

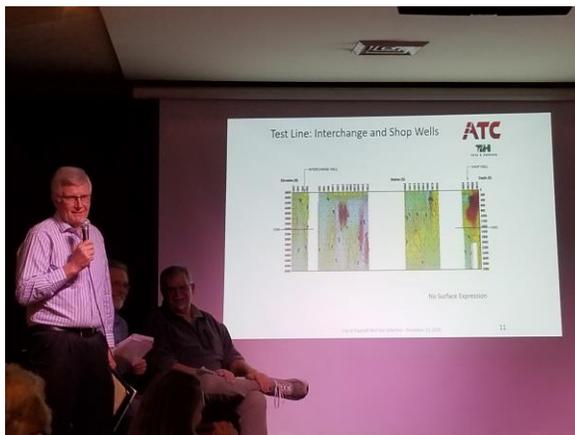
Honoring National Groundwater Awareness Week: A Tribute to Flagstaff Area Well Drillers & Scientists

March 13, 2019

To celebrate National Groundwater Awareness Week, the Flagstaff community gathered at the Gopher Hole Pub on Monday, March 11 to hear stories about the successes and perils of developing groundwater from the C-Aquifer, as told by legendary well drillers and scientists. The event was organized and facilitated by Flagstaff's Water Resources Manager, Erin Young, and co-hosted with the Flagstaff Chapter of the Arizona Hydrological Society. The forum raised awareness on the strides that water well drillers and groundwater scientists made by risking their reputations in pursuit of reliable community water supplies. Flagstaff and surrounding communities would not be what they are today if it weren't for the hard work and dedication of these individuals. Don Bills, Errol Montgomery, Klaudia Ness, Don Perry, and Gary Small shared their experiences and brought history to life with nearly 50 people in attendance. See information on each speaker [here](#).



Errol Montgomery, Retired Hydrologist & Consultant to City on Lake Mary Wellfield Development & Sustainability



Gary Small, Hydrologist & Consultant to City on Largest Production Well at 1,200 gallons per minute



Don Bills, Retired U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologist & Lead Author of USGS Report on the Regional Aquifer below Flagstaff and Surrounding Areas



Don Perry, Retired City Water Production Maintenance Supervisor & Fourth Generation Well Driller



Kludia Ness, Manager, Bellemont Water Company