

WELCOME TO OUR

Monthly Newsletter

we're so glad you're here!



WHO IS CANYON COMMUNITY ALLIANCE?

Our Mission

CCA's mission is to **cultivate an alliance** to provide **education, resources, and opportunities** for the community to **improve the quality** of life while building a sustainable environment. While, utilizing the 9 Pillars of Self-Love; intellectual, emotional, occupational, **environment**, community, physical, adventure, spiritual & creative expression.

Pillar 2: Environment

Environment encompasses the surroundings or conditions that shape our daily lives. We recognize the pivotal role it plays in fostering self-love. To engage in environmental self-care, consider rearranging your workspace with a tranquil setup, exploring new and inspiring places, decluttering your living space, taking leisurely walks outdoors, and appealing to your five senses. By cherishing and caring for the spaces around you, you contribute to a harmonious environment that nurtures your well-being and supports your journey of self-love.

Created To Inspire A Harmonious Community

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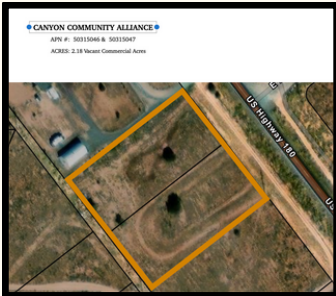
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CCA Projects



Land Donation By Collins Investments LLC

Get ready for an agricultural revolution! Soon, we'll be breaking ground on our generously donated land to install the Steady Harvest Greenhouse. Thrilled to announce the development of a Micro-Farm, bringing sustainable farming and fresh produce to our community. Stay tuned for a bountiful journey!



Postal Service Mailbox Project

We are working to create cluster box units (CBU) on the land to help with mail access & security.



Thank you Steady Harvest for the generous donation of an 8'x12' greenhouse for our Micro Farm project. <https://steady-harvest.com/>

[Click Here to Learn More](#)



Your thoughtful donation will enable us to cover essential expenses such as website maintenance, zoom meetings, property and liability insurance, phone service, CRM programs, grant writing applications, office supplies, SAM Grant access, and the POS system (Squire). These operational elements are the backbone of our day-to-day activities, ensuring we can continue making a positive impact.



CCA Endeavors

Located in the heart of Valle, Arizona, we are the Canyon Community Alliance (CCA), and we are committed to creating a positive change in the community. Established in 2022 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Our mission is to cultivate an alliance that provides education, resources, and opportunities for improving the quality of life while creating a sustainable environment.

We are more than just a non-profit organization; we are a community-driven force dedicated to empowering and connecting the community. Through various initiatives and partnerships, we envision a community that thrives on education, sustainability, and an enhanced quality of life. Our passionate team is committed to our cause, and we have become a catalyst for positive change in the community.

The Micro Farm Project is at the heart of our initiatives, which aim to address local challenges and promote sustainable practices. This innovative project operates on two acres of donated land and seeks to kickstart regenerative agriculture initiatives. Our primary objectives include enhancing food security, promoting sustainable farming practices, and improving overall community well-being. With the recent acquisition of the 2024 Grower Grant and a donation of a Steady Harvest greenhouse, we are developing infrastructure like raised beds and a water harvesting system, marking a significant step towards achieving these goals.

Our primary goals for the Micro Farm Project include:

- **Addressing Food Security:** By establishing a micro-farm on two acres of donated land, we aim to contribute to local food security and cultivate a place of education for the community.
- **Promoting Sustainable Farming Practices:** We are committed to supporting agricultural entrepreneurs who embrace regenerative practices. Through the Micro Farm Project, we aim to showcase and promote sustainable farming methods that sustain and renew the environment.
- **Enhancing Quality of Life:** Beyond addressing immediate needs, the Micro Farm Project aspires to enhance the overall quality of life in Valle. Access to fresh, locally grown produce while fostering a sense of community and shared responsibility.

In addition to fostering the Micro Farm Project, we engage in a monthly food distribution in partnership with St. Mary's Foodbank. We also orchestrate collaborative community events throughout the year, partnering with local businesses and individuals to strengthen bonds and provide platforms for education, engagement, play, and celebration. Furthermore, in tandem with our regenerative agriculture initiatives, we are actively working towards installing postal boxes on the donated land to enhance mail security.

In essence, Canyon Community Alliance is a testament to our commitment to creating a resilient, self-sufficient, and empowered community in Valle. Through education, collaboration, and a hands-on approach to sustainable living, we are sowing the seeds for a brighter and more sustainable future for all residents.



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Upcoming Events

CCA EVENTS



SPRING FLING POTLUCK
LOCATION: CLEAR SKY RESORT
SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH
2PM-5PM



3RD ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT
LOCATION: RAPTOR RANCH
SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH
11AM-1PM



ST. MARY'S FOOD DISTRIBUTION
LOCATION: GRAND CANYON INN MOTEL
MARCH 14TH, 10:30AM-12:30 PM
EVERY 2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

First Come First Serve



LOCATION: RAPTOR RANCH PARKING LOT
FARMER'S AND ARTISAN'S WELCOME!
EVERY SATURDAY
MARCH 23RD
7AM-11AM



YES, YOU CAN LIVE OFF-GRID
LOCATION: CHIZONAKA VINTAGE STORE;
WILLIAMS

SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD
9AM-4PM

Own Your Off-Grid Adventure! Join our immersive workshop hosted by women with real-life experience, tailored just for you!

[HTTPS://PAY.CHIZONAKA.COM](https://pay.chizonaka.com)

FLAGSTAFF EASTER EGG HUNT
LOCATION: FLAGSTAFF ELKS LODGE
SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST 10AM



GRAND CANYON REC CENTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024	EVENTS	03/24	
03/03	Coffee & Paint (AA) Sun 10:30am Atrium	Coffee & Bingo (AA) Sun 10:30 am Atrium	
03/09	Barbie Night (KF) Sat 6:00pm Atrium	March Madness Basketball (AA) Off-Site Event! Outdoor Court 3pm	
03/10	Coffee & Poetry (AA/CA) Sun 10:30am TV Lounge	03/25	International Waffle Day (AA) Mon 4:00 pm Atrium
03/10	Ladies Board Game Night (KF) Off-Site Event! Colter Hall 6:00 pm	03/29	Easter Egg Hunt KLC Fundraiser Off-Site Event! School Field 11am KLC Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser 7-11am School SPR
03/13	Table Tennis Tourney (RS) Wed 6:00pm Atrium	03/30	Chess Social (HS) Sat 10:00 am Atrium
03/14	JackBox Night (HS) Thu 6:00 pm TV Lounge	TRIPS	
03/15	Book Exchange (CA) Fri 6:00 pm Atrium	03/05	Flagstaff Shopping (RS) Tue \$22.50
03/16	Corndog Day (CA) Sat 6:00 pm Atrium	03/11	Flagstaff Shopping (AA) Mon \$22.50
03/17	Coffee & Live Music (KF/CA) Sun 10:30am Atrium	03/12	Sedona Day (KF) Tue \$26.50
03/19	Rice Krispies & S'mores Night (KF) Tue 6:00pm Side Patio	03/19	Twin Arrows Casino (RS) Tue \$22.50
03/20	Bonfire Long Jim Loop (CA) Wed Off-Site Event! 7:00 pm First Come Ride Departs at 6:30 pm	03/30	Flagstaff Shopping (CA) Sat \$22.50
03/21	Karaoke! (HS) Thu 6:00 pm TV Lounge	48-hour advanced notice required for pick-ups in Valle and Tuzigoot. Non-members are charged an additional \$5.	
03/23	Chess Social (HS) Sat 10:00 am Atrium	What types of April trips and events would you participate in? Scan our QR Code below to send us your ideas!	
	FireSide Open Jam (CA) Wed 6:00pm Side Patio		

GRAND CANYON REC CENTER
 928-638-3389 6:30am-10pm

COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Blood Drive
 Friday, March 15th 9am-1pm SPR
 donors.vitalant.org CODE: grandcyn

Community Craft Night
 Every First Tue of the Month Piano 7p

Canvon Community Yoga
 Mon & Wed 6:30pm SPR

Strength Training
 Sun 9:00am SPR
 Thu starting Feb. 15 SPR 6:30 - 7:30 pm
 canvoncommunityyoga.com
 Use Code: GCLOCALS

Colors of the Canyon Monthly Pride Meeting
 Every 2nd Tue of the Month Piano 6:30 pm

Book Club
 Wed. March 27th Green Room 6:00 pm

Grand Canyon Food Pantry
 Located at 87 Sunset Dr.
 Mon: 11am-1pm
 Wed: 6pm-8pm
 Sat: 2pm-4pm

Join or Start a Club!
 Talk to Chuck (CA) for more info!

MEET THE REC CREW!

Audrey (AS) Ryan (RS) Chuck (CA) Nancy (NS) Kari (KF) Abbie (AA)
 New to the park? We can show you around!
 To schedule a facility walk-through or village van tour, stop by the front desk!



Indoor Open Gym (AA)
 March 10th & 17th
 4:00 - 8:00 pm

March Madness (AA)
 March 24th 3:00 - 7:00 pm
 Outdoor School Basketball Court
 Teams of 3 Pick-up Games

If you would like to add events to the newsletter please contact us.

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday 9:00-10:00am Strength Training (Fitness)

Monday 6:30-7:30pm Relax & Unwind Yoga

Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm Slow Flow Yoga

Thursday 6:30-7:30pm Core Strength (Fitness)

All classes are located in the SPR at the Rec Center

- Pre-register to reserve your spot at canvoncommunityyoga.com
- Use coupon code **GCLOCALS** for a single class, or purchase a membership/package for the best value!

SCAN ME

Sustainable Living



SEED STARTING 101

Learn when to start seeds—and how to start seeds—with our complete guide!

LET'S START PLANNING!

With spring right around the corner, many gardeners have started to enter planning mode — plotting out what they want to grow for the year, what parts of the garden will house which plants, and what they'll need to get a head start on their harvest. If you're new to spring garden planning, it can all sound a bit overwhelming. To figure out how to go about your spring garden planning, you'll want to start with the basics and go from there.

- **Choose the Right Seeds:** Select seeds that are well-suited for indoor starting. Some plants, like tomatoes and peppers, thrive when given an early start indoors.
- **Use Quality Soil:** Invest in a high-quality seed-starting mix to provide the necessary nutrients for your seedlings. This ensures a healthy foundation for their growth.
- **Provide Adequate Light:** Seedlings require ample light for proper growth. If natural sunlight is insufficient, consider using fluorescent or LED grow lights to supplement their light needs.
- **Monitor Temperature and Humidity:** Maintain a consistent environment for your seedlings by keeping the temperature and humidity levels within the recommended range for each plant variety.
- **Transplant Wisely:** When the seedlings have developed strong roots and a few sets of leaves, transplant them into larger containers before moving them outdoors.

[Click Here](#)
[For A Full Planting Calendar](#)

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[For Step-By-Step Planning Guide](#)

THINK "OUT OF THE BOX" FOR YOUR NEXT GARDEN BED

Raised garden beds have become a staple in many home gardens and for a good reason. They offer several benefits, from improved drainage and pest control to aesthetics. Moreover, they can be built in various sizes and shapes using different materials, making them adaptable to all kinds of garden spaces and budgets.

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Natural Living



EASY NATURAL DIY GARDENERS SOAP



Gardeners, rejoice! Say farewell to dirt and grime with this special soap made just for you. Dive into this DIY blend with coffee and vanilla that not only cleans like a champ but also loves the environment back. Get ready to scrub in style!

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How to Make Gardeners Soap

Materials

- 1 tablespoon fresh coarse coffee/grounds
- ½ to ¾ pound goat milk melt and pour soap base (about 1 ½ cups or 8 cubes)
- 1 tablespoon cosmetic beeswax pellets
- 1 teaspoon olive, coconut, or almond oil
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Tools

- Silicone soap molds
- Measuring cup
- Measuring spoons

Instructions

1. Lay out the silicone mold and sprinkle a few coffee grounds into the bottom.
2. Cut up your goat's milk soap base into roughly 1"x1" pieces.
3. Place in a microwave-safe container with a spout for easy pouring.
4. Add oil and beeswax pellets.
5. Microwave for 1 minute, stir, then repeat in 30-second intervals until completely melted.
6. Remove from the microwave and stir in coffee and vanilla.
7. Carefully pour the soap mixture into your molds, not quite full to the top.
8. Allow soap to harden overnight.
9. Carefully remove from the mold.
10. Store your extra soaps in an airtight container in a cool, dry place.

Recipe of the Month

CORNED BEEF EGG ROLLS



Ingredients

- 1 ½ cups shredded coleslaw mix
- 3 tablespoons water
- ¼ teaspoon kosher salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
- ½ cup water
- 5 ounces cooked corned beef brisket
- 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
- 8 egg roll wrappers
- 3 cups vegetable oil for frying, or as needed (Optional)

Dipping Sauce:

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 3 tablespoons ketchup
- 3 tablespoons sweet pickle relish
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- ¼ teaspoon kosher salt

Directions

1. Stir together coleslaw, 3 tablespoons water, salt, and pepper in a medium microwave-safe bowl. Cover with a damp paper towel. Microwave until lightly steamed, about 1 minute and 30 seconds. Shred corned beef with hands or kitchen scissors, and add to coleslaw mixture along with Swiss cheese. Stir until evenly combined.
2. Fill a small bowl with remaining 1/3 cup water. Lay an egg roll wrapper on a clean work surface and top with about 1/3 cup of corned beef filling. Dip your finger into a bowl of water and wet the edges of the wrapper; tightly wrap, roll, and seal. Cover the egg roll with plastic wrap to prevent it from drying out and repeat this process with the remaining egg roll wrappers and filling.
3. Heat oil over medium-high in a deep fryer or large Dutch oven until a deep-fry thermometer inserted in oil registers 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
4. Working in batches, fry egg rolls until golden brown, 3 to 4 minutes, turning if necessary to ensure even browning. Allow oil to drip and cool on a paper towel-lined plate or sheet tray, for about 10 minutes.
5. While egg rolls cool, prepare dipping sauce by mixing mayonnaise, ketchup, relish, lemon juice, paprika, and salt, in a bowl. Place cooled egg rolls on a plate and serve with sauce.

Recipe by britneyalstonyahoo.com

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VOICE OF VALLE



-Photo By Miranda Baldosky

VALLE SEDIMENTS By Dana Eker

A warm welcoming March sun filters between bluish-gray clouds as sparkling snow melts into the vast Coconino Plateau, to be stored for rocky mountain pinon and one seeded junipers. Somedays. The hard fact is that now we have to navigate through the muck, spraying Moenkopi red brick mud from our vehicle's tires. Where the soil has absorbed too much of our precious resource the road washes out, tire wheels spin freely, freewheeling and fishtailing. Here and there the vehicle is slowed by broken remnants of Gray limestone laid down by ancient oceans.

Valle's floor is Permian in time, butted up to dark basalt lava flows on the south and east sides. Glancing eastward north of Flagstaff are low-lying cinder cones, or "knobs" according to Arizona Atlas, enveloping the latest wind farm in Coconino County. The "Knobs" are better seen when scaling the andesite flow under Hwy 180 towards Flagstaff. A look north towards Red Butte requires a pullover to get the awesomeness of space left after the "basin" surrounding the north and south rims drained into the tributaries of our famous ditch. Cataract Creek for one, drained ocean sediments that poured through older marine limestone, as seen on the edges of the rims. Any remaining sediments were transformed by geological forces of pressure and temperature, P and T. Thus creating deposits of sandstone, shale, dolomite, and gypsum. Not so exciting? Consider the jaspers, agates, drusy crystals, and geodes. My rough findings don't have much monetary value according to the rock people I've shown them to, but the curiosity is exciting.

One can find samples on the surface of our Toroweap Formation, once 200 feet thick, but the best specimens are nearer to 6 feet down requiring hammer, chisel, and muscle power. Who knew that Valle had such treasures underfoot?

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN

Coconino County

What is Uranium? Why do we need it? Is it safe?

Many questions and concerns are brought up with the mention of Uranium. This topic brings us a complex combination of economic, environmental, and cultural concerns surrounding the mining near the Grand Canyon. Here are some key points and observations:

- **Economic Motivations:** The reopening of the Pinyon Plain mine reflects a broader trend of increasing demand for uranium as countries seek to transition to nuclear energy to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and mitigate climate change. This demand surge, particularly in the wake of international agreements like Cop28, has given companies like Energy Fuels Inc incentive to ramp up production.
- **Environmental and Health Concerns:** Opposition to the mine, particularly from Indigenous communities like the Havasupai Tribe and governmental bodies like the Coconino County Board of Supervisors, is primarily rooted in concerns over potential contamination of water sources and environmental degradation. The history of uranium mining in the region, including its adverse health effects on workers and local communities, underscores these concerns.
- **Regulatory Oversight:** While Energy Fuels Inc. asserts that their operations meet regulatory standards and pose minimal risk to groundwater, skepticism persists among affected communities and environmental advocates. The issuance of an "aquifer protection permit" by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) indicates regulatory approval, but the efficacy of such permits in safeguarding against long-term environmental harm remains a subject of debate.
- **Cultural Preservation:** The opposition from the Havasupai Tribe is not solely based on environmental concerns but also encompasses the preservation of cultural heritage and ancestral lands. The designation of the area as a national monument by President Joe Biden underscores its cultural significance, further complicating the debate over resource extraction.
- **Call for Transparency and Accountability:** The resolution passed by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors reflects a demand for greater transparency, accountability, and adherence to modern environmental standards in the operation of the Pinyon Pine Mine. This includes robust monitoring of water and air quality, as well as a reevaluation of the mine's environmental impact statement to ensure compliance with current scientific knowledge. The board is calling for testing monthly and results being made publicly available.

Overall, the situation is a delicate balance between economic development, environmental preservation, and cultural heritage in resource-rich regions like the Grand Canyon. Resolving these tensions will require meaningful engagement with affected communities, rigorous regulatory oversight, and a commitment to sustainable resource management practices.

<https://www.coconino.az.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=3048>

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2024/jan/23/us-uranium-mine-grand-canyon>

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