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***Distinguished Bronze Sculptor John Pettis
Named Featured Artist for Carefree Fine Art
& Wine Festival***

Thunderbird Artists is thrilled to announce acclaimed bronze sculptor, John Pettis, as featured artist for the 14th Annual Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival, November 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 2007, located in downtown Carefree.



John Pettis was born and raised in Montana and spent his childhood around cowboys, packers, and hunters. As a result, he has many interesting stories, from personal experience, to inspire him to create such detailed and realistic work. John made his first bronze at the age of 18. It was then that he discovered his affinity for sculpting and instantly clicked with the medium. Today he has evolved as a premier Western & Wildlife sculptor earning many awards and promotions including Best of Show at Western Heritage Artists Show, two years running, and 3rd Place in the Sculpture Category at the 31st Annual Phippen Museum Western Art Show.

In addition to the esteemed John Pettis, over 165 juried artists from throughout the United States and abroad will participate displaying impressive small, medium and life-sized bronze sculptures, sparkling hand blown glass

vessels, rope baskets, wood, clay and mixed media sculptures, one of a kind handcrafted jewelry, exceptional photography and much more. The festival also accommodates the return of Arizona's largest wine-tasting event, providing a unique opportunity to sample an extensive collection of domestic and imported wines, as well as flavorful micro-brews. For \$10, patrons will receive an engraved souvenir wine or beer glass and six tasting tickets; allowing patrons to come together and enjoy the unparalleled ambience of fine art, wine and live musical 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. This Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival will be a favorite for any art, wine and music lover!

