

## Friends of Hassayampa 2024 Annual Report

FOH provided funding for:

- Taxidermy for a ringtail donated to the Preserve
- Wildlife terrariums



- Wild at Heart's turkey vulture "Mojo" and displays of other raptors at both the annual Bats & Buzzards on the Bridge and All Vulture's Eve events. More than 100 people attended each event.



- A memorial bench for Jean Arrowsmith who was a volunteer at the Preserve for 25 years.

Hosted:

- A Mesquite Festival on April 22, 2023 – a free day for the public. More than 150 adults and children attended to learn about how to harvest, process and use mesquite for food and medicine; how native Americans used mesquite; and its importance to desert wildlife.



- A Desert Awareness program for students and adults and interpretive tours for: Aguila, Congress and Nadaburg Elementary Schools. Students hiked the trails, completed activities in the new Discovery Lab and a scavenger hunt around Palm Lake.



- An outing for Rustic Ranch retiree community residents. The event included a free lunch in the picnic area.

Funding for these items and events came from donations and the sale of merchandise. [foharizona.org](http://foharizona.org) Please donate so we can continue our sponsorship of these events and projects.

FOH attended community outreach events and maintained a robust presence on Face Book.

Looking ahead to 2025, our goals are to:

- Work with HRP staff to create educational opportunities for students and adults and possibly revive the popular summer camp for students.
- Create opportunities for community engagement.
- Continue to support the Preserve through social media and volunteering at various community events that promote the Preserve.