fighter Monthly Training Sessions AVFD training schedule – Second, Tuesday Fire Fighters; Third, Tuesday First Responders; (once a Quarter a fourth, Tuesday, is set aside for collaborative training, Fire Fighters, First Responders, and Patrol).

Volunteer Staff The department encourages anyone interested to become a member of the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department; no experience is necessary. The Fire Department will provide training in variety of potential scenarios unique to the Arrowhead environment you are seeking. Members find it a rewarding way to serve the community and meet dedicated like-minded people on the mountain.

Please contact me at (970) 862 8456 or email me at avfdchief2014@gmail.com if you are interested.

Winter Preparations are in motion with the focus on finding an Arrowhead resident willing to volunteer their garage to store the Red/White Fire Truck for the winter season. The Red/White truck is 105” at the tallest point and 24’ in length. Please contact Jim at (862.8456) or mobile number (303.881.7480). The Fire Department thanks, Curt and Vida for once again volunteering their garage for the winter season to store the EMS vehicle.

Winter parking lot users will have access to a new Fire Extinguisher in the recently remodeled warming hut. The new lighter 10lb unit installed in the back corner will have an ABC rating capable of addressing a broad range of fire fuel sources. New additional ABC units will be available in the equipment building if needed to support suppression activities.

Season Change Home Checklist As we transition into the Fall/Winter season, the following items should become part of the annual ritual. Check status of home Fire Extinguisher, replace the batteries in smoke alarm(s), and carbon monoxide sensors. For those with forced air furnace units, purchase a number of filters and change the filters on a monthly basis. Inspect and clean chimneys for propane, pellet, and wood burning stoves. Visually inspect window and door spaces for weather stripping leaks, cracks.

A very fond memory is my brother and sister-in-law bringing my 80 year old parents to our cabin from Eastern Nebraska! It is a long way to come for a birthday party for my father whose 80th was August 2, 2007, but that is indeed what they did! There were 10 of us and we had prime rib at the Inn and then we all participated in Karaoke. It was a great time--can't wait for the Inn to really be up and running. Thank you!

~ Joanna Little



Being a new member to the community our good times are yet to come.....but, using the idea of a "good time we experienced" that would simply be the first time we drove through the community, received wave after wave from friendly folks who live there (we assumed) and stopping in for a sandwich and meeting the new owners of the Inn who gave us a guided tour from the upstairs to the downstairs. Making us feel welcome and sealing the deal, that this was where we wanted to have a weekend getaway.

~ Vince n Cara Fandel

My brother and I visited arrowhead in January 2011 to look at a cabin for sale. We had a great time including snowmobile rides to get to the cabin. Food and service at the Inn was first rate.

~ Gerald K. Dolan

Having my parents come and experience the beauty of Arrowhead. My mother now has Alzheimer's and my dad is 93 and unable to travel very far, so those memories of picnics under the pines and aspens bring a smile to my face! ~ Iris Marutzky

The best time will be the first time I visit my son, Pat, and daughter-in-law, Jess in their spruced-up place. Can't wait. ~ John Amie

Our last weekend was pretty darn eventful. We awoke to a bear on our deck tossing our coolers around. We have taken many rides around Arrowhead hoping to spot a bear, and this was a real surprise! He made 3 trips through our lot that day and just didn't seem to want to move on. We are lucky to own property in "Arrowhead Heaven"!

~ Connie Phelps

Design Review Message



By Joyce Boulter

It has been a beautiful summer with a lot of work being done. It looks like a beautiful fall and the winter will be here soon.

There have been 21 property sales as of the end of August. These new owners are reading the Regulations and asking questions. They are excited about their new property and anxious to start using the property. When I visit with the new owners, I give them our Arrowhead Awareness booklet. This provides valuable information for Arrowhead property owners.

There are still problems with owners identifying their property. If there is a driveway, there must be a sign showing the address numbers. This was pointed out during the evacuation, as some of the lots were impossible to find. This is a 911 regulation for fire and emergency location of your property. I would also like to compliment many owners for their beautiful signs on their property.

There are 3 houses near completion and 1 more slated to start this fall, 4 garages, 2 sheds and 4 driveway walk ins. I have also made many visits to lots to talk to owners about Regulations and how they can use their property. I have also approved many owners to remove trees in driveways to allow easier access to the lot, house or RV.

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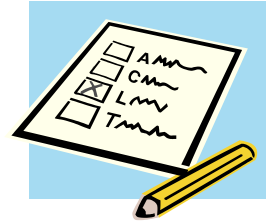
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VOTE • VOTE • VOTE

Ballots for the upcoming Arrowhead Improvements Association Board of Directors election were mailed on September 30, 2014.

The three candidates running for the two open Board seats are (in alphabetical order) Dale Breckenridge, Val Taylor and Curt Treichel.

Please be sure to follow the instructions included in the voter's material. Returned ballots must be postmarked by NOVEMBER 17, 2014.



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~ Clyde Vavrik

Playing Mexican Train with a group of friends and eating gummy treats. ~ Lee Ann Riddoch



John Krall Award 2014

From pg. 1

(THIS IS THE AWARD PRESENTATION AS READ BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BOB HERNANDEZ.)

These Arrowhead volunteers have long been part of our strong community's foundation.

They have put in many hours on the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department. One is an active and indispensable First Responder and has taken over all the training for first responders. The other is an active firefighter. Both tirelessly attending all required training and meetings so they can provide assistance during a medical or fire emergency on the mountain.

These John Krall Award recipients are highly active fundraisers and ambassadors for our fire department, the Fire Department Auxiliary and are active organizers with the 4th of July Picnic. She is Co-Chair for the fire Department's auxiliary. He is the current president of the Arrowhead Fire Protection District, a position requiring a great deal of responsibility and managerial skill. The Pancake Breakfast is another place where you'll see this couple. Big job or small, you are sure to find both of them there to quietly get it done- whether setting up chairs, wiping tables, sweeping floors or making a trash run.

By now, I am more than certain that you all know that this John Krall Award winning couple is Don and Kathy Koeltzow.

From volunteering as the treasurer of the Arrowhead Snowmobile Club, to being Secretary of the AIA BOD for 3 years and the AIA Member in charge of Facilities and Roads Maintenance, Don is there for us. Kathy participates as a member of the AIA Election Committee and not only suggested, but led the Town Hall meeting for AIA Board Candidates elections in 2013. Over the years they have lived here, they have always stepped up to do the many things that must be done for Arrowhead.

The Koeltzows have been strong organizers on the social side of Arrowhead, as well. From helping head up the Bible Study and AVFD Potluck Dinners, to organizing the "Bags of Love" event and participation in the Book Club, you will find them, individually or together, being part of what makes Arrowhead great. Oh, yes - they also lend their backs to nearly every Clean-up Saturday event.

An Arrowhead owner who nominated them said, "They are always willing to help anyone that is in need." In this, they truly live their deep beliefs and Christianity. Being their brother's keeper is more than a saying; it is how they live their lives.

The Koeltzows do all of this and more with a quiet perseverance and a love for our community that is admirable. So much of their work is behind the scenes that their contributions are often overlooked. Both have spoken from their hearts about renewing Arrowhead's incredible sense of how to work together for a common purpose and caring. Their love for our community and their neighbors is shown in their dogged dedication to the things that need doing.

Their unsung volunteerism makes this couple excellent examples of the spirit of John Krall and worthy recipients for this award.

I now present the 2014 John Krall Award winners . . . **Don & Kathy Koeltzow.**

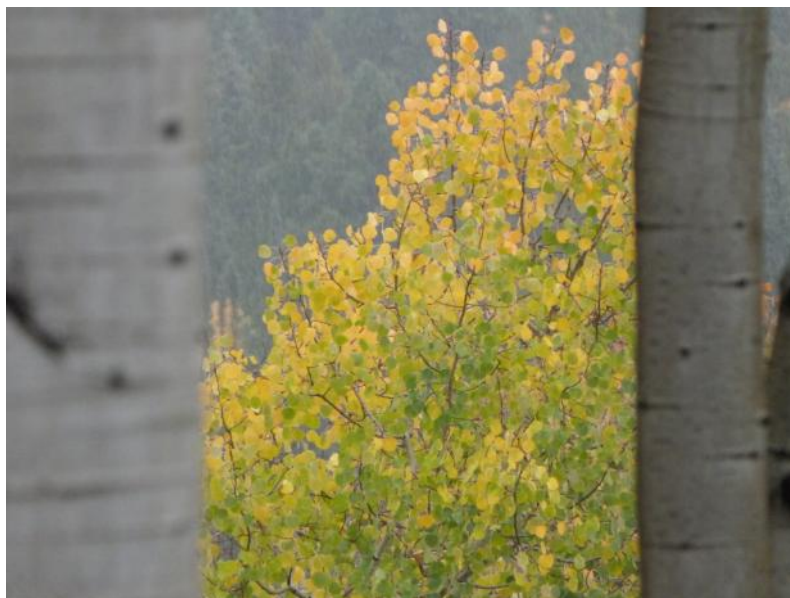


This year the John Krall Award Committee had 6 new nominations for 3 nominees. And considered a total of 10 nominees, the other 7 are from past years and they are all active volunteers for the Arrowhead Community. Thanks to the community members and neighbors who submitted the nominations. It takes a bit of time but is worthwhile to recognize our great volunteers.

The Committee consisted of past awardees this year and many thanks to them for being on the committee. They are: Billie Ellis, Don LaForge, Lucia Lebon, Linda Dysart, Carla and Clyde Vavrik, Kevin Stilley and Al Hale.

PAST WINNERS:

- 2003 John Krall
- 2004 Dee Sedgwick
- 2005 Billie Ellis
- 2006 Don and Elaine LaForge
- 2007 Don Bumgarner
- 2008 Glen and Carolyn Isbell
- 2009 Diane and Ron Benson
- 2010 Lucia Lebon and Bob Rosenbaum
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- 2012 Carla & Clyde Vavrik and Kevin Stilley
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Arrowhead Book Club

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October 10

Watch Over Me

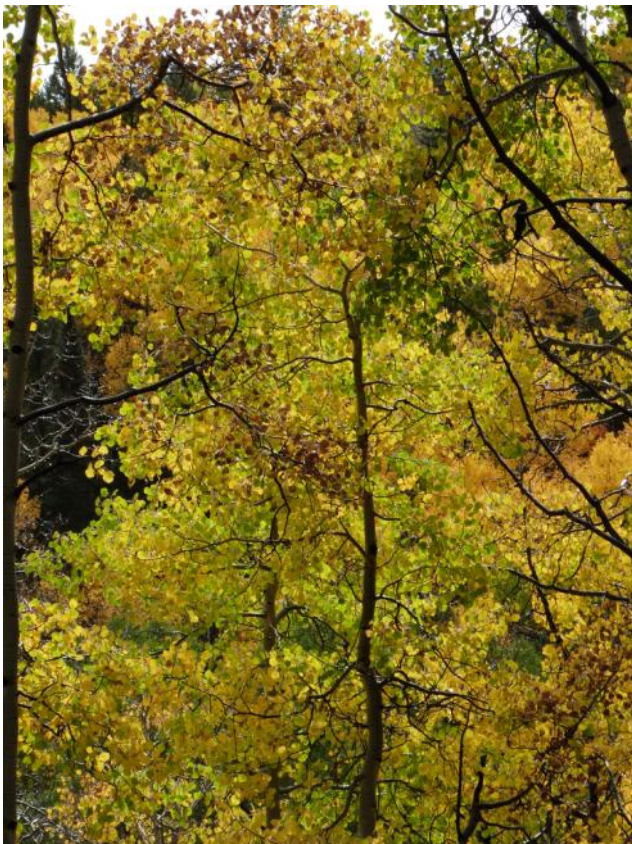
by
Christa Parrish



My wife and I were first year owners at Arrowhead, and are not year round residents... so, when we found out about the fire department's Christmas party, we thought we might attend! Many of the friendly residents invited us and offered to pick us up at the Inn and take us to the Party, but... the party ended up at the Inn and couldn't have been more perfect! We rented a beautiful room for the night and after several hours of the most friendly fun you can imagine, we only had to go upstairs to our wonderful warm room! We had never experienced a party where nearly everyone arrived with food and smiles wearing snow gear and riding on every imaginable type of snow machine! The finale was when we arose the next morning, we ate one of the most delicious breakfast burritos we had ever eaten together with the wonderful coffee in front of a toasty fireplace! A beautiful Winter wonderland experience for both of us! ~ *Larry and Eloise*



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