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TWO ARTISTS EXHIBIT TOGETHER IN THE ANNUAL ARIZONA FINE ART EXPO IN SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA
Juried, Invitational Show Takes Place January 14 - March 28, 2010

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA – January 2010 – Kaleidoscope artist, Steve Failows, and silk painter Christine Sutherland will be exhibiting their unique artworks together at the Arizona Fine Art EXPO taking place under the “big white festive tents” January 14 - March 28, in Scottsdale, Arizona. Steve and Christine participated in last years prestigious, juried invitational art show together and were a big hit with the patrons.

In its 6th year, the Arizona Fine Art EXPO, produced by the award-winning Thunderbird Artists which began in 1981, showcases 100 nationally-acclaimed artists applying their artistic talents in studios and outdoor cabanas attract visitors from around the world.

The uniqueness of this show is being able to watch the artists in their own environment. Watching Christine and Steve in action is part of the fun; Steve’s kaleidoscopes gather enough smiles and entertainment, amusing the youngest to the oldest crowd. With a sign nearby quoting “you don’t stop playing because you grow old, you grow old because you stop playing,” explains it all. After you’ve enjoyed looking through all Steve’s kaleidoscopes mounted on crystals, fossils, and burls, you’ll look up to the beautiful paintings on silk covering the wall created by Christine. After a second glance you’ll want to ask what medium it is. The wax resist techniques of painting dyes on silk are documented as early as the Second Century AD.



The year two thousand ten marks Steve’s 26th year as a full time Kaleidoscope artist making custom collector quality scopes at Made in the Shade Kaleidoscopes. Steve has taken a popular toy often found in gift shops, transformed it into a collectable art sculpture that sells in exclusive galleries and attracts collectors from throughout the country. The fun and nostalgic nature of the kaleidoscope has fueled Steve’s passion since he made his first sculpture in 1984. The entire collection of Steve’s unique “one-of-a-kind” ceramic kaleidoscopes, mounted on crystals, fossils, and wood, can be found on display at the Arizona Fine Art EXPO.

Christine's artwork is painted with dyes using the traditional Japanese equipment called Harite and Shinshi which sort of resembles a hammock. At a glimpse her set up is a bit perplexing but Christine will be available to share information about her artwork and demonstrate how her painting technique is a combination of two process's using the wax resist found in batik and silk painting using French Dupont dyes to create her beautiful paintings on silk.



With a Bachelor of Science degree in Art, Christine Sutherland is a self-taught silk painter, discovering the dyes on silk media in 1999. Christine's artwork was selected for the Orchids! Beauty and Beyond exhibit at the U.S. Botanic Garden, Washington, D.C. in 2004 and the Tied Together: Textile Art in the 21st Century exhibit at the Chandler Center for the Arts, Chandler, Arizona in 2006. On the horizon, 2012 marks an exhibit for Christine at the West Valley Art Museum in Glendale, Arizona. You will find her artwork on display and for sale at the Arizona Fine Art EXPO. Be sure to take the opportunity to take workshops and/or a mini crash course.

There's no questions why this creative couple met at the Visions gallery in Chandler, Arizona and later fell in love. Both have taken a unique craft and developed it into an art form showing their art in galleries and shows across the country.

The Arizona Fine Art EXPO has a lovely two-acre Sonoran sculpture garden enhanced with native cacti, trees, bushes and plants identified with signage throughout the trails. Garden attractions, sponsored by Pathways Nursery, include an elegance Koi pond, waterfalls, hummingbird and butterfly garden, roses, gazebo and a putting green. Sponsor, Zuva Gallery, brings 25 large stone sculptures created by leading African artists in addition to the participating artists' bronzes, stone, copper, clay, metal, glass and mixed media sculptures. All artwork indoors and in the sculpture garden are for sale and commissions are welcome.

Weekends come alive with musical entertainment. Other events include plein air painting, art classes and workshops, dramatic abstract painting demonstration to music, club meetings, fine wine tasting, and garden parties, new hat day celebrations, book signings by participating artists, gala and more.

Arizona Fine Art EXPO, held at 26540 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, Arizona (85255), is located at the southwest corner of Jomax and Scottsdale Roads. The EXPO begins mid-January running through the last weekend of March every year opening everyday 10am until 6pm. A one-time fee for a season pass is \$8, \$7 for seniors/military, and children under 12 are free. Patrons may return as often as desired at no additional cost.

For more information, call 480-837-7163 or www.ArizonaFineArtEXPO.com. The Arizona Fine Art EXPO has quickly become one of the valleys most popular and finest destinations for "the place to visit".