

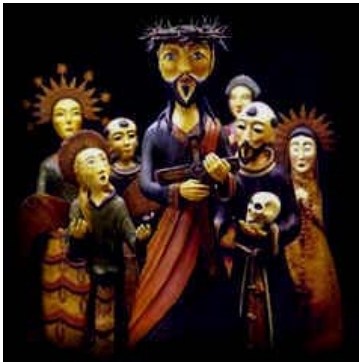
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Treat Yourself to Art, Wine and Music at the Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival

Thunderbird Artists' is excited to kick off the 2010/2011 festival season in downtown Carefree, November 5th, 6th & 7th, for the 17th Annual Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival. This award-winning festival, ranked in the Top 25 Art Fairs nationwide, according to Greg Lawler's Art Fair Sourcebook, is proud to feature more than 175 juried fine artists, live musical entertainment, savory food, delectable chocolate and phenomenal wine tasting.



Thunderbird Artists is also happy to announce Mark and Karen Klay, of Oro Valley, Arizona, as featured artists' for this first class festival. Mark's passion for art began at a young age and when his family moved to California in 1962, his lifelong interest in primitive art was born. Karen, on the other hand, expressed an interest in art at school as a child, but didn't begin to explore American Indian Art until she met Mark in 1979.



Together the couple has used their knowledge of collecting Indian artifacts and their interest in gourd painting to focus on designing authentic Kachinas, Mudheads, ceremonial masks, ancient style pottery and ornaments. Approximately 13 years ago, the couple got inspired by sixteenth century Spanish Colonial art and started creating bultos. Bultos are three-dimensional representations of saints. Mark and Karen use a variety of media in their work, combined with a bold, antique style and a hint of contemporary flair creating truly unique pieces.

In conjunction with the Klay's, more than 175 other juried fine artisans from throughout the United States and abroad will participate displaying paintings in oil, watercolor, pastel, acrylic, and ink; impressive small, medium and life-sized sculptures, sparkling hand blown glass, clay, metal, stone, wood, bronze, one-of-kind handcrafted jewelry, beautiful photography and much more!

This festival also combines fine art and fine craft with an elaborate collection of domestic and imported wines for tasting. For \$10, patrons will receive an engraved souvenir wine glass with six tasting tickets; allowing them to enjoy their magnificent wine, while strolling through over 5,000 pieces of original artwork, all while the soothing sounds of live music float through the air.

The festival will take place in downtown Carefree, near the corner of Easy and Ho Hum streets. Hours are 10am to 5pm each day. Admission is \$3.00 and free for Carefree residents. Parking is free all weekend. Mark your calendars and do not be the only one to miss out on this incredible event!

