

Celebration of Fine Art



Scottsdale, AZ ~ USA

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CELEBRATION OF FINE ART ANNOUNCES 2009 CHARITABLE SELECTIONS *19th year takes place January 16 through March 29, 2009*

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Giving back to the community has been an integral part of the Celebration of Fine Art since its inception. Over the years the Celebration and its non-profit division, the Celebration Arts Fund, has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars back to a variety of worthy causes through partnerships with its artists. At this time when needs are ever increasing while at the same time giving has dropped, supporting local charities has never been more important.

For 2009 the Celebration of Fine Art management and the participating artists have once again partnered to support two very worthy charities from our community through cash donations. The 2009 recipients are Liberty Wildlife and St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance. The Celebration of Fine Art will donate \$2500 to support each organization. Each participating artist has selected a specific work of art which, when sold, will result in a portion of the proceeds going to the charity of their choice in a cash donation. Each charitable piece will be marked with a special tag. The purchaser will know that in addition to adding a beautiful work of art to their collection, they have helped make a difference in the community.

In addition, visitors can lend their support to these organizations when they visit the event. The Celebration of Fine Art will be an official collection center for canned food items and cash donations for the Food Bank
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from January 16 through March 29, 2009. Visitors are invited to bring what they can and drop it in the St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance box as they enter the Celebration. They can also join in on the signature event "Art of Food" on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 which will showcase the skills and talents of the students of the Community Kitchen Culinary Training Program sponsored by St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance. In addition, local restaurants will be on hand to allow guests to sample signature dishes. St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance is the world's first food bank. During the Fiscal Year 2006 -2007 the Food Bank distributed 51.5 million pounds of food to families and individuals, providing enough food for 200,000 meals a day. Visit www.firstfoodbank.org for further information.

Liberty Wildlife will be on hand for "Art of the Wild" on selected dates during the 10 week event to share their birds with visitors to the Celebration of Fine Art. Depending on the day, guests will see Apache, the Golden Eagle; Henry, the Barn Owl or even the namesake of the foundation herself – Liberty, the Bald Eagle. Visitors are invited to make cash donations during the times the raptors and their handlers are visiting. Scheduled dates are: January 17, 18 and 31; February 1, 8, 14 and 28 and March 14, 15 and 29. Hours of the bird visitation are 10 am to 2 pm. Liberty Wildlife rehabilitates native wildlife which includes all species of animals originating in or migrating through Arizona. Visit www.libertywildlife.org for further information.

Celebration of Fine Art is known as the place "where art lovers and artists connect." It attracts more than 50,000 visitors over the 10 weeks of the show and sale. The show is open daily from 10 am to 6 pm from January 16 through March 29, 2009. Celebration of Fine Art is located in Scottsdale, Arizona on Scottsdale Rd and Mayo Blvd, just south of the Loop 101 at Exit 34 in "the big white tents". Ticket price is \$8 for adults and \$7 for seniors and military. Children under 12 are free admission. Special events are free with admission. For more information on the show and participating artists, visit the web site www.celebrateart.com.

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