



Newsletter



The Merry Month of May 2026

RCA's Biggest Event is Back!

The Western Heritage and Film Festival

**August 8-18, 2026 and May 8, 2027
Payson, Arizona**

In our third year, our unique festival educates, entertains, promotes tourism, and brings economic growth to our rural area. It is important today to preserve Western heritage and sustain the frontier culture of cooperation. Held directly before and boosting the World's Oldest Continuous Rodeo in August and the Gary Hardt Memorial Rodeo in May, our festival does both.

The Western Heritage and Film Festival provides tangible, memorable ways to interact. Young and old alike gain a deeper appreciation for what it took to build this community and what it took to make Rim Country home for generations upon generations of both Indigenous and Whites.

In summary, our schedule will include:

- Aug 8 → Family Matinee with activities;
- Aug 10-13 → Classic films;
- Aug 13 → Cowboy Poetry;
- Aug 14 → New films and awards party;
- Aug 15 → Speaker luncheon, classic film, and Rodeo Kickoff dance;
- Aug 16 → Winning films;
- Aug 17 → Classic film;
- Aug 18 → Breaking Camp Concert;
- May 8 → Ranch Tales with local ranchers telling stories at Rumsey Park with food, cultural displays, authors, family friendly activities. The RCA Newsletter will publish more detailed information about this great event during the next two months.

Message from the RCA Board President

As you know, we all want an Art Center, but more than that, Rim Country needs it. The effect of such a center on a community is all positive. It checks all the boxes from making us a destination to a 365 day economic boost to Rim Country, to having a great influence on our mental and physical wellbeing. It helps in bring in the community together, especially during uncertain times. A great thing about creativity is that anyone, yes, anyone can do it. Art isn't just paintings, pottery it's writing, performing, music, culinary, and much more. It is creating. Rim Country deserves a Creative Art Center where all creativity is welcome. This will require time and work to make it happen. I am calling on you to think about what you could do to help make it happen. Big or small ideas and action is what makes things come to life.

Donn Morris donated the proceeds for his show to RCA. Every volunteer at events and shows makes it happen. Please contact me with any assistance you would be able to provide for RCA or any questions you may have: (928) 978-1119

"Creativity takes courage"
~ Henri Matisse

Let's show our courage by creating an Arts Center!! This coming October RCA will host a fund raising event at the National Bank of Arizona. You will receive details soon. It was one of many things we talked about our April Member Meeting. By the way, it was a good meeting with insight into what your board does . . . you should have been there. I'm excited about being involved in creating a center that will bring community together with love and resourcefulness.



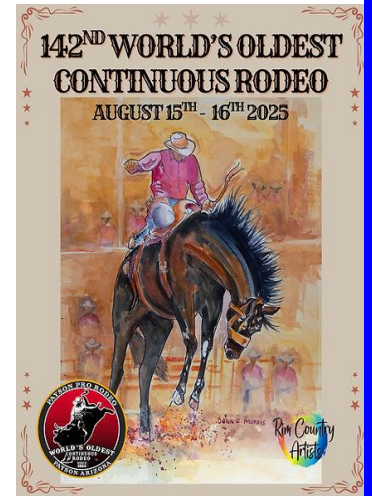
Minette Hart Richardson

Announcements



\$1,000 Cash Prize for RCA's Rodeo Poster Contest Deadline July 1st!

The winner will receive \$1,000.00 in prize money from Rim Country Artists in exchange for donating the original artwork to RCA.



For detailed information and requirements, please visit this website: <https://www.paysonazfilmfestival.org/about-3>

There will be special press and social media publicity.

- Proportion your artwork to have high resolution when reproduced at 24" x 36".
- Use any medium and any support.
- Do not frame your work so that it is camera-ready.
- Oriented vertically, the artwork must leave room to give very visible room to these words:

All photographed entries must be turned in by July 1st. Send your jpeg photo file to Elizabeth Fowler at WHandFF2023@gmail.com

Pups in the Pines

We need volunteers who would like to help with Pups in the Pines RCA Booth. We will be helping people make paw prints painting. This event is at Green Valley Park from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Please contact Elizabeth Fowler (928) 970-1825 ~ or ~ elizaufowler@gmail.com



Open Mic American Poetry

Plan ahead for RCA's Open Mic American Poetry at Nole's on July 2nd.
It's fun, come join us!



Spring!
**Acrylic
Painting
Class with
Elizabeth
Fowler
April 5, 2026**



An Idea for Mother's Day Craft

This Leaf Imprint Jewelry Dish craft uses leaf imprints in clay to create a beautiful handmade gift for the Mother's Day or any special occasion!

MATERIALS NEEDED TO MAKE A LEAF IMPRINT JEWELRY DISH

- **Clay** – Recommend the use of white **Crayola Air-Dry Clay** because it is easy to use and dries overnight. (Available at Walmart)
- **Rolling pin** – This is needed to roll out the clay.
- **Parchment or wax paper** – This keeps the clay from sticking on your work surface and avoids making a mess.
- **Cutting board** – You will want to use one on your workspace to avoid cutting something unintentionally with your knife.
- **Leaves** – You will need medium to large sized fresh leaves, about 4 inches wide or long.
- **Knife** – Any knife will do, but a sharp knife is easier to work with than a butter knife.



HOW TO MAKE A LEAF IMPRINT JEWELRY DISH

- **Prepare your workspace** – Start the craft by laying down a cloth on the table, a cutting board on top of that, and then parchment or wax paper on top of that.
- **Gather supplies** – Once your workspace is ready, you'll need to gather your materials: air-dry clay, a rolling pin, and a sharp knife.
- **Pick out leaves** – You can use leaves from a houseplant, or outdoor plants, from trees or bushes too! Just be sure to use fresh leaves. Dry or dead leaves will be too brittle and they will crack and break. Use



medium to large leaves, at least 4 inches long or wide. Also, look for leaves with lots of veins in them – they make the prettiest designs!

- **Roll out clay** – Make a tennis ball sized ball of clay and put it on a sheet of wax or parchment paper, then grab a rolling pin and roll the clay out flat into a disk between 1/4 and 1/8 of an inch thick.
- **Lay out leaf** – Once your clay is rolled out flat, place your leaf directly on top of the clay, face-up, with the veiny side down
- **Create a leaf imprint in the clay** – After your leaf is lying flat on your clay, grab the rolling pin and start rolling the leaf into the clay with medium pressure. You want to make sure that it is leaving an indentation into the clay. You can check by carefully lifting up a piece of the leaf. If it is not leaving an indentation that you can clearly see, try pressing a little harder.



- **Cut out shape** – Very carefully, use a sharp knife to cut the leaf shape out of the clay. Then, carefully remove the leaf and set aside.
- **Fold up edges** – Once you're happy with your leaf shape, using your fingertips, gently curl the edges up to form a shallow dish, such as a flutter effect. To create this look, it is similar to crimping a pie. However, feel free to use your creativity and fold up your edges however, you like!
- **Let dry** – Now, carefully place the finished dish onto a fresh piece of wax or parchment paper and allow them to dry and harden overnight before moving on to the next step. You may need to use something to brace the edges, so they do not collapse as they dry, such as little stones to keep your edges in place.
- **Optional** – After your clay dishes have fully dried, you could paint them, decorate them with glitter, or use a clay glaze – or just leave them natural.



Sprouting Wild Ones at <https://sproutingwildones.com/leaf-imprint-jewelry-dish/>



"Creativity is intelligence having fun."
— *Albert Einstein*

"Creativity is piercing the mundane to find the marvelous." — *Bill Moyers*

"Creativity is inventing, experimenting, growing, taking risks, breaking rules, making mistakes, and having fun." — *Mary Lou Cook*

What do they have in common game?

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- 4) The doctor's office, a map, a fish, and music.
- 5) Nixon succeeds (B), the 'Miracle Mets' win the World Series, and Neil Armstrong walks on the moon.
- 6) Eyeglasses, a bed, and a bowling competition.
- 7) Adelie, Centoo, king, and emperor.
- 8) An ice cream parlor, dog walkers, and front loaders.
- 9) A Girl scout, a flat tire, and a quilt.
- 10) Ronald Regan, John Wayne, Louis Armstrong, and John F. Kennedy.

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RCA Calendar of Events for May 2026

RCA Meetings & Events

Event	Location	Date & Times	Notes
RCA Board Meeting	National Bank of Arizona	May 5 th 3:00 – 5:00 pm	
RCA Quarterly Member Meeting	Payson Library	July 14 th 5:00 pm	

Payson Community Events

Event	Location	Dates & Times	Notes
Wildlife Festival	Green Valley Park Zane Grey Museum Area	May 2 nd 9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Hosted by Arizona Game & Fish Department
Gary Hardt Memorial Rodeo	Payson Event Center	May 14 th -16 th Gates Open 5:00 pm	Woman's Cactus Series Barrel Racing, Mutton Bustin', Bareback Riding, Bronc, Bull Riding . . .
Farmers Market <u>Opening Day</u>	816 S Beeline Hwy	May 23 rd 8:00 – Noon	Fresh produce, bread, milk, eggs, honey & more!
Pups in the Park	Green Valley Park	May 30 th 8:00 am to Noon	Come and let your pups play. Includes Tonto Rim Search & Rescue, Disc, Flyball & agility

Arizona Events

Event	Location	Dates & Times	Notes
Prescott Mother's Day Fine Art Festival	Courthouse Square 120 S Cortez St.	May 10 th & 11 th 9:00 am to 4:00 pm	Featuring over 100 fine art vendors, music, wine garden, food, & more
Pine Memorial Day Arts & Crafts Festival	Community Center 3888 N Hwy 87	May 23 rd & 24 th 8:00 am to 4:00 pm	Selling hand crafted work, food, and beverages
Sedona Memorial Weekend Arts & Crafts Show	Sedona Vista Village 6657 AZ-179	May 22 nd to 24 th 9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Great selection of talented local and Native American artists who sell their fine artwork including jewelry, fine art, pottery, photography; live music.



RCA Class Schedule as of May 2026

Pay for classes at www.rimcountryartists.org in the 'Current Classes' tab.

We accept Google Pay, MasterCard, Visa, Discover, and American Express.

No refunds for paid classes. Credit cards only - no checks or cash for classes in 2026.

Questions or Concerns? Contact Dorothy Perry at

(719) 480-9981 ~ or ~ 500dperry@gmail.com

#	Instructor, Class & Fee	Date and Time	Location	Description of the Class
1	Dorothy Perry 'Mosaic Wall Hanging' \$68	Saturday 5/2/2026 10:00 – 2:00	Perry's Place	Create a 24 in. round mosaic wall hanging that you can hang in your home. Materials include ceramics, glass, buttons, cabochons, and copper shards, & more
2	Peggy Donathan-1 Stained Glass Wind Chime \$66	Saturday, 5/30/26 12:00 – 3:00	Church of the Nazarene	Create your own stained glass wind chime. All tools and materials provided.
3	Peggy Donathan-2 Mosaic Stained Glass on Glass \$72	Saturday, 6/27/26 11:00 – 3:00	Church of the Nazarene	Pre-cut glass on glass Gnome Mosaic on an 8"x8" framed glass panel (no grout).
4	Peggy Donathan-3 Stained Glass Mobile \$74	Saturday, 7/25/26 11:00 – 3:00	Church of the Nazarene	<i>Pre-cut glass for making a hanging glass mobile. Bright colors and great visuals!</i>
8	Peggy Donathan-4 Stained Glass Sun Catcher \$74	Saturday, 8/29/26 11:00 – 3:00	Church of the Nazarene	<i>Coming Soon! Registration Not Open Yet</i>
9	Peggy Donathan-5 Stained Glass Wind Chimes \$67	Saturday, 9/26/26 12:00 – 3:00	Church of the Nazarene	<i>Coming Soon! Registration Not Open Yet</i>





Glass Butterfly Mobile/Sun Catcher

Saturday, July 25, 2026 11-3 pm

**Class by: Peggy Donathan
Donathan Studio Glass**

**Location: Church of the Nazarene
200 E Tyler Parkway, Payson**

- Students will get to pick 2 butterfly glass pre-cuts & colored glass prism
- Learn how to copper foil their glass pieces
- Solder butterflies
- Chain and links will be provided to hang their sun catcher

All tools and materials are provided for class use

Demonstrations:

- Cutting and grinding glass pieces



**Bring a snack
(something to share if
desired)**



Tuition: \$72 per person

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Class Fee is non-refundable

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Pre-Cut Glass on Glass Gnome Mosaic Class

Saturday, June 27, 2026 11am-3 pm

Location: Church of the Nazarene
200 E Tyler Parkway, Payson

Class by: Peggy Donathan
Donathan Studio Glass

- Students will be provided an 8"x 8" framed glass panel & pattern
- Pre-Cut glass pieces (all glass will be pre-cut and nipped)
- Learn how to apply glass on glass with glue
- All materials and tools are provided for class use.



Demonstrations:
Cutting and grinding glass pieces

This project will not be grouted

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Glass Wind Chime Workshop

Saturday, May 30, 2026 12-3 pm

**Class by: Peggy Donathan
Donathan Studio Glass**

**Location: Church of the Nazarene
200 E Tyler Parkway, Payson**

Students will be provided :

- A hanging object to create from
- glass pieces and other media (pre-drilled)
- Chime Cord, chain, beads, jump rings

All tools and materials are provided for class use

Demonstrations:

- Cutting and grinding glass pieces
- Drilling holes in glass

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- 3) Aldrich Ames, Julius Rosenberg, Nathan Hale, and Mata Hari. *They are all spies.*
- 4) The doctor's office, a map, a fish, and music. *They all have scales*
- 5) Nixon succeeds (BJ), the 'Miracle Mets' win the World Series, and Neil Armstrong walks on the moon. *They are all events that happened in 1969.*
- 6) Eyeglasses, a bed, and a bowling competition. *They all have frames.*
- 7) Adelie, Centoo, King, and Emperor. *All are types of penguins*
- 8) An ice cream parlor, dog walkers, and front loaders. *They all use scoopers.*
- 9) A Girl scout, a flat tire, and a quilt. *They all have patches.*
- 10) Ronald Regan, John Wayne, Louis Armstrong, and John F. Kennedy. *They are all names of US airports. Ronald Regan – Washington, DC; John Wayne – Orange County, CA; Louis Armstrong – New Orleans; and John F. Kennedy – New York*