

SMOKE SIGNALS

ARROWHEAD IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATION

IN THIS ISSUE...

...Spring has sprung early this year, bringing piles of melting snow, the rutted filing roads and the emergence of mud boots replacing those Sorels and Baffins. When the robins move in and the bears come out, we put away our snowmobiles and Will Hobson gathers his crew to plow the roads so that everybody can soon migrate back up to the Mountain that we all love. Much thanks to Will for his daily diligence through all seasons to make sure that our roads are in great condition. Those of you coming up this spring might just notice the vastly improved Alpine from Lake to the Winter parking lot. Will, Don Koeltzow and Rich Leary worked tirelessly with Gunnison County to change that part from a gooey quagmire to a well-graveled, dry road. Thanks, guys!

I'd also like to announce an upcoming addition to our AIA Website at arrowhead1.org. This month you'll see a new page just for you called **The Marketplace**. This is not an opinions or editorial page, rather a place to post things for sale, swap or barter, items or services wanted or announcements of AIA community-sponsored events. Weddings, births and deaths can also be posted there. The guidelines will be prominently posted on the site. Look for this to arrive on the website soon!

The Facebook page continues to be very popular and we are approaching 100 "likes" in the few months it has been up, though many more people visit it daily to get information, to find out about the many fun and interesting events and day trips nearby and to enjoy the many pictures of Arrowhead. Send in your pictures from fun times with family and friends at Arrowhead to missyanne@mac.com and I'll get them up to share with everyone! Now... time to get ready to enjoy summer!



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Our Animal Family Members

Veterinarian **Larry Brustle** is taking a break for this issue, but still wants you to send him your questions, comments and concerns about your four-legged friends, both small and large. He is the owner of both dogs and horses so no size intimidates him! Oh yeah, your feathered friends' concerns are also his concern! email him @ brustle@centurytel.net

People of Arrowhead

This addition of the Smoke Signals introduces you to some Arrowheaders that have been around this part of Colorado all their lives! Meet Carol and Wayne Flick on page 10



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Spring has arrived on the mountain and it's definitely mud season. The roads opened a bit early this year on March 30th. I'd like to thank Will Hobson, Bill Misare and Ron Corder for their work to open the roads. It went a lot faster this year than in years past due to the lack of snow this year. We only had 130 inches by the end of March compared to the 171 inches at the end of March last year with some more snow in April that we don't expect this year. We've had less than 50% of our average snowfall of around 280". Speaking of snow, I also want to thank our snow groomers, Glynn Abbott, Mike Bartlett, Ron Corder, and Toby Ezell, with Will Hobson and Bill Misare as backups, for the fine work they did this winter keeping the filing roads groomed. This not only assures comfortable snowmobiling and cross-country skiing, but also insures that our firefighters and 1st Responders have an easier time reaching any emergencies that might occur. While we may have more snow before the 4th of July, it seems that winter is over.

We've had 2 of our Saturday Board meetings this year with a fair amount of attendance and a great deal of transparency. If you want to know what the issues are and what we are spending our time on, please check out the minutes posted on the AIA website.

At this time of the year and especially with the prospect of a dryer than normal spring I must mention the importance of fire mitigation and defensible space on Arrowhead property. With the bad fires in New Mexico and Texas last summer and already the fires near Denver this year, we can't stress enough the importance of these efforts. We thank all the property owners who have already mitigated their lots. They help lower the danger for the whole community. We are working again on plans to mitigate interior common land and unmitigated lots south of Rim and west of Ute. Through the efforts of Bob Rosenbaum, our Forest Manager, we have obtained grant money to help defray costs to lot owners in this extremely high risk area. On the web site there is information on how individuals can apply for grants to help mitigate their lots. There are also state tax incentives that can be taken advantage of to lower the costs. Please contact Bob Rosenbaum if you have any questions.

Finally, I'd like to wish everyone a fun and safe spring while enjoying the amenities that Arrowhead has to offer.

FOREST MANAGER'S MESSAGE

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ABOUT BARK BEETLES

Bark beetles have devastated portions of Colorado forests and they are threatening Arrowhead. What follows is some basic information about what they are, what they do and what the AIA and many property holders are doing about them.



Bark Beetles are specie specific. Pine beetles attack pine trees as in Summit County, spruce beetles attack spruce as along the headwaters of the Rio Grande and Douglas fir beetles attack Douglas fir.

Bark beetles are small. A mature bark beetle is about the size of the head of a kitchen match.

Bark beetles kill trees. They do this through a combination a fungus they introduce and clogging the host's arteries.

Bark beetles are endemic. Under normal conditions, they attack trees near the end of the life cycle, thereby making room for new growth. Factors that cause beetle populations to build to epidemic proportions include overgrown forests (especially if one tree species predominates), drought, warm winters, and downed fresh timber – either wind-thrown or felled and left to lie.

Beetle flight lasts approximately 60 days, roughly from Memorial Day to the end of July in our area. If the attack is successful, they lay eggs in the wood immediately under the bark. The larvae hatch and mine out roughly horizontally, killing the tree. Mature beetles then bore out and attack other trees. The cycle is complete in one year for Doug fir beetles. Spruce beetles require two years.

Doug fir beetles are the problem at Arrowhead. Last year (2010) the state district forester identified one area of serious infestation on the common land south of the Rim cul-de-sac and a number of smaller pockets from roughly the intersection of Rim and Crest to the north. This year we identified five currently infested trees along Aspen Trail – so far.

The causes for the Arrowhead problem include overgrowth, recent drought, warmer than average winters, downed timber, and populations built up on neighboring land.

Spruce beetles are not a problem at Arrowhead as yet. However, epidemics of spruce beetles have hit in the Pagosa Springs and Creede regions and smaller pockets have been found in the West Elks.

We began addressing the problem in the late summer of 2010 by flagging infested Dougs south of the Rim cul-de-sac. Beginning that fall and finishing in the spring, we felled, limbed, bucked to ten feet, piled and wrapped them in plastic. In all, 41 trees were felled. Six green-needle downed trees were also limbed, bucked, piled and wrapped.

The association budgeted \$2500 for 2011 and again for 2012 to purchase anti-aggregate MCH packs, seven traps, 6 Doug fir lures and one spruce lure. The MCH packs tell the beetles to go elsewhere, while the baited traps attract them, creating what foresters call a push-pull effect. After buying the traps (a one time purchase) and the lures, we were able to buy 1230 MCH packs – enough to treat 41 acres. These were applied on the common land around the areas of known infestation. The traps were spaced out throughout the filings (away from host trees so as not to cause infestation). Samples from each trap were sent to the US Forest Service entomologist in Gunnison who reported that we did indeed have a significant number of Doug fir beetles and some spruce beetles.

We are now dealing with recent blow over, looking for currently infested trees, and ordering more MCH packs and lures – the response from property owners who have added to the AIA order has been gratifying. Distribution of the packs to property owners will began the first week of May. Packs and traps should be put out the week before Memorial Day.

FIRE CHIEF'S MESSAGE

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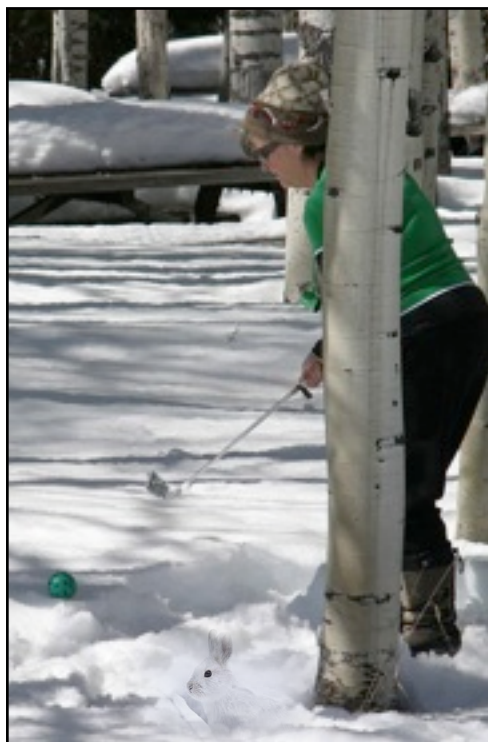
While most of the work on the AVFD is pretty serious, there is a lighter side to us. Meetings are a chance to get together and hear what the Fire Department is up to, put in your own two cents and enjoy some "goodies" and coffee with neighbors and friends. Of course, we have some other get-togethers that have become AVFD traditions. The Pancake Breakfasts and the Chili Cook-Off, the annual Fourth of July Picnic and of course, SNOWSHOE GOLF!



We encourage everyone at Arrowhead to come and join us!
Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of each month @10 AM
Who knows, you just might like it!

AVFD Snowshoe Golf -March 2012

photos by Linda Dysart



SECURITY'S MESSAGE

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Opening of the Filing Roads and Snow Markers: Now that the filing roads are open, Security has removed most of the snow markers. We will however leave some snow markers in place across the meadows, just in case "Mother Nature" surprises us with some Spring snow storms during the month of April.

Winter Parking Lot Notice: This is a reminder that the winter parking lot will be closed to all vehicles, trailers, snowmobiles and UTV's by May 31st, 2012. (Per our Gunnison County Conditional Use Permit). **If you are planning to leave the mountain prior to that date and do not plan to return to Arrowhead until after May 31st, you need to make other arrangements to remove your vehicles by that day.** Any vehicles left after that date in the winter parking lot or on the west berm, will be impounded and you will be charged a \$100 fee to release your vehicle. Please feel free to contact Security if you have any questions or suggestions at 862-8262 or e-mail us at security@arrowhead1.org.

Emergency Information: This is a reminder to all property owners who rent out their cabins/lots to non-residents of Arrowhead. Please provide them with adequate emergency information and phone numbers. The only emergency phone number they need to remember is **911**, and for non-emergency calls, please contact Security. Also, if you could provide them with a copy of our Arrowhead Rules and Regulations this would be very helpful. As an Arrowhead property owner, you are responsible for your guests, visitors and renters.

Security Sign-In Boxes are located at the intersection of Ute Drive & Alpine Road and Lake Road & Alpine Road. Sign-in sheets are available for our summer residents, campers and their guests to fill out if they need further assistance from our Security Officers, i.e. fire pit inspections, vehicle decals or additional camper permits.

Vehicle Stickers: Due to recent theft and vehicle damages that occurred in our winter parking lot, Security officers will challenge any vehicle that does not have a current **numbered vehicle sticker** on the filing roads and parking lot. We need to keep our community safe from strangers that have no business in our subdivision. We ask all property owners to keep their vehicle stickers current and if they become unserviceable, contact Security and have them replaced. This will also apply to guests, visitors and contractor Passes.

Snowmobile for Sale: Security has replaced its 2008 SkiDoo 800 Tundra 4 stroke machine due to the high mileage (11K). This snowmobile had been very well maintained and the starting bid is \$1,500. Please contact any AIA Board members or myself at 970-862-8362 for further information, or mail your bid to the AIA Office, Box 89, Montrose, CO 81402, but no later than April 30th, 2012. (see photos next page)

Reinie Masanetz

Security Manager

FOR SALE by AIA Security



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This n' That... a little bit of info you'll need!

Did you know that... *The speed limit at Arrowhead is 20 mph for ALL vehicles. *There are Owners' Dinners held at the Inn each Thursday night at 6:00 PM (make reservations at 862-8206). *There are age limits on driving ATVs and motorcycles- 10yrs.-16yrs. w/ direct supervision, unsupervised over 16 yrs. with a CO drivers license. *The Stump Dump is traditionally opened by June 15th (forest refuse ONLY, please!). *AVFD Firehouse Potlucks are held every Tuesday @ 5:30 PM. *Guest RVs are allowed for 2 weeks and require a permit. *We stock the Flint Lakes each year with rainbow trout. *Hazel Lake is a catch and release lake. *It is required to have a permit for your fire-pit from Security. *There is a Wildflower Walk each July. *The AVFD welcomes all community members to meetings (held on the 1st Tues. of each month @ the Firehouse). *You can drive (4 wheel!) over the Alpine to Lake City!

DESIGN REVIEW'S MESSAGE

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Our building season may be as slow as the snow season. So far there are no applications for any construction. Design review will be concentrating on mitigation. Lots purchased in 2008-9 should be finishing with mitigation and defensible space, if there is a house on the lot. This year the focus will be on lots purchased in 2010-11. Letters will go out to those owners late April, so the owners will have a chance to start thinking about summer preparations. On the AIA web site there is a link to the Land Owners Fire Protection Mitigation Grant. Grants will be provided as money is available on a 10% matching basis. If the money is not used there will be less next year. West Region Wildfire Council Community Assistance Grant, has information on mitigation and defensible space. There is a plan for Arrowhead in Gunnison County, that provides a lot of information about Arrowhead. Please read this plan. With the low snowfall, this will be a summer to be vigilant with fire and our property.

AIA Board Meetings

Held on Saturdays

2:00 pm at the Inn at Arrowhead

*May 19th, 2012 Aug. 18th, 2012

Jun. 16th, 2012 Sept. 15th, 2012

*Jul. 21st, 2012 Oct. 20th, 2012

*Meeting held at Firehouse

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SNOW REPORT

by

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**Final of this
season!**

Snow in Mar.- 14"

Base- 22 "

Total for season-
130"



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Where's
the
BUNNY?



Carol & Wayne
Flick are...

People of

Arrowhead



Many years ago, a family moved to Colorado to raise cattle in a place called Ohio City. John Madison Flick and his wife, Susan, homesteaded the Flick Gulch and reared their six children on that beautiful land just outside of Gunnison. Wayne remains one of the few living grandchildren of that union and has, along with his cousin, Anne Steinbeck, chosen to stay in Gunnison country in Colorado. Wayne heard about Arrowhead in the mid 70's, and loved the area so much, that he brought his wife, Carol, another Colorado native, and their four children up from Grand Junction to look over several properties that were for sale. In 1976, they settled on a beautiful $\frac{3}{4}$ acre property just off Spruce Road and very close to the firehouse in Filing 1. They brought their children to that spot every summer and during the early fall to enjoy camping in the wilderness. Here the children built forts, helped build and tend the campfires, made up games, went fishing on the Flint Lakes, played pool and darts in the Arrowhead Inn, and mostly fostered scrapbooks and minds filled with memorable family experiences.

Both Wayne and Carol were teachers in the Grand Junction schools, so with summers off, they spent every single summer at Arrowhead just camping and fishing. Finally, in 2002, they decided to sell the property as the kids were grown and had very busy lives of their own, but, of course, the kids screamed and cried. Wayne and Carol decided they were getting too old to just come up here and rough it, so they decided to purchase a cabin, a little fixer-upper. They found one at 470 Balsam, purchased it, and continued to come up to Arrowhead during the summers and fall but added some winter activities to their weekend getaways. They discovered that they enjoyed Arrowhead all year around and thought if their early roots in Gunnison country could manage the hard, cold winters, so could they. And, so it was that when Carol retired in 2009, they would make Arrowhead their permanent home.

Of course, buying a fixer-upper hasn't been without its pitfalls, so this past summer, they took off the old leaky roof and put on a new one and added a second floor to the once small cabin. Although they still have much work to do to finish their new work of art, they look forward to a day when they can live in a comfy, cozy mountain home sitting in front of a warm, crackling fire and watching the wildlife slowly walk by their window having nothing else to do but knit, read great books, and watch sports on T.V., and, of course, gather with their new Arrowhead friends for food, games, and fun-filled activities. Carol is currently serving on the AIA Board of Directors and Wayne is busily working on the house and property. Arrowhead, in Gunnison County, has definitely become their home of choice and though much has changed at Arrowhead over these past 36 years, the Flicks will continue to be a part of the many transformations that come about in this beautiful mountain community. (by Carol Flick)



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350 Rim Rd.—\$599,000

Beautiful Frontier Log cabin with open floor plan. Features include: 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, great room w/open air kitchen & dining area, sunroom, 2 wood burning fireplaces, huge laundry room, loft and 2 car attached garage.



700 Aspen—\$399,000

Gorgeous mountain home with fantastic great room. 2,339 square feet with 3 bedrooms (all w/ fireplace), 3 baths, wood burning stone fireplace and garage.



220 Ridge Rd.—\$695,000

Fabulous mountain home at cul-de-sac of exclusive Ridge Rd. with mtn. and valley views. 3,910 sf with 3 bdrms, 4 baths, great room plus family room and rec-room in finished walk-out basement. Att. 2-car heated garage.



230 Timber Dr.—\$235,000

Located in a perfect spot with views of mountain meadow and ridgeline, this 1,315 square foot cabin has 2 bedrooms, loft, 2 baths and great room.



421 Rim Rd.—\$359,900

Stunning newly built cabin located on a very private lot. 2,174 sf with 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, great room, loft, lower level rec. room & 1 car garage.



743 Crest Dr.—\$489,900

Lovely mountain home with many upgrades including gourmet kitchen, jetted tub, slate tile steam shower, studio/office above 2-car garage and a hot-tub and deck with a fantastic panoramic view of the San Juan mountain range. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths.



100 Balsam Rd.—\$338,000

Custom workmanship can be found throughout this lovely, well maintained cabin with fantastic mountain/valley views. 1,428 sf with 2 bdrms, 2 baths, basement and 2-car detached garage with separate workshop.



606 Snowshoe—\$394,500

This custom built cabin has it all: living area with vaulted ceiling, western red cedar tongue and groove, wood plank walls, huge master bedroom suite with his and hers walk-in closets, loft area. Beautifully remodeled kitchen with granite countertops and dbl. oven.



1208 Hazel Lake Dr.—\$341,000

Spacious cabin on a beautiful lot with great views! Large windows, covered decks and a wood burning stove. 1,920 sf with huge master bedroom suite, 2 main floor bdrms, 2 baths, and walk-out basement w/bath.

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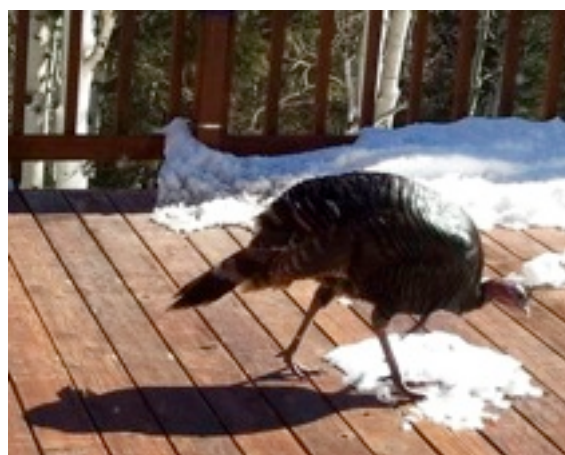
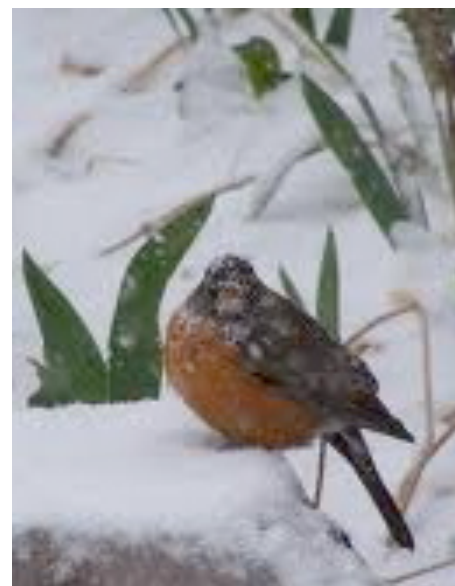
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(photo rt) A turkey comes a-callin'! This wild turkey appeared on the deck of Bill & Joyce Boulter. Lucky for us that they had a camera ready!

For more photos of Arrowhead go to our Facebook page, **Arrowhead in Colorado** at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Arrowhead-in-Colorado-AIA/135951939850464> and remember, your photos are always welcome!

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\$525,000

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\$85,000

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\$167,000

West Grand Junction 720 M 8/10 Rd.
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\$142,000

Grand Junction 110 Texas Ave
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\$129,900

Grand Junction 1415 N. 24th
 Charming cottage style home that is close to the College. 12x19 sun room not included in the disclosed sq. footage...just needs heat added to the room. Beautiful hardwood floors plus landscaped and fenced.



\$419,000

Arrowhead 2190 Spruce Rd
 Dream Mountain Home in Arrowhead! Immaculate Condition with views of West Elks & open meadow. Open concept w/pine ceiling & walls, split floorplan, master bath updated w/new tile & vanity. Large kitchen w/island & pantry. Detached garage w/finished loft & storage shed. Large laundry/mudroom.



\$324,900

Arrowhead 121 Lake Road
 Cozy mountain home in Arrowhead. 1/2 round log exterior w/stone accents. 2 car garage and drive thru shed. New interior paint, counter tops and some new flooring. Third bedroom is a loft bedroom. A 15x16 covered deck An additional 1 acre lot next door also can be purchased for \$45,000.



\$98,000

Collbran 49076 Highway 330
 Country home in the Mesa Area, needs some TLC/Handyman. Near Plateau Creek. Family owned since it was built. Plenty of room for horses or livestock, etc. Owners haul water to Cistern. Sq. Footage off recent appraisal, differs from assessors, includes upstairs. Buyer to verify all information.



\$58,000

Arrowhead 1720 Spruce Rd.
 Nice views of the San Juans, already cleared camping & RV area. Water & electric installed and ready for your RV or to build your dream cabin. ATV and summer activities, fishing permitted on 3 lakes, close to Arrowhead Inn. Blue Mesa Reservoir is not far away also. Possible owner carry. Call for details.



Price Just Reduced - \$549,000

Arrowhead 1601 Spruce Road
 Fabulous log home in Arrowhead Subdivision! Best views on the mountain, overlooks creek bottom. Custom gourmet kitchen opens to cathedral ceiling living room with rock fireplace. Family room/den are in the walkout basement. Upgrades galore! Covered deck, detached 2 car garage.



\$109,000

Arrowhead 202 Crest Drive
 A view lot in arrowhead subdivision in Cimarron, 1 acre lot, with \$\$ views of West Elks and continental divide, great lot for a walkout basement, close to blue mesa lake, plus private fishing lakes at arrowhead and ATV trails!

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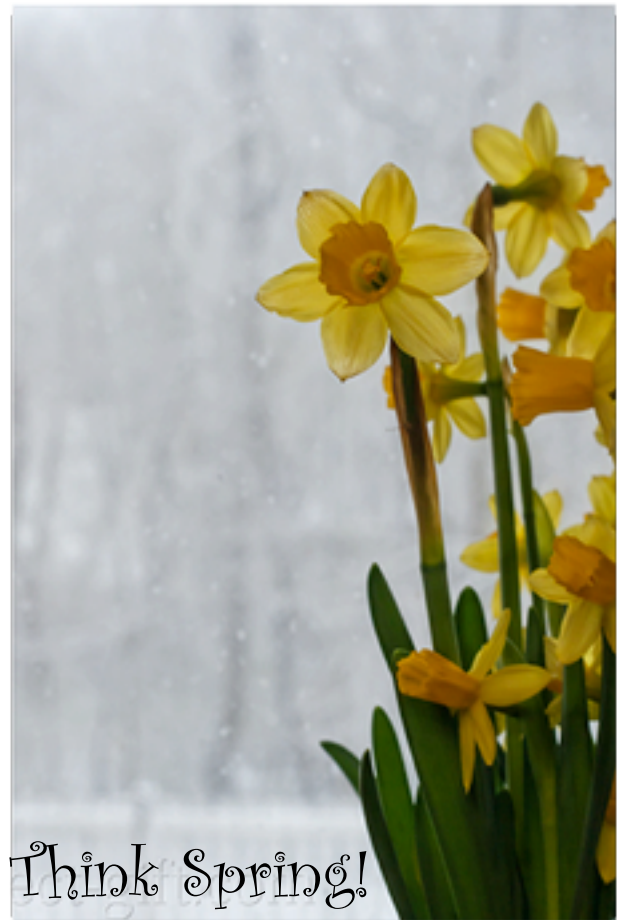
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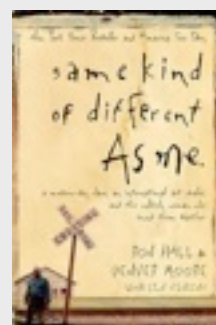


2011 BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE



*The Arrowhead Book Club meets for lunch at the Inn at Arrowhead
on the second Friday of each month
at 11:30 to socialize and discuss books.
We'd love to have you join us!*

Everyone is welcome, even if you have not read the book!



June 8

Same Kind of Different as Me by Ron Hall & Denver Moore

July 13

Little Bee by Chris Cleave

August 10

Secret Daughter by Shilpi Somaya Gowda

September 14

Kings of Colorado by David E. Hilton

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