

## **Your photos could be part of the 2010 Friends of the San Pedro River calendar**

The Friends of the San Pedro River are going to publish a 2010 calendar with photos that show the beauty of the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area. (The Friends are a nonprofit volunteer group that assists the Bureau of land management in caring for and interpreting this important preserve.) This will be the second calendar published by the Friends.

There will be two types of photos in the calendar. (1) Large photos on the top of each calendar page and (2) Small photos placed within empty day squares (those without dates) in the bottom portion of each month that shows the dates.

The large photos that occupy the entire top of the calendar page will probably mostly emphasize landscapes but may also include landmarks (historical sites along the river - Fairbank, Millville, etc.), birds, insects, flowers (close-ups and flowers incorporated into landscape scenes) and activities (horse rides, birds walks, hikes, etc.).

Anyone may submit photos. Please submit the very highest quality or highest resolution photos that your camera can produce. If you enhance your photos with a computer-based program, do not save the enhancements as jpg files because each such saving slightly degrades the photograph. Instead save them as tiff or Adobe Photoshop files. All of the photographs used will have to have sufficient resolution for the production of high quality calendar images. Don't worry about the resolution or size of the photos you submit. We will process all submitted photos in Adobe Photoshop and determine which images have sufficient size and resolution for the large top photographs and which are candidates for empty day squares. We also will crop photos as needed.

Everyone whose photos are used will receive a free copy of the calendar.

### **The fine print about photos that will be considered for the calendar.**

- You must be the owner of the submitted photos.
- You will retain all rights to any photograph you submit except that if one of your photos is selected for the calendar you grant the Friends of the San Pedro River a nonexclusive, worldwide, irrevocable, royalty-free license to reproduce, distribute, publicly display and use your photo in the calendar and for publicity purposes related to the calendar. If your photo is selected for calendar use, you also grant to the Friends the right to use your name, city, state and country of residence in promotions and other publications.
  - Photographs must be taken within the conservation area. We are looking for striking digital images of nature, highlighting the diversity of landscapes and wildlife in the conservation area. Photographs may show animal behavior, wildlife in natural habitat, plant life, natural landscapes, cultural sites, weather or people interacting with nature. Photographs of pets or domestic animals are not eligible.

- If a photograph includes people, you are responsible for obtaining the necessary releases from the individuals depicted, and must be able to provide copies of those releases to the Friends upon request. Photos must not involve the harassment of wildlife, damage to the environment by the photographer, or infringe on the rights of any other photographer or person.

How and what to accumulate:

- Tiff, jpg or Adobe Photoshop psd files.
- Name all files in the following format. Your last name + your first name + middle initial plus number. Please put a space between each of these items. Example: "Jones Sam R 1". It is important that your name be part of each photo name because that is the method by which we will keep your name associated with your photos. Please include a Microsoft Word or a text file with information stating where each photograph was taken.

- The photo submission is open to everyone and there are no fees for submission.

- Photos may be submitted in three ways. (1) E-mail them as attachments to [fsprphotos@hotmail.com](mailto:fsprphotos@hotmail.com). (2) Put photos on a CD or DVD and leave at the sales counter in the San Pedro House (9800 Highway 90, just west of the San Pedro River). (3) Mail CDs or DVDs to: Friends of the San Pedro River, Calendar Submission, 1763 Paseo San Luis, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635.

- **JULY 15, 2009 IS THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ALL SUBMITTED PHOTOS.**

Photographs received will be sorted and evaluated for size and print resolution by Frank Baker, John Langholff and Gary Noonan. A subcommittee of the Board of the Friends of the San Pedro River will select the photos used in the calendar.

### ***How to get information about the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area.***

The Friends have a website with helpful information at <http://www.sanpedroriver.org/>. The Bureau of Land Management has a number of free one-page pamphlets about many of these sites. These pamphlets can be picked up at the San Pedro House (located just off Route 90 just west of the San Pedro River) or in Sierra Vista at the BLM office (1763 Paseo San Luis, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635).

### ***Photo possibilities.***

1. **Area around the San Pedro House.** This former ranch house is located just off Route 90 just west of the San Pedro River. The house contains a bookstore and gift shop with many interesting and novel items. It's open from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM every day but Christmas and Thanksgiving. The person at the sales counter can usually answer many questions about

trails around the house and about other sites to consider visiting. Be sure to pick up a free self-guided tour pamphlet from the metal map box outside the house. If the box is out of pamphlets, ask for one inside.

One interesting walk is to take the trail from the front of the house eastward toward the line of trees bordering the river (see map inside pamphlet and same map is available online at <http://www.sanpedroriver.org/maps.htm>), turn right at post number 4 and walk southward until you reach post five. Turn left at that post to go down to the river and then walk southward along the trail that parallels the river. Also, walk the trails that go around Green Kingfisher Pond. On your way, back take a detour to Black Phoebe Pond.

Take the same trail eastward from the front of the house but turn left at post 4 and take the trail northwards. This trail passes beneath the highway 90 bridge and after awhile should take you to some beaver ponds. These ponds keeps shifting, and I haven't been up the trail recently to see exactly where they might be.

2. **Fairbank.** This ghost town is discussed at <http://www.sanpedroriver.org/fairbank.htm>. There are several trails that radiate out from the town. I don't know if we have a map of them. One interesting trail goes westward from the town through a mesquite bosque (forest of mesquite) and down to the San Pedro River.

3. **Photographing birds.** The preserve has many interesting species of birds. Some of them congregate near the front of the San Pedro House because of the feeders there. Another place to photograph birds is at station 6 on the river. This area will become better as the weather becomes hotter and birds come down to the river and more often for water. Several visits are often necessary for a person to figure out when sunlight will be hitting the area in which they want to photograph birds coming down to the river. Bring a folding chair and be prepared to wait for birds.