

Letter of Thanks

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Courtesy

Arbor Day poster contest winners pose with local luminaries.

Fruhirth) and all park staff (Kevin Zehr, Steve Powell, Art Gestellum, Gary Hinshaw, Paul Forsythe, and Jess Carranza) in preparation of the irrigation, tree delivery and planting.

All volunteer leaders from the Cerbat Garden Club and the Mohave County Master Gardeners also deserved much applause for their commitment to community education. Prior to the Arbor Day tree planting event, volunteers from both the Cerbat Garden Club and Mohave County Master Gardeners (Sandie Womack, Lynda Goldberg, Diana Broeckel, Dianne Riehle, Virginia Hunter, Sahron Mozis, Linda Reddick and Sally Bradley) spent two weeks from Jan. 20-29 visiting six local schools (24 classrooms and 451 fifth graders) to teach the benefits of trees and the important roles trees play in cities and towns. The fifth grade students were then asked to create a poster based on their understanding for the National Arbor Day Poster Contest. A total of 273 posters from 61 percent of the students were collected by the Cerbat Garden Club, and 13 students were chosen for cash awards and recognition during the March 28 Arbor Day celebration.

The recognized students were Gabriel Torres, Helena Whitaker and Tristan Cornett from KAOL Intermediate; Ashlin Whitesinger, Kayla Landsiedel and Chelsea Strasser from Cerbat Elementary; Summer Cory, Kyla Niskanen and Sharon Zapien from La Senita; Kylee Bolton, Kaylee Bolton and Autumn Hood from Manzanita; and Lorenzo Lamas from Mt. Tipton.

The volunteer leaders also contributed their time and knowledge at the Airway Underpass by demonstrating the proper planting methods. They were Vince Beatty, Sally Bradley, Diana Broeckel, Barbara Conrath, Sherry Kelley-Buie, Lynda Goldberg, Sahron Mozis and Sandie Womack.

We would also like to acknowledge our local businesses for their generous donations and support: Home Depot, True Value, Ace/Tri State Building and Materials, Bashas', Safeway, Super Wal-Mart, Kingman Portable Toilets and McKee Foods Corporation. Special thanks to Home Depot staff Rhonda West and Tiffany Smith for help with the Arbor Day trees and community coupons. The volunteers also appreciated all the delicious "Little Debbie" snacks from McKee Foods Corporation and water bottles from Bashas'.

Over 75 people, plus Mayor John Salem and City Councilmen Ray Lyons showed up to celebrate Arbor Day to beautify the Airway Underpass. All 16 trees and 82 shrubs were planted in less than one hour! It was great to see participation from all ages and special thanks to help from the Black Mountain 4-H Club, Kingman High School Hispanic Student Union, and the Kingman Route 66 Association. The Kingman community now has over 166 trees planted for Arbor Day since 2002. We do hope everyone will continue to plant more trees in our school, parks, and streets.

For additional information on the Kingman Arbor Day Planting Celebration and/or School Gardening, please call the Extension Office at (928) 753-3788, or visit our Web site: <http://cals.arizona.edu/mohave/4h/AG-IN-THE-CLASSROOM.htm>.

Cerbat Garden Club members meet on the second Wednesday of each month with topics on gardening,

On behalf of the [University of Arizona](#) Mohave County Cooperative Extension Office, 4-H Youth Development, and the Mohave County School Gardening Program, we would like to thank all who participated in the 2009 Arbor Day Tree Planting and Community Recognition on March 28 at the Airway Underpass.

The Arbor Day celebration would not have been possible without the support of our community sponsors and volunteers. First, we want to acknowledge Mayor John Salem and the City Council for the Arbor Day Proclamation and declaring Arbor Week in Kingman for March 28 to April 4, 2009. Special recognition to the Kingman Clean City Commission for their continue support of the Arbor Day, by sponsoring 10 trees to beautify the Airway Underpass, in keeping with the Commission's goal for "community beautification and education outreach." We also want to recognize the Kingman Parks and Recreation Department for providing the planting site, and special efforts from the city Parks and Recreation Director (Darel

wildlife, conservation and floral design. For club membership questions, please contact Diana at (928) 757-8659. Cerbat Garden Club Web site: <http://gardencentral.org/azgardenclub/cerbat>. The Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs Web site is <http://afgcgreenleaf.com>.

Master Gardener volunteers all complete a semester-long course, concentrating on gardening and the environment. They work with the University of Arizona to provide research based information on environmentally responsible gardening and landscaping to the public. Information is available at the Mohave County Cooperative Extension Office at (928) 753-3788.

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