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## *Arizona Fine Art EXPO*

### *Launching Their Sixth Season*

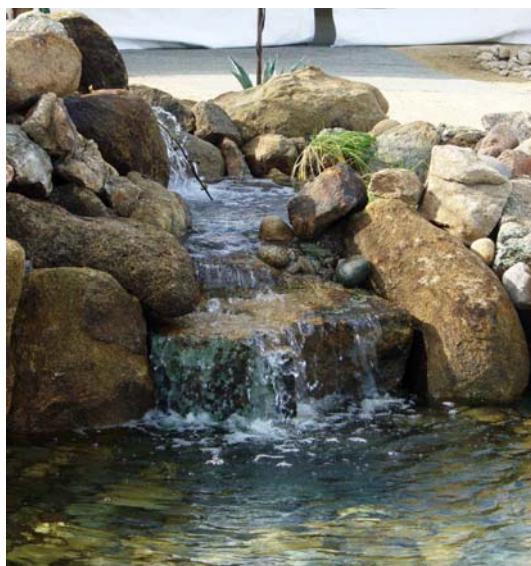
Scottsdale, AZ., Dec 5, 2009. Welcome to the Arizona Fine Art EXPO, gateway to the foothills, where pristine mountain vistas, giant boulder formations, and towering saguaro cacti create spectacular silhouettes with dramatic sunsets along the scenic drive to Carefree.



The Arizona Fine Art EXPO is a unique event showcasing juried artists applying their artistic talents in a working studio environment, thus giving attendees unprecedented access to some of the world's most gifted, award-winning and nationally acclaimed artists.

Take pleasure watching the following art in action:

- Painting, sketching in pen & inks, pastels, charcoals & batik.
- Carving, sculpting and staining fine wood sculptures.
- Sculpting, chipping and shaping alabaster, unique and rare stones.
- Designing and constructing clay mosaic sculptures.
- Weaving, sculpting, soldering and constructing original jewelry.
- Designing, etching and welding metal & copper sculptures.
- Sculpting clay and patina finishing bronzes.
- Etching, molding, coloring, soldering and fusing glass.
- Cutting, burning, etching and assembling gourds.



"Being right there, side by side to the artists, is a rare opportunity for patrons to experience seeing artists in their own studio-like setting," said Judi Combs, CEO of Thunderbird Artists and the Arizona Fine Art EXPO. "Whether it's watching the glowing sparks from the metals in action, sculpting raw stones into dramatic sculptures or painting on a canvas... there is sure to be a demonstration for just about any artistic interest."

Attendees enjoy strolling throughout the two-acre (eco-friendly) Sonoran desert sculpture garden. Sponsor, Zuva Gallery, will be

exhibiting 25 large African stone sculptures. Garden attractions, sponsored by Pathways Nursery, include an eye-catching Koi pond, boulder waterfalls, hummingbird and butterfly garden, educational botanical cacti, trees, bushes and plants with signage, roses, putting green and more. In addition to the African works, participating artists have additional works in bronze, glass, clay, and stone, copper, metal and mixed media sculptures placed throughout the desert setting. Come see for yourself why visitors love the ambiance of listening to the tranquil sounds of the many whispering water fountains as they stroll through the sculpture garden.

Thunderbird Artists' reputation for producing award-winning fine art and wine festivals, along with the reputation of the EXPO, attracts world-class, award-winning artists that come from throughout the United States and abroad. Artists move here for three months and travel from throughout the state of Arizona, California, Utah, Florida, Minnesota, Indiana, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Pennsylvania, Iowa,

Washington, Texas, Kansas, Oregon, Missouri, New York, Canada, Mexico, Nigeria and Africa.

There is much to see, enjoy and take part in at the EXPO. Great things happen like art classes, workshops, book signing events, and weekend live musical entertainment, wine tasting, chef demonstrations and more. To see the line up of events, check out our website at [www.ArizonaFineArtEXPO.com](http://www.ArizonaFineArtEXPO.com) or call 480-837-7163.

The show premieres January 14<sup>th</sup> and is open everyday through March 28<sup>th</sup>. The

Arizona Fine Art EXPO is located on the southwest corner of Scottsdale and Jomax Roads (26540 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85255) just 5 miles south of Carefree and 5 miles north of Loop 101. A season pass is \$8 and \$7 for seniors and military. Children under 12 are free. Return as often as desired with the season pass. Parking is free and show hours are 10am to 6pm everyday.

