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Celebrating Friendships Across Borders



The Sedona Sister Cities Association recently hosted two successful events that celebrated the friendships and cultural connections shared with our partners in Canmore, Canada, and Jasło, Poland.

The Jasło Committee welcomed 30 members and guests to Yavapai College for a complimentary Polish Wine Tasting featuring wines generously donated by Jasło winemakers. Coordinated by Danusia Szumowski and fellow Valley wine enthusiasts, the evening introduced attendees to the rich traditions of one of Poland's premier wine regions while encouraging conversation about Polish culture and Sedona's growing Friendship City relationship with Jasło.

Just days later, the Canmore Committee hosted 55 members and guests at The Village Decanter Tasting Room to

celebrate Canada Day on July 1 while also recognizing America's upcoming 250th anniversary. The evening honored the longstanding friendship between the United States and Canada through a series of toasts and basket raffles to celebrate the values both nations share. Canmore Committee Chair Don Groves reminded guests that the two countries have long been connected by freedom, democracy, and mutual respect.

Together, these gatherings demonstrated the mission of the Sedona Sister Cities Association: building understanding through cultural exchange. Whether sharing Polish wines or celebrating alongside our Canadian friends, members experienced firsthand how simple gatherings can strengthen international friendships and create meaningful connections that extend far beyond national borders.

Where in the Wide World?



Welcome to a brand-new feature in Sister City News—Where in the Wide World?

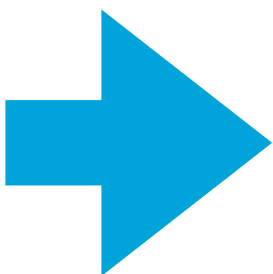
Many of our members are passionate world travelers who have explored remarkable places across the globe. Now it's your turn to share those experiences! Send us a favorite travel photo along with a brief note about why the location is meaningful to you.

In each edition of Sister City News, we'll feature one member's photo and challenge readers to identify the location and explain its special significance.

Our first mystery photo comes from Vyto Starinskas.

Think you know where it was taken? Email your guess, along with the location's meaning, to sedonasistercities.org. The first correct response will receive a one-year Sedona Sister Cities Association individual membership, a \$25 value.

Good luck—and happy travels!



Needed: A great volunteer to help with social media postings for SSCA.

Arizona Sister City Conference: Join members from thirteen Arizona Sister City organizations. September 25-26, 2026, Chandler, Arizona.

Contact: sedonasistercities.org



Travel plans to Canmore for the October 24 Rising Stars Concert and the Banff Film Festival, October 31 – November 7 are underway. Interested? Contact: cmarr609@gmail.com



Sedona Sister Cities Association plans to convene an initial meeting of those interested in helping develop a potential Amalfi Coast Sister City relationship. We anticipate holding that meeting in late-August and will provide additional details as they become available.

