



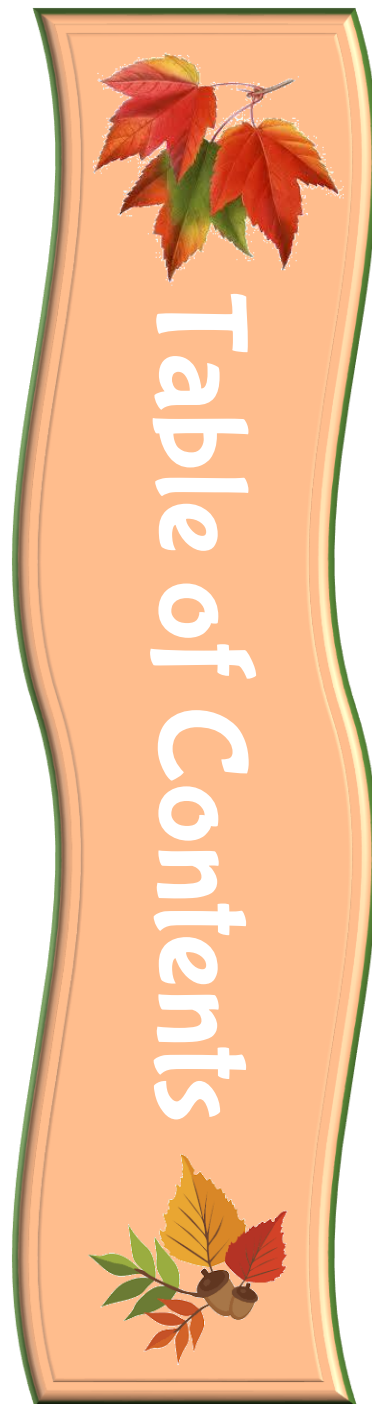
# Newsletter



Issue: September 2025

## Page

|    |  |
|----|--|
| 1  | • Table of Contents  |
| 2  | • President's Message<br>• Labor Day for Artists & Artists Talk Schedule |
| 3  | • Help Wanted<br>• Collaborating Festivals                               |
| 4  | • Small Artist Towns in Arizona<br>• 67th Annual Tubac Art Festival      |
| 5  | • Plein Aire Fieldtrip   |
| 6  | • Game: What do they have in common?                                     |
| 7  | • Class Schedule   |
| 8  | • Calendar of Events   |
| 9  | • Rim Country Empty Bowls  |
| 10 | • Game Answers   |



## RCA President's Message

Greetings! The weather will be changing soon and we'll welcome Autumn and cooler days. I certainly hope you're getting your creations ready for the show on Friday, November 14th and Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. The show application will be available soon.

The next 'Artist Talk' Meeting is on September 9th at 4pm in the Mogollon Room, as always. I hope you attend as we have some interesting things to share with you, including more Autumn Show information. See you on September 9th



**Minette Hart Richardson**

## Labor Day for the Artist

Artists, consider resting on this Labor Day! Many think the life of an artist is all peaches and cream, and we sit around and create art all day. People don't see the backside of an artist's life. We Artists have many jobs, we have to do framing, cut mats, order our supplies, bookkeeping, marketing, PR, photo shoots, find venues for shows, enter competitions, computer work, be a photographer taking pictures of our art works and booth displays, then resize the photos for proper formatting for publishing, We set up and take down the booth displays for exhibits, haul our works to galleries or to art festivals, communications, shipping, receiving, sales, banking and the overwhelming social media, and with all of that, we manage to find time to create art!

**So, Happy Labor Day and Relax!**



**'Artist Talks' Speakers  
4:15 to 5:15 at the Payson Library**



**Deanna Vigianni,  
Floral Artists  
Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Michelle Guerrero,  
Author  
Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Jill Lawrence  
Art Therapy & Mixed Media  
Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

Floral Artist Deanna Vigianni, the creative owner of Arizona Wildflowers in Swiss Village, will talk about the art of flower arranging, reminding us to slow down to feel the beauty that surrounds us.

# Help Wanted

**Rim Country Artists are in the process of recruiting three Board Member positions. These three positions would start on January 1, 2026.**

**These positions include:**

**Secretary**

**Social Media Coordinator**

**Speaker Recruiter**



**RCA works diligently to provide members with quality speakers on numerous art forms, art shows, provides a member website, a monthly newsletter, and embraces all types of artists and what they create. In addition, our organization is a good citizen providing donations to local food banks, collage grants, and more. Now we are asking for your help in filling these three voluntary board member positions. RCA board members typically meet twice a month. The first Tuesday of the month is the board meeting, and the second Tuesday of the month is the member meeting and artist talk.**

**If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, or know someone who may be interested (even if they are not a member), please contact our Board President, Minette Hart Richardson at: (928) 978-1119 ~ or ~ [art.minette@gmail.com](mailto:art.minette@gmail.com)**



## Wonderful Collaborating Festivals

**Exciting News!** The County Fair and the Town of Payson are partnering to bring one big event for Rim Country residents and our visitors this year. We are combining The **County Fair, Arizona Annual Fiddle Fest Competition, and the Food Truck Festival** to bring a fun and exciting event here in Payson. We would love for you to participate in this big event by showing/selling your artwork, which we are expecting 15,000 guests to attend over the 3 day event.

**Event Dates:** Sept 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>

**Event times:** Thursday 10am to 10pm  
Friday 9am to 10pm ~ Kids Day  
Saturday 10am to 10pm

**Location:** Payson Event Center, 1000 Country Club Drive, Payson, AZ 85541. Contact Elizabeth Fowler if you wish to have a booth at this October event that is expected to attract 15,000 visitors! Sell your art! (928) 970-1825 ~ OR ~ [elizaufowler@gmail.com](mailto:elizaufowler@gmail.com)



## Small Artists Towns in Arizona



Many small towns across Arizona are home to vibrant artist communities, offering a diverse range of artistic expressions inspired by the unique landscapes and rich cultural heritage of the state. Well-known artist towns and enclaves that include, but are not limited to:

- **Sedona:** Famous for its stunning red rock scenery, Sedona has attracted artists for decades. It's home to numerous art galleries, studios, and cultural institutions such as the Sedona Arts Center.
- **Tubac:** Located in Southern Arizona, Tubac boasts a strong reputation as an artist enclave, hosting annual events like the Tubac Festival of the Arts.
- **Jerome:** This historic copper mining town-turned-ghost town now thrives as a bohemian artist hub with galleries, studios, and a monthly Jerome Art Walk.
- **Bisbee:** Bisbee is known for its quirky and alternative art scene, featuring art cars, street art, and a lively atmosphere.
- **Oracle:** Situated where the mountains meet the desert, Oracle has a thriving artistic community, including Rancho Linda Vista, a long-standing artist commune, and Oracle State Park, which doubles as an art museum.
- **Patagonia:** Known for its natural beauty and outdoor activities, Patagonia also nurtures a growing arts community with local artists showcasing their work in galleries and during events like the Patagonia Holiday Walking Tour.

### 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Tubac Festival of the Arts - February 4–8, 2026 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Daily



Step into history and artistry at the Tubac Festival of the Arts, a cherished tradition in the Historic Village of Tubac since 1959 – the oldest art festival in the state. Southern Arizona's longest-running art festival, this event promises a captivating blend of fine art, delicious cuisine, and live entertainment against the backdrop of one of Arizona's most picturesque settings. Join us for a celebration of creativity as more than 250 fine artists and craftsmen showcase their work throughout The Village. Experience the vibrant energy as artists are seamlessly integrated along

roadways and plazas, weaving among the village's 125 art galleries, boutiques, specialty shops, and restaurants. It's an unparalleled opportunity to immerse yourself in the artistic soul of Arizona and discover where art and history meet. Average Tubac temperature is February 76 degrees.



# Plein Aire Painting Fieldtrip

Ever wanted to paint a gorgeous panoramic landscape view while enjoying that very same gorgeous panoramic landscape view? Come join us on the Highline National Recreation Trail outside Payson to put brush to paper in a beautiful natural setting. We encourage participants to create any artwork related to the trail or its environment. Photography, painting, drawing, writing, songwriting, etc.

The event will run for two days over the weekend of 9/13-9/14. *Join for just one day or for both.* We will have developed campsites available for attendees to use on the night of Saturday 9/13. A home-cooked dinner that night and breakfast the next morning will be provided.

Attendees provide:

- ▶ Art supplies
- ▶ Camping gear (if you have it)
- ▶ Whatever you need for a short hike (water, snacks, sturdy walking shoes)

Wild Arizona will provide:

- ▶ Dinner at our campsite Saturday 9/13
- ▶ Breakfast at our campsite Sunday 9/14
- ▶ A wilderness medicine-trained guide with expertise on the trail.
- ▶ Camping gear can be loaned out on request, as available.
- ▶ 5 spots in a truck to give rides to/from our campsite.



**Registration on EventBrite is required to manage camping capacity:**  
**[www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)**

**If you are planning to attend both days, *please email Dexter at***  
***[dexter@wildarizona.org](mailto:dexter@wildarizona.org)***

**Campsite location is [Upper Tonto Campground on the Tonto National Forest](#)**

**Artwork meetup location is the [Hatchery Trailhead](#), along forest road 289, 3.8 miles north of AZ-260.**



This event is a collaboration between [Wild Arizona](#) and the [Rim Country Artists](#).  
Direct any questions to Dexter Kopas at [dexter@wildarizona.org](mailto:dexter@wildarizona.org) or 206-853-1607.

## Game Time

### What Do They Have in Common?

**Each question contains a list of several items.**

**Can you figure out what they have in common?**



- 1) The heart, women's shoes, and gas station equipment.
- 2) Shasta, Hood, McKinley, and Rainier.
- 3) M&Ms, oysters, peanuts, and turtles.
- 4) National Velvet, Seabiscuit, King of the Wind, and Misty of Chincoteague.
- 5) Vichyssoise, bouillabaisse, gazpacho, and miso.
- 6) Thimble, wheelbarrow, shoe, and battleship.
- 7) Stockings, a marathoner, a car, and a political candidate.
- 8) Bitte, por favor, and prego.
- 9) Elwood P. Dowd, Jefferson Smith, Roger Hobbs, and George Bailey.
- 10) Lettuce, a pin, a glass of beer, and a coin.
- 11) Erie Blair, Samuel Clemens, and Charles Dodgson.
- 12) Underwood, Olivetti, Royal, and Remington Rand.

# Class Schedule Through November 2025

Register for Classes with Elizabeth Fowler at:  
(928) 970-1825 ~ or ~ elizaufowler@gmail.com

Pay for classes at [www.rimcountryartists.org](http://www.rimcountryartists.org) in the 'Current Classes' tab.  
We accept PayPal, MasterCard, Visa, Discover, and American Express

| # | Instructor & Class                                     | Date and Time   | Location  | Description of the Class   |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| 1 | Camille LeFevre<br>Poetry Writing<br>Class             | Saturday,<br>October 4 <sup>th</sup><br>1:00 pm to<br>3:00 pm   | Noley's<br>Books, Art,<br>& Whatnot                                     | Learn to write poetry or enhance<br>your current poetry writing<br>skills: \$42  |
| 2 | Peggy Donathan<br>Pre-Cut Stained<br>Glass Sun Catcher | Saturday,<br>October 25 <sup>th</sup><br>11:00 am to<br>3:00 pm | Payson, AZ:<br>Location<br>will be<br>provided<br>when you<br>register. | All materials will be provided:<br>\$81<br>  |
| 3 | Kathleen Kelly<br>Stained Glass<br>'Autumn'            | Saturday,<br>November 1 <sup>st</sup><br>1:00-4:00 pm           | Noley's<br>Books, Art,<br>& Whatnot                                     | All materials will be provided:<br>\$75<br> |



# Calendar of Events for September 2025

## RCA Meetings

| Event              | Location          | Date & Times                    | Notes   |
|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| RCA Board Meeting  | Casino Restaurant | September 2nd<br>3:30 – 6:00    |   |
| RCA Member Meeting | Payson Library    | September 9th<br>3:30 – 5:15 pm | 3:30-4:00 Networking<br>4:00-4:15 Announcements<br>4:15-5:15 Presentation |

## Payson Events

| Event  | Location  | Dates & Times   | Notes   |
|--|---|---|---|
| Movies in the Park   | Green Valley Park                                       | At Sunset   | Schedule of Remaining Movies Below                                |
| Payson Farmers Market                                      | 816 S Beeline Hwy                                       | Every Saturday<br>8:00 am to 12:00 pm                               | September 13 <sup>th</sup> is the last day of the season          |
| Fiddle & Food Festival                                     | Payson Event Center<br>At the Northern Gila County Fair | September 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>                         | See Performance Schedule Below                                    |
| Payson Rimstones 27 <sup>th</sup> Annual Rock and Gem Show | Mazatzal Casino<br>261 Hwy 87<br>Payson, AZ             | September 19 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup><br>1:00 pm to 6:00 pm | Admission Fee<br>\$3:00 – \$5:00 adults<br>Children under 13 Free |

## Arizona Events

| Event  | Location   | Dates & Times   | Notes  |
|--|--|---|--|
| West Sedona End of Summer Arts & Crafts Show | Los Rosales Restaurant<br>1655 W State Rte. 89A<br>Sedona AZ | September 5 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup><br>10:00 am to 5:00 pm  | Live music, local artists, native American art, & food |
| Oak Creek Arts & Crafts Fair                 | Sedona Vista Village<br>6601 State Rte 179<br>Sedona AZ      | September 12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup><br>9:00 am to 5:00 pm | Live music, local artists, native American art, & food |
| Prescott Indian Art Market                   | Sharlot Hall Museum<br>415 W Gurley St<br>Prescott, AZ       | September 20 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup><br>9:00 am to 4:00 pm  | Indigenous art, music, performances, & demonstrations  |

### Movie Schedule

|                      |   |         |
|----------------------|---|---------|
| Sep 12 <sup>th</sup> | 'Harry Potter and The Sorcerer's Stone' | 7:50 pm |
| Oct 25 <sup>th</sup> | 'Monsters Inc.'                         | 7:00 pm |

### Fiddle & Food Festival Performances

9/5 @ 5:30 Stollshine  
 9/5 @ 7:00 Donny Grubb Band & the Twin Fiddles  
 9/6 @ 5:30 Arizona Wildflowers  
 9/6 @ 7:00 Desert Knights Band

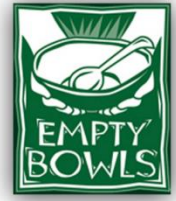




# Rim Country Empty Bowls 2025!



**Saturday October 18, 2025  
4:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
At the Payson Elks Lodge**



**Rim Country Empty Bowls will be raising funds for local food banks. Artisans from the Rim Country Mud Club will again be offering unique, handmade pottery bowls. The Empty Bowls project is now nestled within the larger organizational resources of Rim Country Artists! The potters from the Rim Country Mud Club will still be donating their unique handmade bowls for the event with 100% of the proceeds going to our 3 local food banks where now-more-then-ever these donations are much needed in our community.**

**The Empty Bowls display with lots of smiling artists and volunteers will be front and center from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 18th. As with all Empty Bowl events, we ask for a small donation of 25.00 per bowl. You will have the opportunity to select a handmade bowl, enjoy a meal, and help local food banks. Cash or check please. 100% of Empty Bowls proceeds go to local food banks. You may also select a unique handmade bowl and support your local food banks at Rim Country Artists Autumn Art Festival.**



## **Western Heritage & Film Festival was a GREAT success!**



# Answers to What Do They Have in Common?

1) The heart, women's shoes, and gas station Equipment.

They are all pumps

2) Shasta, Hood, McKinley, and Rainier.

They are all mountains in the U.S.

3) M&Ms, oysters, peanuts, and turtles.

They all have shells.

4) National Velvet, Seabiscuit, King of the Wind, and Misty of Chincoteague.

They are all stories that feature horses.

5) Vichyssoise, bouillabaisse, gazpacho, and miso.

They are all soups.

6) Thimble, wheelbarrow, shoe, and battleship.

They are all pieces (or tokens) that move around the Monopoly board.

7) Stockings, a marathoner, a car, and a political candidate.

They all run.

8) Bitte, por favor, and prego.

They all mean *please* (German, Spanish, and Italian).

9) Elwood P. Dowd, Jefferson Smith, Roger Hobbs, and George Bailey.

They are all characters played by James 'Jimmy' Steward. Elwood P. Dowd in 'Harvey', Jefferson Smith in 'Mr. Smith Goes to Washington', Roger Hobbs in 'Mr. Hobbs Takes a Vacation', and George Baily in 'It's a Wonderful Life.'

10) Lettuce, a pin, a glass of beer, and a coin.

They all have heads.

11) Erie Blair, Samuel Clemens, and Charles Dodgson.

They are all the real names of authors who wrote under pen names. Eric Blair is George Orwell, Samuel Clemens is Mark Twain, and Charles Dodgson is Lewis Carrol.

12) Underwood, Olivetti, Royal, and Remington Rand.

They are all brands of typewriters.