Sister City News

Connecting Across Continents in the New Year

Blessington, Ireland:

Our efforts continue to determine if our Blessington friends are ready to develop a relationship with Sedona in 2024. Many Sedonans have traveled to Ireland, now including Mary Byrd., She has familial ties to Wicklow County, Ireland and is planning to visit Blessington during her upcoming Irish trip.

Canmore, Canada:

Mayor Sean Krausert of Canmore, Canada, extends New Year's greetings to Sedona Sister Cities. Janet Krausert is organizing a Zoom call in January, providing an opportunity for both communities to interact and discuss steps to a lasting Sister City relationship. Jaslo, Poland:

Fresh from a two-week visit to Jaslo, Edyta Wieczorek reports positive developments. The council members in Jaslo are actively exploring the establishment of a Sister City connection with Sedona and are in the process of forming a local support group.

In line with Sister Cities International's emphasis on youth involvement, Sedona Sister Cities is excited to announce a key initiative for Verde Valley youth. We will align with the international Young Artists & Authors Showcase competition, sponsoring a local competition for youths aged 13 to 18. Detailed information about this initiative will be shared in January.

As we enter the new year, Sedona Sister Cities looks forward to strengthening our international connections, fostering cultural exchange, and promoting understanding among diverse communities.



Volunteers needed to assist coordinating the Young Artists & Authors competition - contact <u>cmarr2@icloud.com</u>



January 2024 Events

- January 8: Young Artists & Authors Showcase competition announced
- January 11: Sedona Women
 Presentation/ Judy, Chuck
- January 18: Rotary Club of Sedona Village/ Chuck
- January 21: Members meet Mary Palko, Sister City Executive from Fort Worth
- January 27: Board Meeting
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