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# SISTER CITY NEWS

## *Sister Cities International Days! September 17-20*

The Sedona Sister Cities Association invites residents and visitors to join in a special celebration of international friendship, culture, and community during **Sister Cities International Days**, September 17–20, 2025. The four-day series of events highlights Sedona's growing partnerships with its Sister Cities in **Canmore, Alberta, Canada** and **Jasło, Poland**, and showcases the power of citizen diplomacy in today's world.

The celebration opens on **Wednesday, September 17** with the **Rising Stars Concert** at 7:00 PM at the **Sedona Performing Arts Center**. This free public concert features four outstanding young musicians—two from Arizona and two from Canmore, Alberta—brought together for a unique cross-cultural performance. The concert is supported by a generous grant from the City of Sedona, and reflects the Sister Cities mission to foster peace through mutual understanding, one exchange at a time.

On **Thursday, September 18**, the spotlight turns to the **Mayor's International Dinner**, an elegant ticketed evening at the **Hilton Resort at Bell Rock**. Guests will enjoy global cuisine, entertainment, and remarks from visiting dignitaries representing Canada, Poland, and Sister Cities International. The evening will also recognize the shared values and vibrant relationships that unite Sedona with its Sister Cities abroad.

The festivities culminate on **Saturday, September 20** with **Sedona's first-ever Polish Picnic**, held from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM at **Posse Grounds Park**. Co-sponsored by the **Polish American Congress**, the event is free and family-friendly, featuring traditional Polish food, live music, games, and cultural exhibits. Attendees can enjoy brats, pierogi, and Polish beer while experiencing a taste of Poland right here in the red rocks.

**Sister Cities International Days** is presented by **Northern Arizona Healthcare** and the **Hilton Resort at Bell Rock**, with support from the City of Sedona and numerous community partners.

For event updates: [www.sedonasistercities.org](http://www.sedonasistercities.org)



## Sedona Deepens Ties with Jasło Through Art and Wine at August Cultural Exchange

Sedona's global friendships will take center stage this August as two cultural initiatives—one rooted in visual storytelling, the other in winemaking—unite under the banner of international collaboration with Sedona's Friendship partner Jasło, Poland.

From August 24–31, 2025, Jasło's Main Square will host an outdoor photography exhibition titled **"Sedona, Through the Lens."** Initiated by Edyta Wieczorek, Chair of the Jasło Sister Cities Committee, and curated by Linda Goldenstein and Nate Myers of Sedona, the exhibit features 11 contemporary images by Sedona-based photographers and 9 historic photographs from the Sedona Heritage Museum. The photos capture the essence of Sedona's landscape, daily life, and artistic vibrancy. Each photo is presented with bilingual captions in English and Polish, making the collection accessible and engaging for the Jasło community.

Building on the cultural momentum, Sedona's Verde Valley Wine Consortium will participate in **Jasło's renowned Days of Wine Festival**, held August 29–31, bringing together wine lovers and vintners from across Europe and beyond.

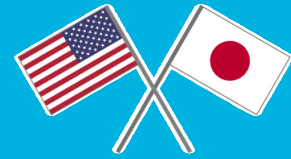
Led by Danusia Szumoski, a member of both the Wine Consortium and Sedona Sister Cities, the delegation will showcase wines from the Verde Valley, a region known for bold, high-desert varietals like Petite Sirah and Viognier. In contrast, Jasło's continental climate favors crisp whites such as Solaris and Riesling. The exchange offers both communities an opportunity to share techniques, explore sustainability practices, and celebrate their shared passion for winemaking.

Both initiatives reflect the spirit of the Sister Cities mission—bringing people together through shared interests in art, culture, and commerce.



### A beautiful evening...

at Tlaquepaque set the stage for "Great Voices Sing, John Denver." Fifty Sister City friends and guests enjoyed this special event, organized by a dedicated team led by Donna Foreman. Rita Gendron won the "Mountain High Raffle" basket filled with wine and John Denver memorabilia. Dave Palmisano shined as MC, keeping the evening lively and fun. A wonderful gathering that celebrated friendship, music, and community for Sedona Sister Cities.



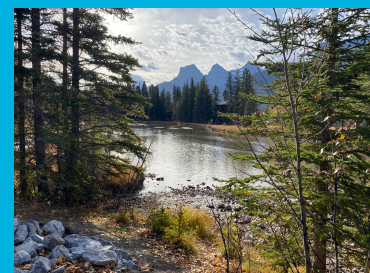
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Winners will be  
announced  
August 14, 2025**

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**November 5 - 10, 2025  
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