**Friends of Hassayampa 2022-2023 Annual Report**

FOH has provided funding for the following:

**Professional Development courses for Hassayampa Preserve Staff**

* Jessica Bland - Collections Management through AASLH (American Association of State and Local History
* Chris Matthews - Oral History Workshop Baylor University

**Garden** **Signs** –

* **Audubon Plants for Birds** - Audubon developed a program in the last few years called Plants for Birds, and they now have a sign available that explains how native plants provide food and shelter for birds and has a link to their website.
* **Monarch Waystation Certification**
* **Ron Sigler Memorial**

**Rain barrel** purchase for one of the Visitor Center downspouts in the garden. This will help with runoff from the roof as well as potentially be a source of education for visitors for rainwater harvesting. The rain barrel has a spigot to provide supplemental water to garden plants.

**Library books for Visitor Center**

**FOH received a generous donation from Bob & Julie Millis in the amount of $5,919.87.** At their request these funds are earmarked for equipment needs and professional development.

FOH was featured in the Wickenburg Sun “Getting to know you” column

FOH participated in the Community Volunteer Fair

FOH continues to support the Preserve through social media and volunteering at various community events that promote the Preserve

FOH sponsored the 5th Annual Poetry contest

FOH will host a Mesquite Festival on April 22nd, 2023 – a free day offered to the public

**Looking ahead 2023-2024**

* Dutch Oven event
* Plein Air event
* Create new opportunities for community engagement