

ELKHORN RANCH

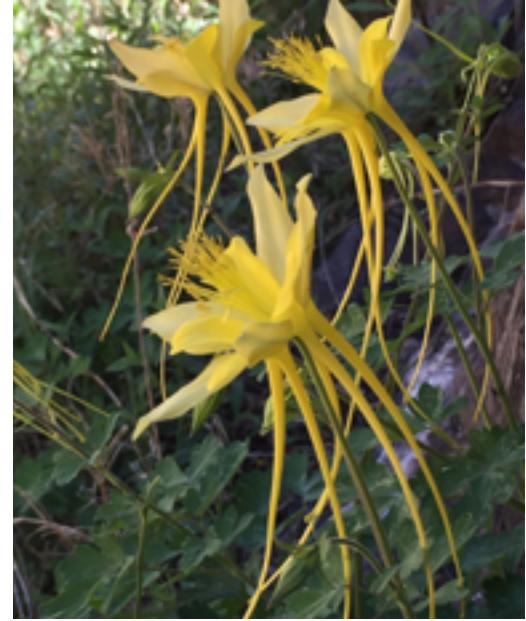
SUMMER NEWS FROM THE MILLER FAMILY ~ JULY 1, 2018

DEAR FRIENDS

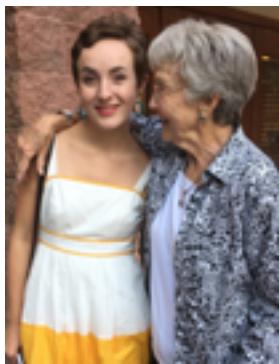
More than ever, we humans crave nature and genuine connections to one another -- the chance to disconnect to reconnect, to unplug from technology and media. Our family feels so fortunate that Elkhorn Ranch remains a big wild open place that offers a rare combination of intimacy and adventure with people and the natural world. You can do it your way -- whether you explore horseback, stalk birds and flowers with your camera, bathe in abundant sunshine, or climb to high Baboquivari mountain rocks like these two teenage mountain sheep.



Just after the season ended, Charley and Mary walked up Nogales Canyon to a spot called Silverson's Garden. We hadn't been in the mountains together since the Christmas tree ride just before Charley's December 2016 horse accident. Water lingers along a protected rock face and invites red monkey flowers and Elkhorn's only columbines. This past winter was exceedingly dry, but there was one gentle and generous patch of rain in February. Wildflowers weren't abundant or large, but the show went on!



From left to right, top to bottom: Jerome & Bayley, Bethany (Alaska), Dave (Elkhorn MT), Jim (Rimrock Ranch), Ben, Chaya (7D Ranch), Anne & Tom, Grace & Craig (Grand Tetons), Sarah (guiding at 7D), Eric (traveling the world), Hunter (Paradise Ranch), Nick (blacksmith training), Drew (hiking the Appalachian Trail); Mary, Charley & Diane. Missing: Cara (in coastal Oregon); Amanda (Arctic Circle).



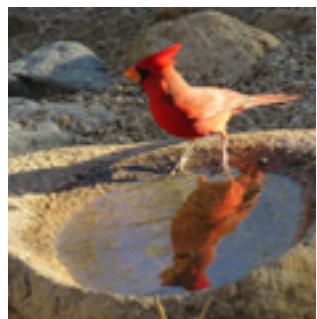
HISTORY THEN & NOW

Many of you know that the ranch was the Fresnal Ranch School prior to Grace and Ernest Miller's purchase of it in the fall of 1945. This year Beth Ladd visited Elkhorn to see where her father, George Knowles, spent time as a cowboy student (class of 1931/32). We recreated her dad's portrait down in the yard where Fort Apache and Roadrunner now stand ~ an area that was a playing field complete with a backstop. There must have been some evening baseball games when the work was done!



RANCH & MILLER FAMILY NEWS

The Millers enjoyed their annual family reunion in May. Alicia was absent, studying for finals at the end of her first year at Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA, where she made her first snowman. Clara traded off family time and studying for her junior year exams in range management at the University of Arizona, and a busy year of leading the student chapter of the Society for Range Management. Clara and Alicia helped out during their school holidays. Tom and Anne celebrated their 15th anniversary! We are grateful that Charley is back to work, finding new rhythms and methods.



With summer upon us, the horse herd is grazing up in the mountain country. They'll use the mountain springs as long as possible, plus the hard-working windmill near the barnyard. Summer project work is well underway — paint, varnish and fresh upholstery, horse training, roofing and cutting fire-wood — to name but a few.

Summertime is also simply about being at the ranch, to keep an eye on things — as one never knows what may happen. In recent years, wildfires have spread through the Baboquivari Range. This summer was unique as we accomplished a planned, or prescribed fire on the north side of Pig Mountain. This conservation project, designed to increase native grass vegetation and thin woody species, was a collaborative endeavor with Altar Valley Conservation Alliance. Charley chose the Pig Mountain location as it has never burned during our family's almost 75 year tenure. The Alliance has been working on returning fire to the ecosystem in a safe managed way since the organization began in 1995.



A VACATION FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES can be found at Elkhorn Ranch where riders climb aboard sure-footed horses from age 6 to 96. It is a place where people of different generations and geography mix and mingle to feel and be young at heart. Every week has a different feeling, with stretches that are essentially "adult only" and holiday and school vacation weeks that are family friendly. Try a workshop week for creative camaraderie!



**ELKHORN RANCH APPRECIATES
GRANDPARENTS, PARENTS, AUNTS & UNCLES!
NO CHANGES TO KIDS' RATES NEXT SEASON!**



JAN 6 - 13, 2019
**OLD-TIME MUSIC
WORKSHOP**



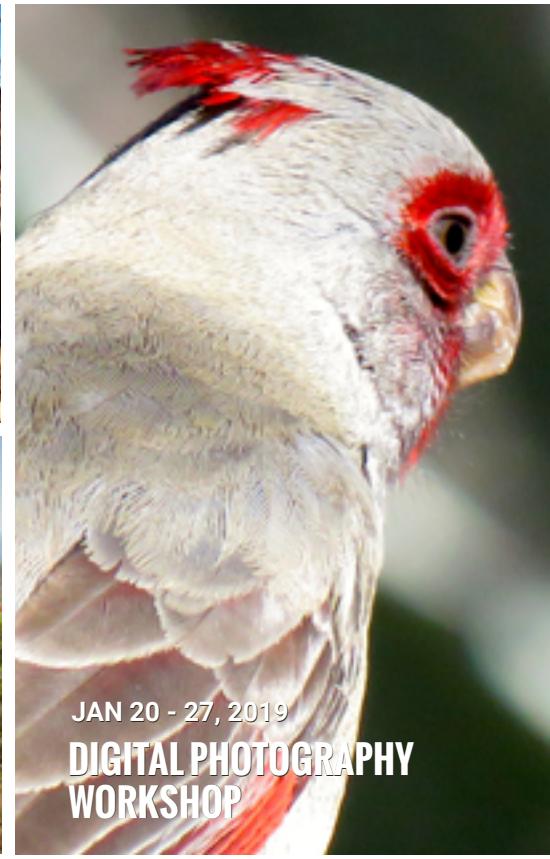
NOV 25 - DEC 22, 2018
**DISCOUNTED RATES - WINTER
QUIET TIME**



MAR 31 - APR 7, 2019
**FRIENDS OF WESTERN
ART WEEK**



**DISCOUNTED RATES -
2 & 3 WEEK + VISITS**



JAN 20 - 27, 2019
**DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY
WORKSHOP**



HAVE S'MORE FUN!



TO CONFIRM YOUR RESERVATION

Please send a registration form and a 25% deposit (payment by check preferred or VISA/MC credit card). You'll find a rate sheet and registration form enclosed or visit www.elkhornranch.com/reservations. Please let us know of any cancellations or date changes promptly so that we may assure your desired dates and cabins or free your space to others. If you must cancel after confirming your reservation, we will refund your deposit if we can fill the opening.

PLEASE JOIN US DURING OUR 73rd SEASON!

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2018 TO SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019

PLAN YOUR ELKHORN VACATION

Soon with a phone call, email or old fashioned letter to check available dates. Let us know whether you prefer an adult or family oriented week. Remember that Sunday is the horses' day off and the usual arrival/departure day. We strongly prefer week or longer visits and 4 nights is the minimum length of stay. Kids of all ages are welcome but must be 6 or older to ride. There is a 250 pound weight limit for all riders. Let us know about birthdays or anniversaries, dietary preferences and other special needs at least one week in advance!



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Please send your deposit by
August 1st for fall 2018 and holiday reservations
September 1st for arrival dates after January 1, 2019

Email photos to office@elkhornranch.com — old and new! For our bulletin board, story telling, and upcoming 75th anniversary celebrating!

You are the heart of the Elkhorn brand of friendship!

Fondly and with love,

All the Millers and Elkhorn Crew