

# Anthem Community Center to Host 3rd Annual Festival of Fine Arts

## January 12-14

Anthem, known for being one of Arizona's premier family and country club communities, is fast becoming a cultural center in the North Valley. Case in point is the third annual Festival of Fine Arts, which will be held at the Anthem Community Center from Friday, January 12 through Sunday, January 14, 2007. The festival presents residents of Anthem and the surrounding area with a unique combination of visual, performing, and culinary arts, and promises to be a weekend to remember.

The juried art show and sale will showcase more than 70 award-winning and emerging Arizona Artists. Among them are watercolorist and last year's winner of Best in Show Steve Stento; southwest painter and 2005 Best in Show, Tom Haas; contemporary western painter Lance Headlee; contemporary sculptor, Ed Meyrowitz; bronze sculptor, Kim Obrzut; ceramicist, Tandy Beard; and jewelry designer Donna Law.

"We encourage people to come early, to visit with the artists, who are on hand and eager to discuss their work," says Willine Evans, festival chair. "It is a great opportunity to find out what inspires your favorite artist, why they chose their medium, and how they've honed their techniques over the years to translate their inspiration into their art."

And for those who enjoy art in motion, 13 notable Arizona performing arts companies will take the stage, including Ballet Arizona, Great Arizona Puppet Theater, Arizona Opera, AZDance Group, and Meadowlark with a special event performance by Arizona Broadway Theatre. Accompanying the fabulous stage productions, the audience can take pleasure in gourmet lunch creations that are specially prepared for the event by Our Kitchen to Yours, Phantom Caterers, and Garden Angel Tea Room.

Organized by the Arts Council of the North Valley, the Fine Arts Festival and Gala builds on the success of last year's events. "Our vision was to promote increased access to the arts and to contribute to the development of an appreciation of the aesthetic aspects of community life in the North Valley. Last year's events were a spectacular success and served as a catalyst for people to become more involved in volunteer efforts to help advance the arts," says Donna Kublin, Arts Council President.

### Fun for the Whole Family

To bring the magic of art to youngsters of various ages, the festival will host two Creation Station Activity Rooms and three Special Entertainment Segments. Children from pre-kindergarten to sixth grade can enjoy hands-on creative experiences designed to educate and encourage freedom of expression.



Mesa Girl, a sculpture by Kim Obrzut.

Participants will create art with instruction and supplies provided by three organizations that specialize in teaching art to children: Kidz Art, Young Rembrandts, and Kidsmart. Parents can sign in their children for 1-hour sessions while they are enjoying the artwork, music, performances, and specialty foods. Check-in is at the Festival Welcome Desk. Space is limited, so reservations are recommended. Reservations are also recommended for Great Arizona Puppet Theater, Harmony High, and Arizona Opera children's performances. Call 623-879-3018 by January 11, 2007.

Six area high schools will participate in a teen art exhibit and competition with an award presentation on Sunday afternoon.

### Black Tie Gala

As part of the weekend's artistic endeavors, a Black Tie Gala and fundraiser will take place Saturday evening at Anthem Country Club Ironwood ballroom. Gala organizer, Dee Wright, has planned an enjoyable evening for those in attendance, including an artist reception, music by MusicNova String Quartet, dance by AZDance Group, fine dining, a premium silent auction and dancing to the music of the Messinger Band.

The Gala's silent auction items include vacations; dine-around Scottsdale packages, and resort packages. Additional fundraising efforts at the Festival include a silent auction in support of youth creative arts awards, scholarships, and art programs for children's and teens. For Gala ticket information visit the web site [www.NorthValleyFineArts.com](http://www.NorthValleyFineArts.com) or call 623-687-4086.

Festival hours are Friday, 12-5pm and Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 5pm. General admission is \$3 except for children under age 12, who enter free of charge. For specific times of performances, please check the festival website at [www.northvalleyfinearts.com](http://www.northvalleyfinearts.com). ■

# January 2007



## Saturday, January 6th

Hike - Butcher Jones Trail  
7am

## Monday, January 8th

Survivor Anthem Begins

## Tuesday, January 9th

Golden Go-Getters Potluck  
6-8pm

## Friday, January 12th - Sunday, January 14th

Festival of Fine Arts  
Fri 12-5pm; Sat &  
Sun 10am-5pm

## Monday, January 15th

Martin Luther King Day  
No School

## Saturday, January 20th

Hike - Flatiron  
7am

## Saturday, January 20th

Saturday Night Fever  
2nd-5th Grades  
8-11pm

## Saturday, January 27th

Saturday Night Fever  
6th-8th Grades  
8pm-Midnight

## Saturday, January 27th

Anthem Pet Extravaganza  
10am-4pm

## Hours of Operations

### Anthem Community Center Hours

Monday-Thursday	5am-10pm
Friday	5am-8pm
Saturday	7am-8pm
Sunday	10am-7pm

### Train Hours: Jan 2-6

New Year's Day	11am-7pm
Wed-Fri	10am-4pm
Sat-Sun	10am-6pm

### Train Hours: Jan 7-May 26

Thursday (\$2 Thursdays)	10am-2pm
Fri	10am-3pm
Sat-Sun	10am-6pm

## Numbers to Know

Association Property Mgmt.	623-742-6050
Community Center	623-879-3011
Community Design Guidelines	
Parkside	623-742-4559
Country Club	623-742-6030
Commercial	623-742-4554
Del Webb Customer Care	480-551-7470
On-site Qwest Representative	623-445-6570
Sheriff's Department	602-876-1011
Daisy Mountain Fire Department	623-465-7400

## SCHOOLS

Anthem Elementary School	623-376-3700
Boulder Creek High School	623-445-8600
Bright Beginnings Preschool	623-537-7887
Canyon Springs School	623-445-5073
Diamond Canyon Elementary School	623-445-8000
Gavilan Peak Elementary School	623-445-7400