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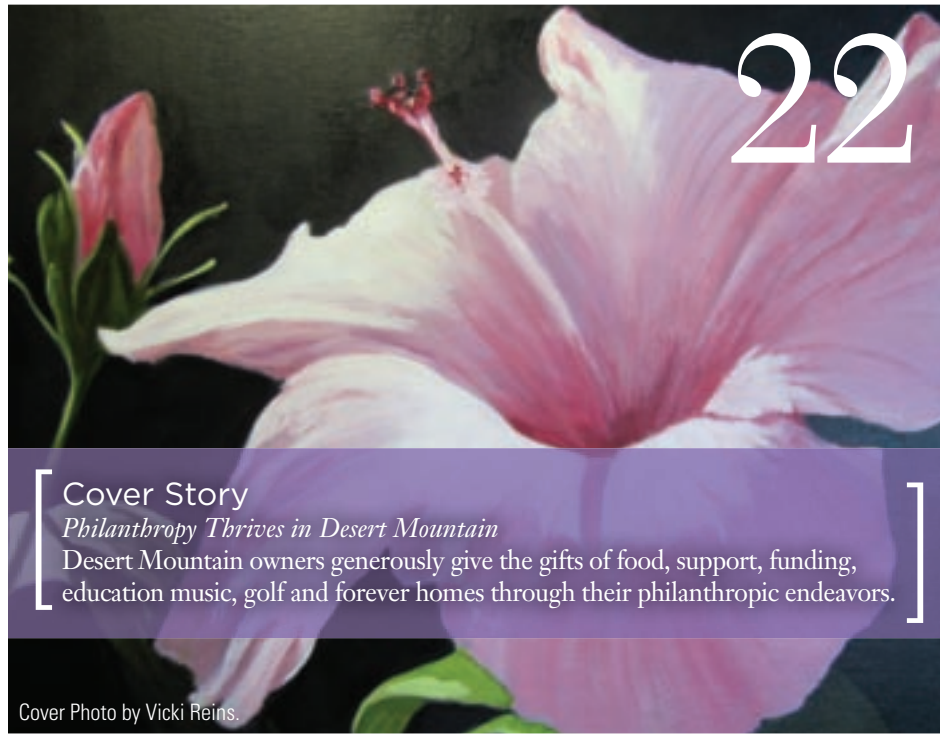
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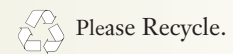
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Beauty Beyond the Eye of the Beholder

I'm pretty sure I was a dog in a past life. I think of this often when I drive and see dogs of all sizes sticking their heads out of the car windows of their owners with the wind blowing their ears and fur back, taking in the view and enjoying it.

I love to look out the window when I'm in the car. While I can't do this

to the extent I would like when I am in the driver's seat, I take full advantage of this simple pleasure when I'm a passenger. In planes, trains and automobiles, my favorite thing to do is look out the window at the beauty that surrounds me. Whether it is Saguaros transitioning to pine trees while driving to Flagstaff, green and brown mountains turning to shades of red and orange on the way to Sedona, the cloud formations or distant storms I can see from my plane window or even the graffiti in New York's subway tunnels, there is always something interesting to look at when I'm along for the ride.

My curiosity over the beauty of my surroundings doesn't stop in modes of transport either. I love to see the peaceful look on my girls' faces when they are sleeping (remember going to sleep without a care in the world and waking up excited just because you woke up and had the whole day ahead of you?). I love going to museums, galleries and the outdoor art shows that take place in this area to see what beauty other people are creating. My dearest friend in the world is a breast cancer survivor and I marvel every day at the beauty of her strength and determination to overcome this disease. Another

friend of mine just lost her five-year-old son to pediatric brain cancer. Her blog about the ups and downs of her child's difficult journey, her grief at his passing, and her determination to raise awareness and funds to help other children battling pediatric cancer, contains some of the most eloquent and beautiful words I have ever read.

If I have learned one very important lesson in my life, it is that beauty is in many things, in many places and in many people. Oftentimes, it is way beyond the eye of the beholder.

In this issue, we celebrate beauty in its many forms:

- In the art created by our own Desert Mountain owners, as well as artists from the reservation and from beyond Arizona's borders;
- In the time so many of our residents so freely and generously donate to help causes that are important to them, whether they sit on Boards of Directors, help plan events or assist with fundraising; and
- In the appreciation of those who have benefitted from the good work and awareness raised from the philanthropic efforts of Desert Mountain owners and members.

Whether driver or passenger, philanthropist or volunteer, artist or collector, I encourage you to take in the beauty that surrounds you. It may be found in the most unlikely of places, and as such, give you the greatest sense of joy. ■

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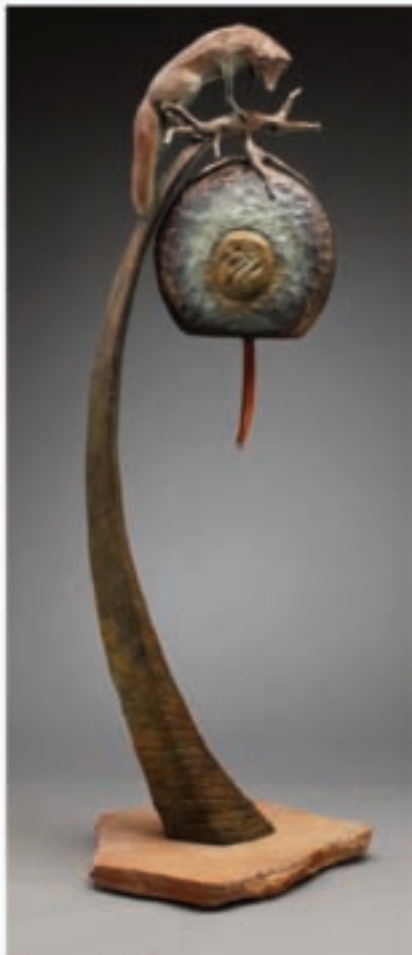
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2013 Gets Off to a Busy Start

After a successful 2012 Operating Year on all fronts, 2013 is off to a solid start, as well. The Association began the year with a positive Annual Meeting on January 28, with more than 50 property owners in attendance. We achieved our quorum requirements after combining these attendees with a strong response from mail-in absentee ballots. Various reports were given by myself, Treasurer Harley Wood, and Manager Bill Overton on the successes of 2012 (please see the 2012 Annual Report included with this issue of The Desert Mountain Connection for details). An election to fill four vacant Board Seats was conducted, with Ray Herzog, Ann Melsheimer, Bob Engelman, and Jim Morrissey elected to the Master Board. Congratulations to these four individuals!

On February 4, the Master Board held its first Board Meeting of the year. It, also, was a very positive meeting with our new Board Members deeply involved, asking good questions, and providing solid input. Our first order of business at this meeting was to elect Officers for 2013. I was asked to serve another year as President and agreed to do so. The Master Board's additional Officers for 2013 are:

- Ann Melsheimer, Vice President;
- Harley Wood, Vice President; and
- Ryan Larson, Treasurer.

2013 Master Association Committees

Secondly, the Board approved Committees and Committee appointments for the coming year. Per the Board's work with staff last year, our goals for all DMMA Committees in 2013 are to:

- Increase Board oversight of and input into the entire Committee Process by having a Board Member chair all committees;
- Tighten up the committees themselves by limiting their size, where possible, to a maximum of five volunteers (plus the Board Chair); and
- Involve new members as much as possible to bring new perspectives into the committee process.

To that end, we believe that we have recruited solid members for the following Committees in 2013:

Covenants

John Gevlin, Chair
Master Board Officers

Design Review

Ray Herzog, Chair
Donna Brown, Todd Bruen, Jim Hogshire, Dave Kaplan

Editorial

John Gevlin, Chair

Tom Di Mercurio, Bill Dorr, Jim Morrissey, Harley Wood
Club Liaisons: Bob Borsch, Sandy Painter

Landscape/Infrastructure

Ann Melsheimer, Chair

Tom Di Mercurio, Kathy Henderson, Dave Kirr, Lianne Sefcovic, Jim Morrissey

Nominating & Election

John Gevlin, Chair

This Committee remains as seated in 2012 with members Troy Gillenwater, Richard Sherman, Al Smith and Jack Swanson.

Security

Harley Wood, Chair

Bob Engelman, Chuck Nunamaker, Dave Ostermeyer, Dave Rowley, Sharon Slattery

Trails

Ryan Larson, Chair

Bob Borsch, Troy Gillenwater, Sissy Sailors, Jack Swanson, Nancy Tankersley

Council of Presidents

John Gevlin, Chair





2013 Master Association Goals

The Board adopted the following Association Goals for 2013:

- Sustain a high level of fiscal responsibility.
- Develop balanced and workable efficiencies in all areas
- Operations
- Finance
- Community Governance
- Maintain the current high level of Owner Services Business (OSB) customer satisfaction while maintaining profitability.
- Improve Security Technology and Service at the main

- Desert Mountain access gates, and develop a long term Security plan.
- Build the Tonto Ridge Trail, and evaluate other Trails proposals.
- Investigate potential HOA service additions.
- Work with the DM Club on areas of mutual benefit (ongoing).

Again, the Board believes we are off to a solid start for 2013. We hope to see you at an upcoming Board Meeting to advise you further about how the Association is doing and to hear any feedback, questions, or concerns you might have. While our Board meeting schedule is posted on the HOA website, www.desert-mountain-hoa.com, please be advised that our next quarterly meeting is Monday, April 29, at 3:00pm at Cochise Geronimo's Sunset Terrace.

We look forward to seeing you there! ■

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Desert Mountain Master Association

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On the Road(s) to Service Recovery

Sometimes in life and in business you are defined by your successes... by the things that go well.

Other times, and perhaps more importantly, you are defined by how you handle your setbacks, problems, and failures. Bart Park, the owner of CCMC (the management company I work for) and a very strong supporter of mine as my boss here at Desert Mountain these last

eleven years, likes to call this type of situation "An Opportunity for Service Recovery."

Well, as everyone knows by now, we have had an epic level problem with the road patch repairs performed in 2012 throughout the vast majority of Desert Mountain. The promised technology has not performed as advertised, and approximately 50% of the patches have failed. This problem is wide ranging and cuts across 19 Villages in total – both Unincorporated Villages governed by the Master Board AND Incorporated Villages governed by their own Village Boards of Directors. As Community Manager, I am responsible for working with all of these entities – both for the recommendation last year to proceed with this work as presented, and for now making sure this unacceptable patching work is corrected.

Additionally, staff and I are working with the Village of Gambel Quail/Sunrise Eagle/Feather Board of Directors to address a significant chip seal overlay problem in the Villages of Gambel Quail and Gambel Quail Preserve. Strong leadership and oversight have been provided here by the Village Board to ensure that remediation steps in all areas are reasonable, appropriate, and will fully remedy all problems. Service recovery, indeed.

The contractor involved on all of these projects is Sunland Asphalt. Sunland is a large and reputable company, based in Phoenix and working in four



states overall. We have been meeting with them since late December on all of this and they have acknowledged that the work quality was unacceptable and have accepted full responsibility for the outcome.

They will replace all defective patches throughout the entire community with an upgraded and improved patching technique at no cost to the HOA. Also, they have extended our warranty for the initial patchwork so we are covered should additional patch failure occur. In addition, all defective chip seal materials will be removed in Gambel Quail and Gambel Quail Preserve with a proper recoating of all road surfaces at no cost to the Village. As insurance to eliminate loose chip concerns for resi-

dents as much as possible, the Gambel Quail/Sunrise/Eagle Feather Board voted on February 25th to add a Slurry Seal Coat on top of the chip seal work. As a sign of good faith given the initial chip seal failure, Sunland is providing the Slurry Seal Coat at below cost (at approximately 35% of what the bid price would normally have been).

Work on patch repairs is underway throughout the community and we expect, by contract, to have all patch remediation completed by July 31. For residents of Gambel Quail and Gambel Quail Preserve, we expect, by contract, to have all remediation work (patch repairs, chip seal re-application, and Slurry Seal Coat) completed by May 31.

I apologize for the inconvenience these problems have caused. I am fully committed and dedicated, as are my staff and Sunland, to ensuring that all remediation measures are successfully administered. Please call me at 480/595.4222 or Bruce Spilka, Operations Coordinator and project supervisor, at 480/595.4224 if you have any questions or concerns. ■

Bill Overton, PCAM
Community Manager



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LEDs Bright Future

By: Bruce Spilka, Operations Coordinator

Perhaps the most promising new lighting technology is light-emitting diodes, or LEDs. Unlike an incandescent lamp and a compact florescent lamp (CFLs), LEDs are digital, easier to dispose of, and they are longer lasting.

The problem with incandescent lamps is Edison's 125-year old technology has some major flaws. Incandescent bulbs produce light via a filament that glows when electricity heats it. The light is attractive to your eyes, but the bulbs do not last long (on average approximately 1,500 hours) and they are inefficient, with roughly 90 percent of the energy they consume given off as heat, rather than light.

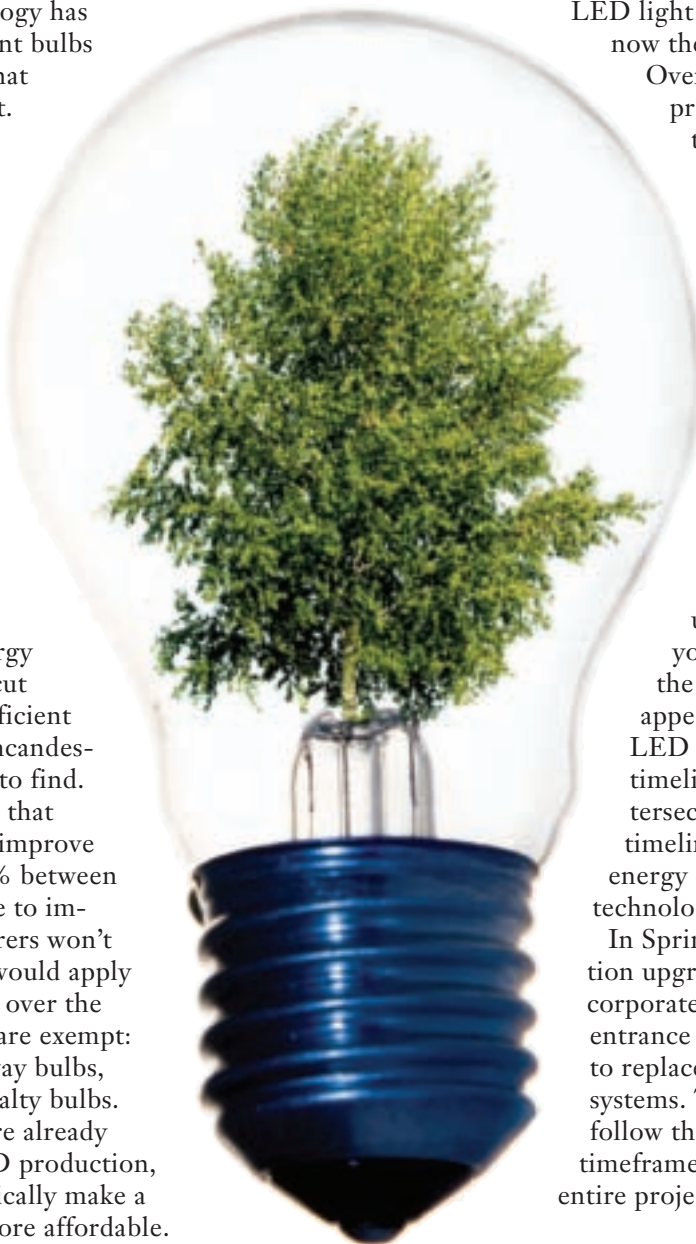
The US Department of Energy estimates that replacing a single 100-watt incandescent bulb with a comparably powered CFL bulb saves a consumer about \$6.00 over the average 1,500 hours of service life. The energy devoted to lighting could be cut by as much as 80% if more efficient bulbs were adopted. Expect incandescent lamps to become harder to find.

The 2007 mandates require that 100-watt incandescent lamps improve their energy efficiency by 23% between 2012 and 2014, a goal so close to impossible that most manufacturers won't even try. The same mandate would apply to 75-watt, and 60-watt bulbs over the next three years. Some bulbs are exempt: those under 40 watts, three-way bulbs, and appliance and other specialty bulbs. As a result, bulb companies are already rapidly switching over to LED production, although CFLs could theoretically make a comeback because they are more affordable.

Interestingly, just a couple of years ago, LED light bulbs cost \$50 a piece and now they're in the \$20 to \$25 range.

Over the next couple of years, we'll probably see them get down to the \$5 to \$10 range per bulb, depending on the quality. For commercial applications, the payback is clearly visible – within as little as two or three years. The upfront investment is offset because commercial entities use lights much longer than consumers and benefit more from using less energy and not having to perform maintenance every three-four months to change bulbs. The LED upfront cost is high, but then you really don't pay anything for the next 10-20 years. The timing appears to be right for widespread LED adoption. The technological timeline of LED innovation is intersecting with the socio-economic timeline that finds us looking for energy efficiencies and cost-cutting technologies.

In Spring 2013, both LED and irrigation upgrades will begin in the Unincorporated Village entrances, the Main entrance and the Desert Hills entrance to replace the old, failing and inefficient systems. The Incorporated Villages will follow thereafter, with an estimated timeframe of one year to complete the entire project. ■





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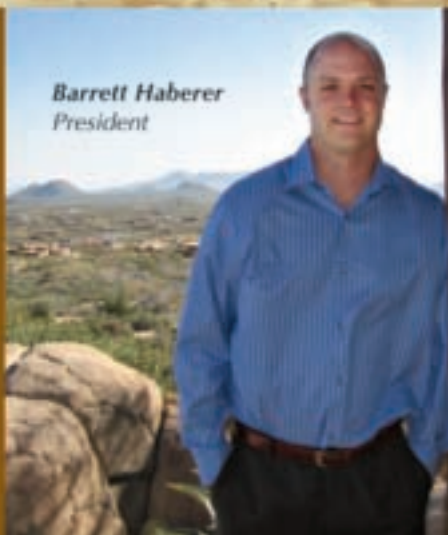
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Desert Mountain Art League Classes in Full Swing this Spring

By: *Ellen Rundle*

The Desert Mountain Art League classes and workshops are in full swing! Not only are they educational, but they are so much fun, as well. All of the instructors love what they're doing and pass along the love of their medium to their students. We were honored that Maxine Johnston, founder of the Scottsdale Artists School, came to Vicki Reins' oil class and did a short critique of our masterpieces of the day. There are still some openings in classes yet to be held; please log on to www.desertmountainartleague.org to see which classes still have openings. Upcoming workshops include:

- Beginning Calligraphy with Dawn Hopkins
- Soft Pastels with Liz Kenyon
- Watercolor Open Studio with Larry Charles
- Oil Painting with Trevor Swanson
- Silver earrings with Julia Harmon
- Oil Painting Florals with Hedi Moran
- Watercolor Wet and Wild with Julie Pollard Gilbert

Prices and dates for these workshops are posted on the Desert Mountain Art League website and classes are held at either the Cochise Geronimo Clubhouse or the Keskinis Gallery in Carefree. Open Studios will be held twice a month through April with an instructor in different mediums available at each. The price for Open Studio, which runs between 1:00pm and 4:00pm, is \$10.

2014 Planning has Begun!

Looking forward to next year... there will be a Season Opening Luncheon with Susan Potje, owner of the Celebration of Art, as the featured speaker. Susan is fun and a bundle of energy, so be sure to attend. The time and date will be posted on the Desert Mountain Art League website. New instructors for 2014 classes are (so far):

- James Ayers, Portrait
- Joni Falk, Landscape from Photos
- Linda Dobkin, Southwest Still Life
- Nancy Chaboun, Portrait with Live Model
- Trever Swanson, Animals
- Larry Charles, Watercolor
- Susan Bowers, Absolute Beginning Watercolor
- Victoria Reins, Absolute Beginning Oil
- Hedi Moran, Still Life Flowers
- Linda Glover Gooch, Painting the Grand Canyon
- Mike Maczuga, Advanced Traditional Oil
- Rob Stenberg, Mixed Media
- Jenny Foster, Mixed Media
- Bryce Pettit, Sculpture


Save the Date!

The Desert Mountain Art League is planning an Artful Event on Wednesday, May 1. The event will take place in Sunset Terrace and the group is in search of volunteers to join in the fun and help with its first art exhibition at Desert Mountain. Members who have participated in League workshops will be able to exhibit and sell their work on a limited basis. Please contact the League at DesertMountainArtLeague@gmail.com for more details. ■



Paintings by Anita Wallace





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Design Guidelines Amended, Approved

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By: *Bill Overton,*
Community Manager

The Arizona State Legislature approved new laws in 2012 that were intended to improve the manner in which Design Review Committees in HOAs around the State operated. While Desert Mountain has always been ahead of the curve in this area, the Association

nevertheless needed to amend the existing Design Guidelines to ensure our language did not conflict with the new State Law requirements as to inspection time frames, that a Board Member must chair the Committee, and refund criteria for construction deposits. The Design Committee and staff also took this opportunity to clarify and modernize some other areas of the Guidelines to keep up with ever changing construction and architectural design industries.

Most of the changes in this second category are pretty technical design-geeky in nature: we wanted to clarify and emphasize that final materials and colors are not approved for a new home until the field sample wall is approved; lighting technology has changed over time, so we updated verbiage here; we clarified existing verbiage about metal roof materials and stone veneers; and several other such items. We are confident, however, that these additional refinements will help designers, architects and their homeowner customers in the future. The new, updated guidelines have been approved by all necessary entities and are now posted on the website. Be sure you and your design and construction professionals refer to this new document from this point forward.



Reminder - All Residence Modifications MUST be Submitted for Review

As we remind all Desert Mountain homeowners from time to time, all modifications to the exterior of existing residence **MUST** be submitted to the Design Review Department for processing and review per both the CC&Rs and the

Design Guidelines. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Painting your residence (including repainting it the same color as existing);
- Modifying, changing, or adding windows;
- Adding a Security Door visible from the street or a neighboring property;
- Landscape additions;
- Installation of rip rap to address erosion concerns;
- Exterior lighting additions; and/or
- Changes to a driveway area, as well as any other hardscape additions.

Please always be sure to take a moment to submit for Design Review. If there are problems, it is much easier and less expensive to straighten them out before the work is done than after it is completed.

Please call Dana Bondon, Design Review Coordinator, at 480.595.4221 to make a submittal or ask any questions about the Design Review Process. We are happy to assist in making the Design Review Process as smooth, quick, and painless as possible. In fact, many minor type items can be reviewed and approved administratively to save time and expense on minor items and get your project quickly on its way. ■

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Meetings Calendar

Apr 29, 3:00 pm

Master Quarterly Board Meeting
Sunset Terrace

Jun 24, 3:00 pm

Master Quarterly Board Meeting
Sunset Terrace

July 29, 3:00 pm

Master Budget Planning Workshop
HOA

Aug 29, 9:00 am

Master Budget Planning Workshop
HOA

Sep 30, 3:00 pm

2014 Master Budget Presentation
TBD

Oct 28, 3:00 pm

Master Quarterly Board Meeting
Sunset Terrace

Dec 2, 3:00 pm

Master Quarterly Board Meeting
Sunset Terrace

Apr 15, 3:00 pm

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Jun 10, 3:00 pm

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Oct 14, 3:00 pm

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Nov 18 (tentative), 3:00 pm

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Design Review Meetings

Design Review Meetings are scheduled on the first and third Thursday of every month. They take place at 8:00am at the HOA Office, which is located at 10550 East Desert Hills Drive. Please call 480-595-4221 to be included on the meeting schedule.

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Library Calendar

All of the events below take place at Desert Foothills Library, which is located at 38443 North Schoolhouse Road in Cave Creek, and are free, except where noted. For more information on these and other library programs, please contact David Court or Dereh DeHaan at 480-488-2286 or log on to www.desertfoothillslibrary.org.



Art Nosh
Lunch
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April 2

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Enjoy a nosh while being educated and entertained on a variety of art topics, with presentations by experts from Phoenix Art Museum, Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art & Heard Museum Guild. For a complete list of scheduled topics, visit www.dfla.org. Limited seating. Registration required at 480-488-2286. Event is free. Order a boxed lunch provided by Grotto Café (Cost: \$10, due when registering by Monday morning prior to event date. Choose from three menu items: ask at front desk or access menu at www.dfla.org) OR brown bag it. Bottled water is available for purchase.

April 13 & 27

1:00pm-2:30pm

Learn How to Download Library E-Books

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April 5 (1st Friday each month)

1:00pm-3:00pm

Desert Foothills Library Writers Connection

Connect with local writers to learn and share the elements of effective writing and information about publication. Presentations and discussions feature topics designed to inspire and motivate both professionals and amateurs, and to enhance writing skills in any genre. This month, a panel will discuss *Solving Mysteries about Writing Mysteries*. Limited seating. Register: 480-488-2286.

April 9

2:00pm-3:30pm

Crossing Arizona

Presenter Lee Hanchett is the author of six books on Arizona history. When tourists visit almost any city in Arizona, they note how new everything looks. Not many realize that Spanish exploration in this region began 80 years before the Pilgrims landed in Massachusetts! How many would guess that a presidio captain led more than 200 Mexican peasants from deep in Sonora, Mexico to San Francisco 30 years before Lewis and Clarke began their search for the Northwest Passage? Join us for an educational and entertaining time, as Hanchett relates stories from territorial days. Limited seating. Register: 480-488-2286.



April 12

2:00pm-4:00pm

Mindfulness Meditation

A workshop to tap your natural healing power through the gentle guidance of Bhante Sujatha, an ordained Buddhist monk for 30 years. Activities will include:

- The inner process of breathing and meditation to create a safe, quiet, and calm state of mind
- Centering to align mind, body and spirit to attain inner peace
- Accessing inner guidance for health, relationships and careers
- Guidance practice ('Vipassana') and an interactive discussion

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April 12

4:00-5:30pm

Music Appreciation @ the Library

Fran Rosenthal, Music Enthusiast, will educate and entertain, as she takes us on a tour of music throughout our history. In April, the theme is All That Jazz and will cover origins and styles through the Big Band Era. Limited seating. Register: 480-488-2286.



April 16

4:00pm-5:30pm

Adventures in Boomer Dating: Presentation and Happy Hour

Jane Morrissey shares dating exploits from her book *My Garden of Love was Filled with Bloomin' Idiots*. Complimentary snacks and wine will be served. Everyone is welcome to join us and mingle, single or not! Green, red or yellow badges will be provided to indicate your status as "Available," "In a Relationship," or "It's Complicated." Limited seating. Register: 480-488-2286.

April 18

1:00pm-2:00pm

Nutrition & Botanical Medicine in Chinese Medicine

Robert Koagedal, Chinese medicine expert, Acupuncturist and Chief Physician at AcuHealth Integrative Wellness Center, returns by popular demand. Learn how you can use foods to heal and stay healthy. Join us for an insightful look at the nutritional and botanical components of traditional Chinese medicine. Limited seating. Register: 480-488-2286. *Part of our "Ask the Expert" Scottsdale Healthcare Series.*





April 23


1:00pm-3:00pm

Unlocking the Mysteries of Your Dreams

Learn writing techniques based on the work of Kathleen Adams, author of *Journal to the Self* to interpret your dreams and get suggestions on how to increase your dream recall. Bring a recent or a memorable dream along with your journal or notebook and pen. No writing experience required. Mary Lee Simpson is a certified journal facilitator and has taught therapeutic writing for nearly 20 years. Limited to 12. Register: 480-488-2286. ■

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Taking Your Pet for a Hike, Walk or Run? Be Sure Man's Best Friend is on a Leash

By: *Karen Angelo, Governance Manager*

We have received many, many calls and emails recently at the HOA office regarding unleashed pets in the community and on the Trails, as well as about owners who are not picking up after their pets.

Desert Mountain residents are reminded that City of Scottsdale ordinances and the recently amended CC&Rs require all domestic pets to be on a leash or other appropriate restraint in common areas at all times (Exhibit "E," Section 1.1.4). Further, Maricopa County's leash law prohibits pet owners from allowing their dogs to run at-large outside their property at any time. For the safety of your pet, your neighbors, and visitors to Desert Mountain, your dog must be confined to your home or property. When you take your dog outside of its confined area, it must be restrained on a leash that is no longer than six feet in length, accompanied by you and under control at all times. These same requirements hold true on the Desert Mountain Trails. This is not only for your pet's safety, but also for the safety of other pets, your friends, your neighbors and their guests, which may include their grandchildren. The only place pets can go unleashed is at the Desert Mountain Dog Park.

As unfair as this may seem to pet owners whose dogs "wouldn't hurt a fly," these requirements are in place for everyone's safety: the pet owner, the community at large, and the pet. According to Maricopa County Ordinances, "The owner of a pet that bites a person when that person is in or on a public place, or lawfully in or on a private place, including the property of the owner of the dog, is liable for damages suffered by the bitten person, regardless of the former viciousness of the dog, or the owner's knowledge of its viciousness."

To wit, if your pet bites anyone, you are responsible for all injuries – and costs related to the proper care of those injuries – sustained by the person who was bitten. You may also receive a citation, court time and fines. Finally, you will have to report that bite to Maricopa County Animal Care and Control, where your dog will be quarantined and/or put down if the bite was vicious. This is why we repeatedly emphasize in email blasts, bulletin board postings and articles like this one how



critically important it is to keep your dog on a leash and under your control at all times.

It is important to remember that these requirements were put in place to help keep your pet and the community safe. We respectfully request that all pet owners in the community please adhere to them. For more information about these requirements or animal care and control, please log on to www.maricopa.gov/pets. Thank you!

Please Pick Up after Your Pet

Desert Mountain pet owners are also required to promptly clean up after their dogs in their Villages, on the Trails and in common areas, as pet droppings are unsightly and detract from the quality neighborhood atmosphere in Desert Mountain.

To make it even easier to pick up after your pet, DLC Resources, Desert Mountain's common area landscape provider, has installed dog waste stations at the following locations and attends to these stations on a weekly basis or as needed basis:

- Desert Hills Drive walking path at Desert Mountain Parkway;
- Desert Hills Drive walking path at 102nd Place;
- Saguaro Forest Drive walking path at Stonecutter Drive;
- Desert Mountain Parkway walking path at 109th Way;
- Desert Mountain Parkway walking path at 101st Street;
- The Desert Mountain Trailhead; and
- Prospect Pointe and 108th Place in the Village of Rose Quartz.

Again, we respectfully request that pet owners kindly pick up after their dogs when walking in their Villages, the community or on the Desert Mountain Trails so that everyone can enjoy the time they spend outdoors enjoying the view and not worrying about where they step. Thank you! ■

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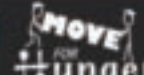
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Recovering Frost Damaged Plants

By: *Jeff Penney, CEO, DLC Resources*

Recent cold fronts moving through the high desert have caused widespread frost damage throughout the Desert Mountain area. If you're noticing signs of frost damage in your plants, we have some tips for restoring their health.

Patience is Key

Trees and shrubs with frost damage will require time and patience to nurse back to health. If you wish to recover your plants, the key factor is to give them time and provide them with the appropriate amount of water consistent with normal growing needs. Though a tree or shrub may appear unsightly and heavily damaged above ground, its root systems can be durable and likely remain healthy and ready for new growth. First, focus on the restoration and recovery. Once your plant has made its recovery, you can then focus on aesthetic pruning. It could take several seasons – but with the appropriate level of care — your tree or shrub might make a full recovery.

Caring for Frost Damaged Plants

When the threat of frost has subsided and new growth has begun, it's time to begin pruning. Start by doing a scratch test. To perform a scratch test, simply use your fingernail or a pocket knife on the plants smallest twigs and branches to determine the extent of the frost damage. If the wood is healthy, the tissue or flesh of the plant will reveal a green color. If



you find brown or black tissue, this means the branch is dead. You will need to continue your scratch test on larger twigs and branches until you find where the green tissue begins. Once you identify where the healthy tissue begins, you will want to prune up to that point. For cactus and other succulents, be sure to use clean tools to minimize risk of spreading bacteria to healthy parts of the plant.

The snowfall we experienced at the Desert Mountain Community this year was beautiful. However, Saguaros – particularly the transplants – can suffer long-term damage as a result of sustained freezing temperatures. During the summer, the frost damage can easily be mistaken for dehydration. Be cautious of overwatering Saguaros as a result. Typically, transplanted Saguaros need only supplemental water during the hottest part of summer.

Enjoy the wonderful weather and gorgeous scenery this spring. Pay special attention to those wildflowers – it's going to be a beautiful show this year.

For more information on preparing for an Arizona Winter, including protecting your backflow and winter water savings, please visit the DLC Resources learning center online at www.dlclearningcenter.com



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Giving the Gift of Food, Support,

By: Karen Angelo with Contributions by Alan Forman, Ann Melsheimer, Sylvia Owens and Linda Salkow



The Gift of Food: Move for Hunger

For almost four years, Move for Hunger has been working to fight hunger across the United States. "With 50 million Americans struggling to find their next meal, we are proud to have the Desert Mountain community working with Move For Hunger to make a difference," says Adam Lowy, Director, Move For

Hunger. "Over the past 2 years, our community has collected more than 2,400 pounds of food – providing more than 1,800 meals to those in need."

Since its founding, Move for Hunger has grown to work with more than 450 moving companies and more than 1,600 real estate professionals across 47 states. Together, they have delivered more than one million pounds of food to food banks across the nation.

"When you sell a home, there are local moving companies that help pack your unwanted pantry food and take it directly to our local Food Banks in Arizona," says DM resident Linda Salkow, who serves as an Advisory Board Member for the not-for-profit company. "I believe in giving back to our community any way possible and this is such an easy thing to do."

For more information, please go to www.moveforhunger.org

The Gift of Support: WISH

WISH stands for "Well, I'm Still Here." Formed 16 years ago, it is a group of women who have survived cancer and who meet once a month during the season to share information, offer support, and just be friends.

When possible, WISH also has experts come to Desert Mountain to talk about the latest research, health issues, and treatments. WISH also helps raise funds and awareness through Desert Mountain's C.A.R.E.

WISH is one group no one really wants to belong to, but anyone receiving the scary diagnosis of "The Big C" will find a group of women willing to reach out and share personal experiences and offer support. It is also reassuring to see there is a future after the diagnosis.

For more information on WISH, contact Sylvia Owens at dowens428@aol.com.

The Gift of Funding: CARE

Is there such an event in cancer research as an "A-ha!" moment? While a doctor or researcher may identify or believe that an idea or observation can result in such a moment, by definition, the answer is no. Until the idea or observation can be tested through the collection of data by recurring observations and experimentation, a conclusion cannot be reached. In other words, cancer research is a process requiring the analysis of a substantial body of data over extended periods of time, requiring significant amounts of money.

C.A.R.E., since its founding 16 years ago, has provided more than \$4 million of seed or angel funding, primarily to the Mayo Clinic and Scottsdale Healthcare. In a commercial sense, this is a high-risk investment with a very low chance for success. However, in our context, it is the foundation upon which current and future research is based. In

fact, C.A.R.E. has been instrumental in the creation of a number of databases that form the underlying infrastructure of many research programs. These databases encompass such areas as: tissue and blood samples, genetic biomarkers as well as the results of various clinical trials. As a result, the value each and every dollar that it provides has a multi-

plier effect since these initial studies and databases are continuing to be used.

Just one example of C.A.R.E.'s funding approach is the success of Dr. Erik Castle of the Mayo Clinic. Our funding over the past five years has resulted in the development of a biobank representing 1,000 patients and 23,000 specimens. This in turn has given Dr. Castle the ability to attract world class physicians and researchers, publish a number of studies which have become authoritative guidance in the area of prostate cancer, and provided the basis for a successful Phase I trial of a novel combination of agents for treatment of advanced prostate cancer.

It is only with the continued support of Desert Mountain owners and members that C.A.R.E. is able to help its beneficiary institutions continue to expand the foundation upon which future "A-ha!" moments will be made.

For more information, please visit www.caredm.com.



Funding, Education, Music...

The Gift of Education: The Desert Mountain Community Foundation

The Desert Mountain Community Foundation (DMCF), affiliated with the Arizona Community Foundation, was founded in May, 2012. The current Advisory Board of DMCF is Carol Parry Fox (chair), Ann Melsheimer, and Sybil Yastrow.

Its mission is to lead, serve and collaborate to mobilize enduring philanthropy for a better Desert Mountain community. Its current focus is raising funds to provide scholarships to full-time Desert Mountain employees and their families to help them achieve their educational goals. Scholarships will be awarded to U.S. institutions on behalf of the recipient based on financial need. This scholarship fund has received rave reviews from Desert Mountain employees and so far, 15 employee family members have started the application process.

The DMCF also has a general fund, from which it has

made a significant grant to C.A.R.E. and several small grants, including Caring Corps and Musicfest. This fund is designed to enhance the community around us and establish Desert Mountain as a philanthropic force in the surrounding area.

Additionally, through its affiliation with the Arizona Community Foundation, it can support a variety of philanthropic options for donors, including donor-advised funds or planned giving among others.



If you would like additional information, please contact Carol Parry Fox at carolparry@cox.net; Ann Melsheimer at mattann@cox.net; or Sybil Yastrow at Sybil@yastrow.com

The Gift of Music: The Upscale Singers



Upscale Scholar Lauren Lord

What do you do when you love to sing, but your school's music program gets cut... You love to teach, but there is no funding available to get your students the materials they need... Your special needs child loves to perform but you can't afford to send him or her to camp specially designed for this purpose? Like a lot of aspiring young singers, struggling teachers and cash-strapped parents, you reach out to the Upscale Singers. This non-profit 501(c)3 organization provides scholarships, grants and sponsorships through the proceeds raised at its two performances each year and their accompanying annual raffle and silent auction, as well as from the donations it receives from its supporters.

In 2012, \$3,100 was awarded to 14 local Junior and Senior High School students under its Upscale Scholar Program. The scholarships these young singers receive are paid directly to the voice teacher of their choice. According to one grateful parent, the award "...made a world of difference to [her] son, inspiring him to sing."

The Upscale Singers have also supported the Arizona Magic of Music and Dance Camp, a camp for special needs children. In 2007, the Upscale Singers sent one child to the camp; over the last five years, they have sponsored more than 30. The campers' joy over performing live on stage is described as "priceless" by their parents.

Finally, the Upscale Singers also offer Upscale Grants of up to \$400 to choir teachers in 10 local public junior and senior high schools. The teachers use these grants to buy everything from sheet music to costumes so their students have everything they need to prepare for their performances.

If you would like to help the Upscale Singers continue their great work helping students, teachers and children with special needs, please consider attending its next fundraising event: A Grand Night for Singing, which takes place on April 5, 12 and 14. This cabaret-styled dinner show features the music of George Gershwin, Richard Rodgers and Stephen Sondheim among others. Funds raised from ticket sales and the silent auction and raffle support both operational costs and the youth scholarships.

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...Golf and Forever Homes

The Gift of a Forever Home: Foothills Animal Rescue

Foothills Animal Rescue (FAR) is a no-kill, 501(c)3 organization that focuses on rescuing and adopting cats and dogs in Maricopa County. The shelter accepts animals from the public, other rescues and the euthanasia lists at Maricopa County Animal Care and Control and the Arizona Humane Society as space becomes available. It is committed to the compassionate and humane treatment of dogs and cats in need through rescue, shelter, fostering and adoption within Maricopa County and provides education, referrals and resources to the public regarding animal welfare.

According to Marlene Mills, Executive Director of FAR, the goal right now is to find homes for 600 pets that are at-risk at public shelters. "Every day, Foothills Animal Rescue makes



a difference in the community by providing a safe haven for homeless cats and dogs, being committed to the humane and compassionate treatment of every companion pet and dedicated to the education of responsible pet ownership," she said. "Because some of the animals that come to us are abused, homeless, or just put aside with no thought, our most urgent needs are directed to the health and well-being of these rescued pets: the spay and neuter program, the dental care program and our special needs fund."

Margey Colbeth, a Desert Mountain resident, has been volunteering at FAR for a year and a half now and says there is plenty of work for volunteers to do, including walking the dogs, working in the cat rooms, bathing pets and helping to feed them. What she likes most of all, however, when the work is done, is just sitting with the animals and giving them the love and attention they so desperately need. "Great care is not cheap, and great care is what the animals at FAR get every single day."

For more information, please log on to www.foothillsanimal.org.

The Gift of Golf: The Military Wants your Unused Golf Equipment!

So, what do you do with golf equipment that you no longer use, but don't have the heart to throw away? Call DM resident Tom Kalimanis. He collects pre-owned golf equipment and donates it to the military serving here and abroad. He's lost count of how many golf-related items he's collected in his garage and then donated since he started this project in 2007.

Tom collects everything golf-related – shoes, balls, clubs, bags – then creates complete golf bags to donate. On one trip, Tom unloaded 200 sets of clubs. "Newer equipment that is in good shape gets used by the soldiers, older equipment like woods get cut and re-gripped so their kids can get used to using them while getting introduced to the game of golf," he said.

Donating equipment is easy and hassle-free. Just call Tom at 480-595-6160 and let him know what you have. "I'm more than willing to pick anything up and am here 80% of the year," Tom said. While donations can be written off, and he has the forms available for tax purposes, Tom says a majority of the people decline this option. "They are just happy to donate items that have been in their closet and garage knowing it is going to people who can really use it and enjoy the game."

If you are involved with a charitable organization and would like Desert Mountain owners to learn more about it and how they can help, please send an email to Karen Angelo at kangelo@desertmt.com. ■

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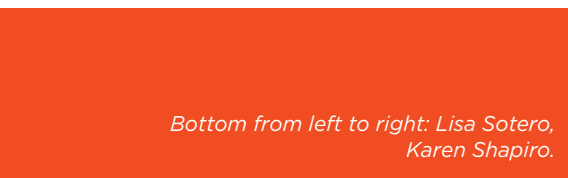
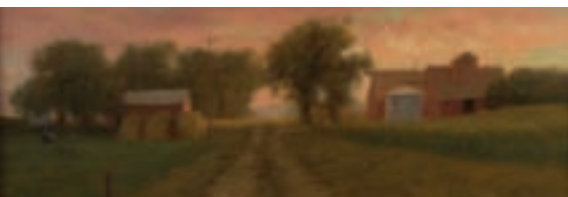
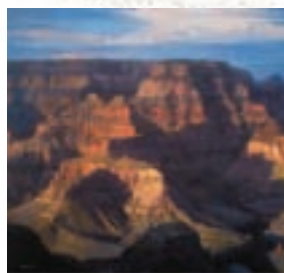
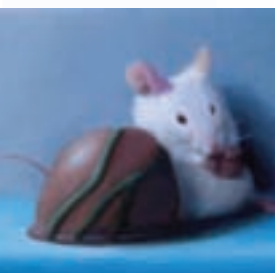
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Scottsdale Fine Art Gallery Marches into Spring with Still Life and Landscape Exhibitions



By: Karen Angelo

The Scottsdale Fine Art Gallery will be featuring the work of several artists this Spring and Summer. Information on upcoming exhibits can be found below:

Through March 29

The Still Life Genre features the work of Tim Perkins, Stuart Dunkel, Ning Lee, Greg Packard and Lisa Sotero. Stuart Dunkel and Lisa Sotero have completely different painting styles but both bring a smile to your face. Stuart with his mischievous little quadrupeds (aka little pet mice) and Lisa with her whimsical paintings of food and food related items. Ning Lee captures light, texture and form in a realistic fashion. Greg Packard is the polar opposite of Ning Lee with broad strokes in the 'alla prima' style.

March-April

April 11, 7:00-9:00pm, Art Bites ArtWalk

You'll find sumptuous restaurant samples along the ArtWalk route in Scottsdale Downtown, plus other special treats like ArtWalk's Taste of Wine adventure. This culinary Art Walk is the perfect tie-in to the gallery's remarkable ceramic artists Karen Shapiro and Betty Spindler. Shapiro is best-known for her larger-than-life iconic packaging of Heinz Ketchup, French's Mustard and any of the wall-mounted boxes of candies from M&Ms to Junior Mints. Spindler creates ceramic pieces that whet the palate whether the hamburger is 12 inches in diameter or a heroic-sized grilled cheese sandwich.

April-May

The Gallery will feature the work of all of its artists, but spotlight the beautiful landscapes of Colorado painter Raymond Knaub. Knaub is most well-known for his interpretation of the Great American Prairie from landscapes of the quiet farms and pastures of the Great Plains to gorgeous soft sunsets and quiet rural areas.

June-July

This summer, Scottsdale Fine Art will highlight the museum-quality landscapes of Peter Holbrook. Even though Holbrook has painted the California surf remarkably well, he is best known for his Grand Canyon and Bryce Canyon paintings.

About Scottsdale Fine Art

Scottsdale Fine Art's collection of artwork is a diverse body of original one-of-a-kind paintings and sculpture that has been carefully selected and curated. The gallery is a destination for seasoned and new collectors, specializing in classically inspired representational fine art by emerging, mid-career and established artists. Its selection of artists is based on the quality and originality of the work, and considerations of personal and artistic integrity. Scottsdale Fine Art's primary goal is to provide high-quality, non-commercial art with individualized customer service. Collectors who enter Scottsdale Fine Art will learn that its curators listen, work to discover what the art needs are for the client, and strive to fulfill those needs.

Scottsdale Fine Art is located at 7116 East Main Street in Scottsdale. Please call 480-990-3100 or log on to www.scottsdalefineart.com for more information. The Gallery's hours of operation are below. ■

Gallery Hours:

- Monday-Saturday: 10:30am-5:30pm
- Sunday: Noon-4:00pm
- Thursday Night Art Walk: 7:00-9:00pm

Summer Gallery Hours

(May 13-October 1)

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday-Saturday: 10:30am-5:00pm

- Sunday: Noon-4:00pm
- Thursday Night Art Walk: 7:00pm-9:00pm

Art Collecting Advice and Book Discussion

ON TAP AT HEARD NORTH IN APRIL

By: *Karen Angelo*

Heard North is offering two interesting programs this Spring, in addition to its current exhibitions. Collectors of Native American art, expert or neophyte, and those with an interest in historical fiction, are sure to enjoy the following offerings:

Collectors' Tune-Ups

Tuesday, April 2 (pottery), 1:00pm

Thursday, April 18 (jewelry), 1:00pm

Fine-tune your American Indian art collecting skills! Join the Heard for two special programs to help both burgeoning and seasoned collectors hone their American Indian art collecting skills. Pottery collectors are invited to the Heard North at 1:00pm on Tuesday, April 2, when Heard Curator Diana Pardue will offer tips on what to look for in fine pottery.

Jewelry collectors are invited to hear retired Heard North Museum Shop Manager Marie Witter do the same about fine jewelry at 1:00pm on Thursday, April 18.

Heard Museum members admitted free; open to the public with museum admission.



BOOK DISCUSSION:

Geraldine Brooks' Caleb's Crossing

Tuesday, April 23, 3:30pm-5:00 p.m.

Heard Museum Scottsdale, 32633 N. Scottsdale Road Scottsdale

Set in 1665, this work of fiction chronicles a young man from Martha's Vineyard who became the first Native American to graduate from Harvard College. The book shares of the man's interaction with a young pioneer woman. This program is held in partnership with the City of Scottsdale's Appaloosa Library. Heard Museum members are admitted free; open to the public with museum admission.

Both of these programs will take place Heard Museum North Scottsdale, which is located at 32633 N. Scottsdale Road. More information about these and other Heard Museum North Scottsdale programs can be found at www.heard.org/currentexhibits. ■

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