

March 2022, DRBI Prep Update

Dear friends,

At this moment, we are concluding a wonderfully successful post-Covid event -- with nearly 50 participants here at Desert Rose!

And this would not have been possible without the generous contributions of so many friends of DRBI!

Over half of our [Amazon Wishlist](#) has been purchased so far, together with a number of generous cash contributions which really helped pay for all the paint! Load after load of Amazon deliveries filled our office with boxes, containing badly-needed bedding, curtains, pillows, and other supplies. Wow! Special thanks to...

Raquel & Maria Miranda, who re-cleaned all the dorms, the kitchen and every surface in the Casas etc. It seems that we get a dust storm before every event just to make sure we have to do a fresh cleaning! That red desert dust creeps in and deposits everywhere. **Gabe**

Hernandez and his kids repainted four of the Casas -- Just finishing the last one on Tuesday. We've switched wall color from hospital white to a modern light gray which really makes our white trim pop.

Tim McKenna spent many days repairing the tile floor in one of the Casas. We didn't want to replace the whole floor, so he carefully removed the old tile, cleaned each one and mortared it back into place. And then proceeded to tackle the rest of his impressive list.

George Dekker has been repairing leaky irrigation lines (thanks ground squirrels!) and placing dozens of new plants. And **Nancy Sloman** has been scooting about in the cart trimming all the



hedges and cleaning up debris. It's really amazing how much George and Nancy have accomplished bringing the landscaping back in order.

Sandy Palmer has focused her energy on trimming and cleaning every inch of the Casa courtyard. Sandy wanted it to be a peaceful oasis for our incoming guests and it's looking fantastic.

Toni McCants has been eager to help -- washing endless loads of towels and sheets and preparing the bunk-house beds. A task which she will repeat when the program ends. **Pete Smith** dropped in several times, helping with all kinds of odds and ends from bunk-house mattress protectors to cleaning floors.



Deepali Jones took on the final cleaning and arrangements of Casa bathrooms and kitchens, while our son Bayan and I worked on furnishing and decorating. This was largely a game of making the most of the furniture we have.

Our next phase in the plan is to find a path forward towards real financial self-sufficiency. It seems our area has high demand for short-term rental, so by upgrading some of the apartments, we can earn more from each while still having them available for our own events. This will require some significant additional updating, but we think we can have six or eight units ready by the end of March.

If you want to help out, we really need certain skills, for example, we need **an electrician** to help with running some new wiring in the Casas and the Sears cottage. We also need **an old work-truck**.

Our **direct-contributions** link: <https://drbi.org/contribute-donate-funds>

Our **remaining Amazon Wish list:** <https://amzn.to/34VGwrv> (instructions below the photos)



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