



Scottsdale Public Art Program
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Re: Scottsdale public art in development

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Please verify facts and schedules.

▪ **Public art soon to be completed**

1) Scott Family Memorial dedication May 5, 2pm, Scottsdale Civic Center

Location: Scottsdale Civic Center, adjacent to the Scottsdale Historical Society

Popular Arizona sculptor George-Ann Tognoni remembers the Winfield Scott family with this bronze monument, funded both by the public art program and by private donations.

◇ **Good photo opportunity**

2) Interactive Sculpture at Scottsdale Arts Festival, March 9-11, Scottsdale Civic Center

Location: Scottsdale Civic Center

The public is invited to experience an interactive, kinetic sculpture by California artist Phill Evans.

Scottsdale Gondola invites festival goers to relax in a hammock while others serenade them using a digital synthesizer. The sculpture and music will provide a place of respite and solace in the midst of the hustle and bustle of the festival. The Scottsdale Public Art Program is dedicated to bringing the best public art events and artist residencies possible to the community. Jarvis Rockwell's *Maya II* will also be on view in the atrium of the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts during Festival. The artist and public art staff will be there to discuss the artwork. Commissions including Evans' *Scottsdale Gondola* and Rockwell's *Maya II* are must-see attractions that keeps Scottsdale a vital arts and cultural destination.

◇ **Good photo opportunity**

3) Signature artwork for Downtown Scottsdale to be installed and dedicated Spring 2007

Location: Southwest corner Camelback and Scottsdale Rd.

Twenty-eight foot-tall, walk-in kaleidoscope by artist Donald Lipski is the result of a public-private cooperation from which the developer is intending to gift the artwork to the City.

◇ **Good photo opportunity**

4) Art at the new Arabian Library to be completed Spring 2007

Location: Thompson Peak Parkway and McDowell Mountain Ranch Rd.

Artist Norie Sato is completing fabrication of steel sculptural elements, glass, and sandblasting. The imagery is symbolic of the many pathways and conduits that lead to worldly knowledge.

5) Art at Chaparral Park to be completed Summer 2007

Location: Water Treatment Plant and Park: Jackrabbit and Hayden, just north of the ball fields and south of the xeriscape demonstration garden.

Artist Lorna Jordon has created a series of multi-level walls and pathways that unite in a land art form that references the human body, specifically the ribs and spine. The gardens will showcase desert plants from all over the southwest and allow for exploration by park users.

▪ **Public art recently completed**

1) Scrim wall at McDowell Mountain Ranch Park and Aquatic Center dedicated January 12, 2007

Location: Thompson Peak Parkway and McDowell Mountain Ranch Rd.

The recently completed art at the Aquatic Center is in the form of a 30' x 40', acrylic scrim wall entitled *Cactus Mirage*.

◇ **Good photo opportunity**

2) Mural at the new Oldtown Livery in Downtown Scottsdale completed November 2006

Location: Northwest corner of Brown and Second St.

The 12' x 25' mural entitled *The Stable* depicts a scene showing horses being fed in their stalls. The mural commemorates the work horse but also adds to the flavor of the "West's Most Western Town" as it compliments the current carriage service and museum operating at the Noriega Livery.

▪ **Projects in various stages of design: check the website for updates and meeting notices www.ScottsdalePublicArt.org**

1) Signature artwork for Downtown: Hashknife Pony Express Commemorative Monument

Location: Scottsdale waterfront district

Celebrated western sculptor Herb Mingery has been commissioned to create a large-scale bronze monument commemorating the 50th anniversary of Arizona's own Hashknife Pony Express. Completion: February 2008.

2) Indian Bend Road Improvements

Location: Scottsdale to Hayden Rd, focused on Indian Bend Wash

Artist team of Laura Haddad and Tom Drugan are proposing a three part integrated artwork in the functional elements of the project, including a new flood control drop structure, wash basin and related landscape aesthetics. Through art they are striving to enhance perception and understanding of flood events in the wash as well as views out from the site.

3) Thomas Road Improvements

Location: Pima Road to 64th St

Artist Stacy Levy has been recommended to join the design team to create an enhanced aesthetic experience and pedestrian/ bicycle amenities in the streetscape of Thomas Road.

4) Neighborhood Services: Scottsdale Estates

Location: 82nd Street and Osborn

Artist Mary Lucking has proposed a labyrinth of desert grasses with shade, rest and dog amenities in response to a community initiated request for art to improve a vacant lot.

5) Neighborhood Services: Cox Heights

Location: On North side of Monte Vista, just west of Hayden.

Artist Mary Lucking has proposed a sculptural garden in a long narrow right of way in response to a community initiated request for an art project to identify the neighborhood.

6) Pinnacle Peak Rd Improvements design phase

Location: Pinnacle Peak from Miller to Pima Roads

Artist Brad Goldberg is working with residents and design team members to affect safer travel through wash, increase potential for pedestrian areas, and mediate the amount of wildlife in the area as effectively as possible. Design proposals will be shown to the public in Summer 2007 with construction anticipated to begin in Spring 2008.

▪ Additional public art program announcements

1) Public lecture by environmental artist Alan Sonfist, February 19, 2007, 4:30-5:30pm, ASU Tempe Campus. Free admission.

The Scottsdale Public Art Program is partnering with the ASU Office of Public Art to bring recognized environmental artist Alan Sonfist to give a public lecture about his work. In the effort to support the education of local student artists, Sonfist will also mentor sculpture students during his visit to the Valley.

Location: To be held at Neeb Hall on Forest Mall at the ASU Tempe campus.

1) Seven Arizona artists creating new work for the Scottsdale Public Art Collection

Working on a range of integrated, planning, and sculptural works, the Arizona artists creating new art for Scottsdale are: Bob Adams (Phoenix), Mary Lucking (Tucson), Laurie Lundquist (Tempe), Al Price (Phoenix), Paolo Soleri (Paradise Valley), Studio MA (Phoenix), George Anne Tognoni (Phoenix). More than half the works commissioned through the program are by Arizona Artists.

2) Opportunities for Artists New to Public Art

Opportunities for Arizona artists to get into the business include:

- Emerging Arizona artists serve on selection panels to gain experience of the selection process, which will aid them in creating strong future applications.
- Calls to artists are listed on the website so that anyone may view them and apply. The staff makes an effort to have at least one project annually that brings on one emerging artist from the state.
- A resource list of artists working in bronze is posted on our website. It lists local and national bronze artists, foundries, links for artists and other useful information.
- Artists are encouraged to register themselves on www.Artistsregister.com and learn about meetings and competitions relative to public art.
- There are a great number of public meetings held in Scottsdale and Valley-wide where noted public artists present their ideas. These can be great examples for emerging artists about how to professionally propose their concepts. Call each program or check their websites for up coming meetings.