

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
CITY MANAGER REPORT**

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TO: Carl Swenson, City Manager

THROUGH: Susan J. Daluddung, Deputy City Manager

FROM: J.P. de la Montaigne, Community Services Director

SUBJECT: Arts and Culture Update

SUMMARY:

The Arts in Peoria continues to thrive and receive a positive response from the community. We continue to seek out and build partnerships with other arts organizations and serve as a resource for others. The Arts Commission increased their visibility this year by attending local events and participating on panels for the selection of artists and grants.

Some of our accomplishments for 2010 include:

- Bravo Peoria & Celebration of Artists brought positive results from the community. Both programs involve partnering with local arts organizations.
- Conducted a successful call to artists for Sunrise Mountain Library. Latka Studios, a nationally recognized husband and wife team were selected to create a piece of art to complete the Sunrise Mountain Library project.
- Restored three pieces of art on City Hall Campus and in parks including: *Bess & Babe*, *The Valentine* and *J.R. Little Spring*.
- Awarded nearly \$150,000 in art grants to local organizations. Categories were General Operating Support, Festival and Arts grants.
- Created a budding partnership with West Valley Art Museum.

For 2011 the outlook is just as productive with a strong mix of art and cultural activities:

- Gallery opening on January 22 with the Smithsonian Institute's Lasting Light: 125 years of Grand Canyon Photography.
- Partner with Diversity Committee to present Paving the Way film series

- Taking the West valley Art Museum to a new level with exhibits of their collection at the new gallery and in other public City Buildings.
- Bravo Peoria! 100, the arts and literature events expands to include a Centennial component. The event kicks off the City's Centennial year in March and has been sanctioned as an official Arizona Centennial event.
- Installation of *Be Water*, the commissioned sculpture at Sunrise Mountain Library. The dedication is slated for the morning of Bravo Peoria.
- Creating a team of Arizona artists to work together and tie in current and future art projects in the City including Osuna Park, 84th Avenue streetscape and Centennial Plaza.

Through partnerships, events and visibility, the Arts in Peoria is combining multiple components to make the City a true arts and cultural destination.

ATTACHMENT: (if applicable)

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