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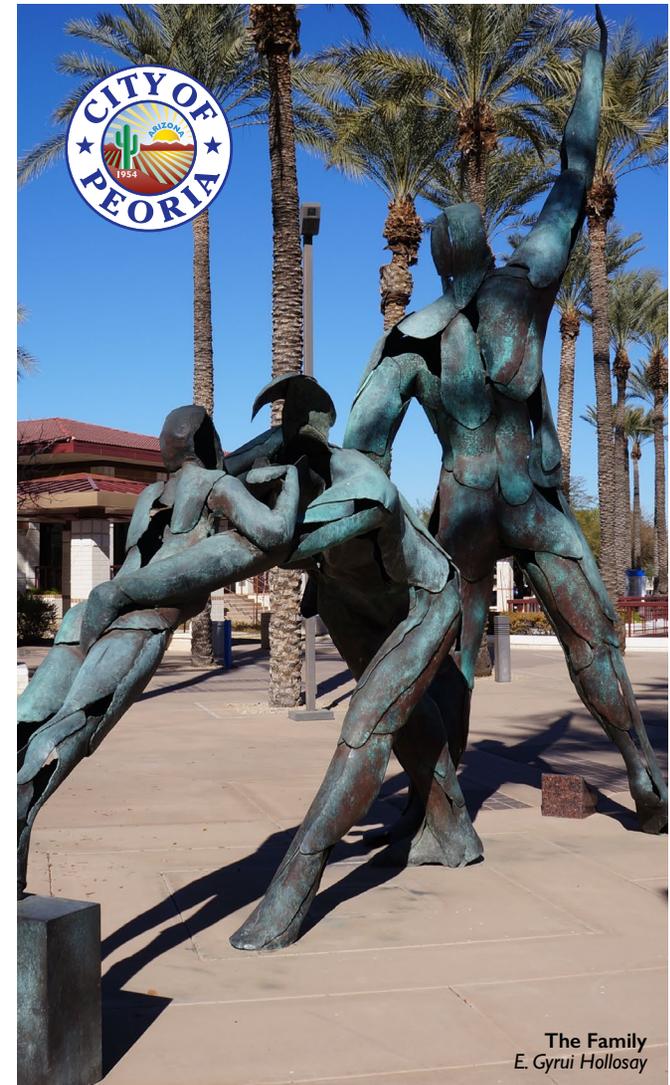
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**The  
Peoria Arts  
Commission  
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# Public art tells the story of our community and its legacy



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The Peoria Arts Commission was formed in 1987 to assist in fulfilling the Arts and Cultural needs of the community. Appointed by the Mayor and City Council, the 7 member board acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council on matters pertaining to Arts and Culture.

Aside from building the municipal art collection the Peoria Arts Commission organizes Art Exhibits in municipal buildings, provides grant funding for local visual and performing arts projects, and underwrites local arts groups. In 2006, the Peoria Performing Arts Center opened its doors.

The direction of the Arts Commission is influenced by the Arts Master Plan which was adopted in 2009 by the Mayor and City Council.

## The Commission's Two Major Areas of Responsibility are:

1. Commissioning, selecting and maintaining the Public Art Collection. This includes determining the locations and the placement of artwork.
2. Increasing and supporting visual and performing arts programming in Peoria. This is accomplished by providing financial support through grants up to \$2,500 to non-profit arts groups.

Peoria's Community Services Department staff develop and administer the commission's programs and services. Funding for the public art program come from the City's Percent for the Arts.

## Arts Grant Program

The Arts Grant program was developed in 1997 for the purpose of increasing the Arts presence in the community for Peoria residents. Under the program, qualified nonprofit organizations can apply for up to \$2,500 in assistance for performing arts or visual arts programming. The projects must

take place in Peoria and have a direct benefit to the community. Grant applications can be obtained by going to the Peoria Arts Commission's website at [www.peoriaaz.gov/arts](http://www.peoriaaz.gov/arts).

## Percent for Arts Program

Peoria's Percent for Arts program requires that all capital improvement building projects contribute one percent of the total cost of the project for the purpose of acquiring public art. The artwork, selected by the Arts Commission and approved by City Council is displayed outdoors at various city-owned facilities and parks, such as City Hall, the Libraries, Recreation and Community Centers and Windrose Park, Osuna Park and Centennial Plaza. In 2010, the small art collection was formalized into small art exhibit within city buildings.

## How the Commission Acquires Art

The Arts Commission solicits and acquires public art through Open entry competition, Invitational competition, direct selection of an artist and Direct Purchase of artwork. Residents are encouraged to offer input into the process by attending arts commission meeting or on the arts commission website [www.peoriaaz.gov/arts](http://www.peoriaaz.gov/arts).

## Art and Community

Public Art enriches the quality of life for residents and visitors by creating spaces that invite contemplation while evoking a sense of community by fostering and supporting cultural opportunities for both local artists and the general public through acquiring and displaying public art, hosting exhibitions, performances and festivals and supporting the arts through an arts grants program.

## Information

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