

Activities & OPPORTUNITIES

September Events October Events

1 Post Office Exhibition

Local artists Max Lehman, Kyllan Maney, Manny Burrue and Paul Jaques display works in printmaking, painting, ceramics and furniture in the front windows of the U.S. Post Office at 500 S. Mill Ave., through Oct. 7.



1 Mothers exhibition

Art by mothers and about mothers is on display in the Tempe Public Library, lower level gallery, 3500 S. Rural Road, through Nov. 25.

1-23 Triumph of our Communities

The ASU Hispanic Research Center presents Arizona's Mexican American artists at the City Hall Gallery, 31 E. First St. (first floor).

16 Ballet Under the Stars

Free performance, presented by **WAL*MART**, at 7:30 p.m. at the west side of the Kiwanis Community Park lake, 6111 S. All-America Way. Open lawn seating. Bring picnic dinners and lawn chairs or blankets.

19 The Retiree Exhibit

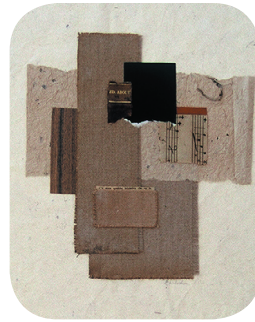
Artwork by individuals enrolled in the city's recreational arts program is on display at the Tempe Public Library, 2nd floor gallery, 3500 S. Rural Road, through Nov. 4.

19 Peanut Butter & Jam

Persephone presents a celebration of National Chicken Month with songs and stories about our fun, feathered friends, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Community Center Courtyard, 3500 S. Rural Road, east of the Public Library. For children ages 3 to 5 years.

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3 The Bug Line

The city's Bug Line exhibit, commemorating the 30th anniversary of a free bus line that traveled between Chris-Town Mall in Phoenix and Arizona State University from 1974 to 1976, will be on display at the City Hall Gallery, 31 E. First St., first floor, through March 17.

8 Studio Artists

Individuals from the Studio

Artists program display their work in the front windows of the U.S. Post Office at 500 S. Mill Ave., through Jan. 6.

9 Tempe Tardeada

Tempe's annual dance and music celebration honoring the Hispanic culture from noon to 8 p.m. at the Community Center Complex, Southwest corner of Rural Road and Southern Avenue.

10 Tempe Symphony Orchestra

Soprano soloist Jenny Armendt joins accomplished Valley musicians in the symphony's opening concert of its 31st season at 7:30 p.m., Boyle Auditorium, McClintock High School, 1830 E. Del Rio Drive. Presented by **WAL*MART**.

November Events

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1 Studio Artists Sampler

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14 Peanut Butter & Jam

Singer, songwriter and storyteller Persephone will present, "Pets can be best friends, too," for children ages 3 to 5 years from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Tempe Community Center Complex Courtyard, 3500 S. Rural Road, just east of the Public Library.

28 Tempe Symphony

Violinist Katie McLin and the Arizona Mormon Choir highlight the annual holiday concert at 7:30 p.m. at Gammage Auditorium, 1200 S. Forest Ave. Presented by **WAL*MART**.

Featured art

September

Drawing Lines, Manuel R. Burrue, U.S. Post Office Show

October

Memory, Millie Ehrlich, The Mother's Exhibition

November

Untitled, Gail Boyd, The Retiree Exhibit

Schedules are subject to change.

Events and exhibitions are free. Information: www.tempe.gov/arts

Tempe Art news

Art Happens in Tempe



TCA seeks dynamic volunteers

Profile: Davis shares childhood love of art with youth today

Tempe grants opportunities to local groups

TCA volunteers SHAPE DYNAMIC ARTS Atmosphere

Much has been written about the grandeur of the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) facility, scheduled to open in 2006. But perhaps its most impressive feature will be the people involved in its operation.

In particular, the center will rely heavily upon volunteers to be ushers, docents, ticket takers, concessionaires, gift shop workers and more.

"Dedicated volunteers are vital to the success of any entertainment venue," Michelle Mac Lennan, TCA Fine Arts Coordinator said. "We're seeking dynamic, dedicated individuals who are looking for the opportunity to contribute to the community's art experience, while having one of their own."

The TCA volunteer program will be starting in 2006. Volunteers will receive mailings of the TCA program newsletter, a TCA gift shop discount and other TCA benefits.



The volunteer program will be instrumental in assisting patrons at the new Tempe Center for the Arts. Lobby rendering compliments of ARCHITEKTON and Barton Myers Associates, Inc.

Interested volunteers should send their names, telephone numbers and email addresses to michelle_maclennan@tempe.gov.

Art News Profile:



Laura Davis grew up with the arts. When she went away to college at Rutgers University, it was only a short train ride into New York to visit friends, theaters and museums.

Later, while working for the Department of Agriculture in the Washington, D.C., area, Laura and her husband raised their two sons with as much piano, dance, sports and plays as possible. It was important to have them experience all facets of life. Seeing everything at the Kennedy Center was a part of that.

When her family moved to Tempe nine years ago, she became involved in the community as quickly as possible. Laura learned about the Tempe Center for the Arts and joined the Arts Commission where she is serving her second term.

It's the "incremental issues," that have brought her the most pleasure during her tenure on the commission, she says. She currently serves as co-chair of the Grants Committee and encourages as many people as she possibly can to get involved in her committee,

the commission and the many visual and performing programs the commission supports.

Laura also volunteered at her sons' elementary school, Kyrene del Cielo, in the Art Masterpiece Program. The last two of the five years she volunteered, she served as the coordinator. Her involvement in Art Masterpiece introduced her to the Phoenix Art Museum where she served as the Foundaton and Government Grants Officer from August of 2001 to January 2004. And Laura continues to find the time to give back to the community.

Just as she has enjoyed sharing the arts with her children, Laura has helped the youth of our community find and enjoy the arts through all of her volunteer work.

- Scott Essex

EXPANDING COMMUNITY CULTURE THROUGH THE ARTS



Orion Fisher works on a painting exhibited in the 2004-2005 Tempe Union High School District Art 6 exhibition.

Opera in schools, wood sculpting, a cafeteria mural and a program promoting racial tolerance, multi-cultural understanding and friendship through the arts are among the programs that will receive a boost from Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) grants in 2005-2006.

Grants totaling \$130,135 will be awarded to 10 nonprofit organizations and nine schools for innovative arts projects and services being offered to adults, children and families in Tempe.

Additional programs receiving funding include a classroom symphony series, a young artists' piano festival and a program that provides preschoolers from low-income families with arts experiences to help them learn academic and life skills through music, movement and creative drama.



Meyer Elementary School students made ancestor dolls and learned about Yoruba beaded art and its importance to Black history through a grant awarded to the Bead Museum.

"Research has shown that children who partake of the

arts perform better in core curricula such as math, science and English," TMAC Communication and Advocacy Committee chair Ed Coyoli said. "These annual grants provide valuable funding that assists in providing children with access to art opportunities. Exposure to the arts and music are among the greatest gifts you can give a child."

In addition to giving Tempe children more opportunities to "make" and learn from art, grants help to expose residents and visitors to a variety of professional music, dance, art and theater performances. Additionally, they allow local groups to share their art with the community.

"When choosing a location, many companies weigh heavily a community's cultural offerings," TMAC Grants Committee co-chair Laura Davis said. "Tempe's long-standing commitment to the arts has provided an outstanding foundation for the economic goals of our community."

Grant funds are administered by the city's Cultural Services Division and TMAC under the "one percent for arts" designated in the Capital Improvements

Program budget. The allocation process for art project grants includes three review meetings by an independent citizen panel, TMAC and the City Council.

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For a list of 2005-2006 grant recipients and specific information about each project and the grants program, visit www.tempe.gov/arts/grants/projects0506.htm, or call 480/350-5287.

Congratulations

For more than 20 years, Tempe resident Gail Fisher has been steadfast in her efforts laying the groundwork to create an atmosphere where the arts can flourish. In August, the former Tempe Municipal Arts Commission member was recognized for her leadership by the Arts & Business Council of Greater Phoenix. Gail, congratulations and thank you!



Gail Fisher

2005 Business in the Arts
Arts Advocate of the Year

Tempe City Council

Hugh Hallman, Mayor
Mark Mitchell, Vice Mayor
Ben Arredondo
Barb Carter
Leonard Copple
Pam Goronkin
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Will Manley, City Manager

City of Tempe Municipal Art Commission

The city of Tempe Municipal Arts Commission is an advisory board whose mission is to create an atmosphere in which the arts can flourish and to inspire Tempe residents to recognize the arts as essential to the whole life of the community. Commission members are:
Robert Bortfeld
Scott Burge
Ed Coyoli
Laura Davis
Scott Essex
Betsy Fahlman
Carmon Fernandez
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