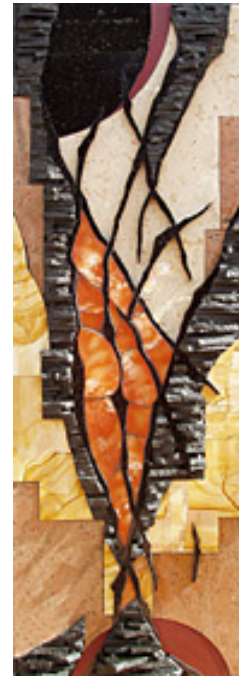


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***Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival Featuring
Remarkable Stone Work by Jeremy &
Gabriela Firehammer***

Thunderbird Artists is pleased to premiere the 2006-2007 festival season with the 13th Annual Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival, November 3rd, 4th & 5th, 2006, featuring Jeremy and Gabriela Firehammer.

Jeremy and Gabriela create one-of-a-kind stone sculptures. They use a stone inlay technique, involving a combination of stones with diverse colors, distinct striations and different densities. Each piece is hand-cut, shaped, polished, and assembled into a distinct shape and design to guarantee that no two pieces are the same. The finished art may have the stone inlayed at various depths, inlayed three-dimensionally, or leveled and polished to a smooth surface. Their art is designed as wall sculptures, or pieces can be commissioned to inlay in a wall or floor.



The couple works together through every step of the process to combine a collaboration of thoughts, ideas and craftsmanship. The end result is a matchless sculpture that combines both masculine and feminine energies to create one fluid piece of art.

In addition to the remarkable featured artists, the festival accommodates every art lover's desire with over 165 juried artists from throughout the United States and abroad displaying more than 5,000 pieces of original artwork. The festival also marks the return of Arizona's largest wine-tasting event, providing a unique opportunity to sample an extensive collection of domestic and imported wines. For \$10, patrons will receive an engraved souvenir wine glass and six tasting tickets; allowing patrons to come together and enjoy the unparalleled ambience of fine art, wine, and live entertainment.

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 free on Friday and \$2 on Saturday and Sunday. Parking is free all weekend.

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WHEN: November 3rd, 4th & 5th, 2006

HOURS: 10am to 5pm each day

WHERE: Downtown Carefree, Arizona (HoHum & Easy Streets)

ADMISSION: Free on Friday, \$2 Saturday and Sunday

PARKING: Free

WHO: More than 165 world-class, jury selected artists from throughout the United States and abroad. Over 5,000 original pieces of art on display including bronzes, paintings, pottery, photography, scratchboard, wood, clay, metal and glass sculptures, batiks and more!

FEATURED ARTIST: Stone sculptor's Jeremy & Gabriela Firehammer, are the featured artists for the first festival of the season. This husband and wife team gets their inspiration through a collaboration of thoughts and ideas, and then combine both masculine and feminine energies to create one fluid piece of art.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT: Featuring Native American group, Brule', acoustic flamenco guitarist Michael Zanabili, mystical pan pipes and flute player, Wind Rodriguez and classical guitarist, Patrick Ki.

WINE TASTING: A variety of domestic and imported wines will be available for tasting, along with special micro-brews. There is a fee of \$10 which includes an engraved souvenir wine or beer glass and six tasting tickets.

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