

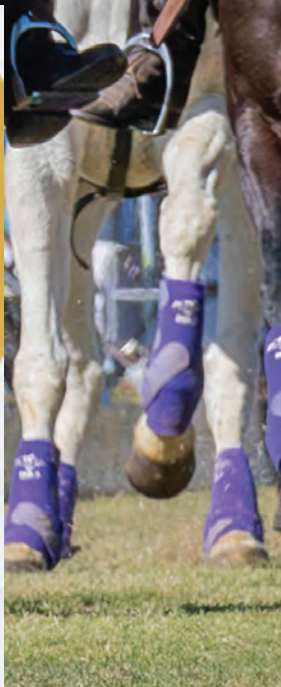
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Forever Loved Pet Sanctuary to Host Charity Event Canines + Cocktails

Dovetailing perfectly with National Adopt a Senior Pet Month – a month-long holiday also known as Senior Pet Awareness Month – Forever Loved Pet Sanctuary (FLPS) will hold Canines + Cocktails on Saturday, November 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Culinary Dropout in Scottsdale Quarter.

Led by emcee Derrick Mains, the event promises to be an unforgettable time of connection, compassion and community, and the perfect occasion to celebrate the 1,000+ senior dogs who have found forever homes through FLPS, Scottsdale's only senior dog rescue group.

Guests will enjoy a curated brunch menu by Culinary Dropout, complimentary welcome drink plus two drink tokens, live music by Blaine Long, meet-and-greets with the shelter's adoptable dogs, a senior dog kissing booth, and exciting auction opportunities with auctioneer Anna Aja.

"Since 2012, Forever Loved has remained dedicated to providing preeminent medical care, safe and loving homes, and a lifelong safety net for senior dogs who are too often forgotten," said Luisa Chocron, FLPS Executive Director. "Each of the senior dogs in our care receives vaccinations, bloodwork, spay/neutering, dental care, microchip, and above all, compassion. Our success is possible because of special events like this that bring the community together for a very worthy cause."

Several levels of event sponsorship opportunities are available, and include event recognition and some of the best seats in the house. Participating companies will be showcased to 200+ engaged guests – including animal lovers, community leaders and potential customers, all while supporting a meaningful mission. It's a powerful way to give back, gain visibility, and help senior dogs get the second chance they deserve.

FLPS is also looking for donations for their popular silent and live auctions. Items can include certificates for resort stays, spa treatments, dinners out, bottles of wine and alcohol, local activities, gourmet and specialty food baskets, local sports tickets, jewelry, custom pet portraits, golf packages, destination travel, private dinners, chef experiences, dog- and cat-themed baskets, and more. Those interested in participating can contact Luisa Chocron at luisa@foreverlovedpets.org.

Early Bark tickets cost \$125 each through October 3rd (tickets are \$150 each from October 4th through the day of the event) and may be purchased online at www.canines2026.givesmart.com.



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Fall in the Valley brings a welcome shift in the air and one of the season's most distinctive traditions: the Bentley Scottsdale Polo Championships. Blending world-class competition with fashion, food, music, and community spirit, this celebration captures the energy and style that make our corner of Arizona so special.

For those who have never attended, the Bentley Scottsdale Polo Championships offer an ideal introduction. You do not need

to be an expert on chukkers, handicaps, or mallets to enjoy the day. Bring friends, wear something festive, settle in with a great view of the field, and let the atmosphere do the rest. It is equal parts athletic competition and social occasion, an opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the desert season while experiencing an event that has become a beloved Valley tradition.

For returning guests, the championships continue to evolve while preserving the elements that make them so memorable: spirited matches, a welcoming crowd, a showcase of local and national talent, and an appreciation for the distinctive lifestyle that defines Scottsdale and the greater Phoenix area. It is one of those occasions that reminds us why fall is such an exciting time to live here. Here's to a beautiful fall season full of tradition, local pride, and a little friendly competition.

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The Board of Visitors Care Card



The Board Of Visitors Care Card Shopping Dates October 16th-25th

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October 25th, 2026, shoppers will have the opportunity to give, shop, and save by participating in The Board of Visitors Care Card program. Purchase a Care Card for \$60 at www.thecarecard.org and receive a 20% discount at hundreds of local retailers and restaurants. 100% of Care Card sales go to The BIG Pink Bus: 3D mobile mammography, a program of Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center.

The BIG Pink Bus represents a significant step toward increasing accessibility to breast cancer screening. Now on the road, serving our community, mammograms have been proven to reduce breast cancer deaths by 40%, making early detection an essential aspect of saving lives. This year The BIG Pink Bus will provide 3,000 mammograms and of those 48% are un-insured.

The staggering truth is that 1 in 8 women will be affected by breast cancer. Buying a Care Card truly helps save lives and supports the generosity of our participating retailers, restaurants and sponsors. It is a win-win for our community and the ten best days to shop and dine all year! Co-Chairs Catherine Tiffany and Judy Wentworth quoted, "Since its inception, the Care Card program has gained momentum and recognition, raising over \$4 million for a variety of charities in our community. We are honored to co-chair the largest retail fundraiser in Arizona. Through the amazing support of the community and our wonderful participating retailers, we are confident total donations to The BIG Pink Bus will exceed \$1,000,000 this year!" For a full list of retailers/restaurants or to purchase a Care Card please visit the website at www.thecarecard.org.

About The Board of Visitors

Established in 1908, The Board of Visitors is the oldest women's charitable organization in Arizona. Since its inception, The Board of Visitors has granted almost \$29 million to more than 100 community nonprofits that serve the healthcare needs of women, children and the elderly. For more information, please visit www.boardofvisitors.org.





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Weft & Warp Art Bar + Kitchen Reimagines Its Fall Menu Through a Modern Mediterranean Lens

Weft & Warp Art Bar + Kitchen at Andaz Scottsdale Resort & Bungalows is welcoming fall with a refreshed menu built around seasonal flavors, Mediterranean techniques, house-made pastas and an expanded pastry program, showcasing the restaurant's scratch-made approach.

A modern Mediterranean-inspired concept rooted in the Sonoran Desert, Weft & Warp's culinary identity draws on seasonal ingredients, local partnerships and global influences within a setting defined by midcentury modern architecture, curated artwork and an open-exhibition kitchen. The menu is anchored by fresh pasta made in-house daily, from rotating specials to signature dishes such as mafaldine and rigatoni, while Pasta Like a Pro invites guests into the kitchen for a hands-on pasta-making class each Thursday at 2:00 p.m. (\$65 per person).

The new fall lineup embraces seasonality and reflects Weft & Warp's philosophy of local sourcing, pairing fall ingredients with various cooking styles, traditions and flavors from across the Mediterranean. New dinner offerings include the Acorn Squash Agnolotti (\$28) with quince, goat cheese and walnut; Beef Cheek (\$42) with chive pasta and petite vegetables; Branzino (\$32) with romesco, fennel and scallion; a Tuscan Kale (\$20) salad with Marcona almond, date, apple, feta and maple balsamic vinaigrette; and a Roasted Beet (\$20) dish with pomegranate, pink peppercorn, mint and honey lemon yogurt. For dessert, guests can enjoy the new Orange Phyllo Cake (\$16) with mascarpone gelato and pistachios and a Greek Yogurt Panna Cotta (\$16) with fresh figs, vanilla sable and honeycomb.

The handcrafted pastry program, led by Executive Pastry Chef Berenice Morales, further elevates the restaurant's cuisine from daily breakfast pastries and desserts to custom cakes for weddings and celebrations. New to the bakeshop this season include a Housemade Cinnamon Apple Scone, Housemade Pumpkin Muffin, Noble Coffee Crumb Muffin and Housemade Butter Croissant (all \$9), alongside two specialty coffees: Honey Oat Shaken Espresso and Pumpkin Spice Latte (\$16).

"Fall in the Sonoran Desert doesn't look like fall anywhere else, and this menu is our way of interpreting that through a modern Mediterranean lens," said Nathaniel Marcus, Executive Sous Chef at Weft & Warp Art Bar + Kitchen. "For us, the most interesting part of creating a new menu isn't simply putting seasonal ingredients on a plate but finding the technique or flavor that changes how our guests experience that ingredient. The Acorn Squash Agnolotti is a good example, instead of leaning on the usual warm spices people expect from fall squash, we're pairing it with quince and goat cheese to bring in brighter, more unexpected flavors."

For more information and to book a reservation, visit www.WeftAndWarpScottsdale.com.



Arizona's Largest Contemporary Art Auction to Spotlight Major Latin American and Women Artists

From a three-dimensional work by Venezuelan master Jesús Rafael Soto to paintings by Françoise Gilot and Emily Mason, the Larsen Fall Art Auction will return to Scottsdale Saturday, October 17th, with works by acclaimed women artists and some of the most celebrated names in Latin American art.

Among the 440 lots set for sale during Arizona's largest contemporary art auction at the Larsen Gallery in Scottsdale are works by three major figures in Latin American art: Jesús Rafael Soto, Chilean artist Roberto Matta and Venezuelan artist Oswaldo Vigas. The auction will also feature works by acclaimed women artists, including Françoise Gilot, Emily Mason and contemporary sculptor Beth Caverer.

Together, these works have a combined estimated value of between \$580,000 and \$930,000.

"This is one of those auctions where the strength really becomes apparent when you start looking closely at the individual works," said Larsen Gallery's Mary Holford. "We have major figures in Latin American art represented alongside women whose work has earned serious attention from collectors, and the works themselves are all very different from one another. That range is part of what makes this fall auction so interesting and the works so appealing."

Among the Latin American selections is Oswaldo Vigas's 1976 oil on canvas "Grupo Azul," which is estimated to fetch between \$130,000 to \$180,000. The large-scale work measures 56.5 inches x 45 inches. Oswaldo Vigas's 1985 oil on canvas, "Duende Azul," measuring 72.5 inches x 51 inches, is also being offered.



Beth Caverer, "Untitled (Barrel with Kid)," 2002

Oswaldo Vigas's career spanned more than six decades. Initially trained as a doctor, Vigas soon turned to art, with pre-Columbian imagery and European modernism influencing his paintings, prints and ceramics.

Jesús Rafael Soto's "Variantes Vertical," created

in 1998, carries an estimate of \$100,000 to \$200,000. Made from painted wood with metal mounting hardware, the three-dimensional work measures 40.5 inches x 40.25 inches x 6.75 inches deep. The Venezuelan artist moved to Paris in 1950, where he became part of the city's avant-garde art scene and explored movement, space and perception in his work.

Also being offered is Roberto Matta's "Untitled" 1995 oil on canvas measuring 53.5 inches x 79 inches. The Larsen Gallery estimates the work will sell for between \$70,000 and \$100,000. A Chilean painter and sculptor, Matta worked in both Europe and the United States, with his often-dreamlike work drawing from Surrealism and his interest in the subconscious mind.

The auction will also spotlight works by women artists whose careers span different generations and mediums. Among them is Françoise Gilot's 1992 oil on canvas measuring 28.75 inches x 36.25 inches titled "Springtime in the Hills." Gilot's career spanned more than 70 years, with the French painter continuing to create well into her 90s while developing her own distinctive approach to color, composition and figurative work.

Emily Mason's 2008 oil on canvas, "Starboard," highlights the American painter and printmaker's unique approach to abstract painting.

Sculptor Beth Caverer's striking large-scale work, "Untitled (Barrel with Kid)," is also being offered. It stands more than 10 feet high and combines stoneware with acrylic, cloth, rope, iron, metal and wood. Caverer often uses life-sized animal forms and expressive poses to explore human emotions, including fear, desire and vulnerability.

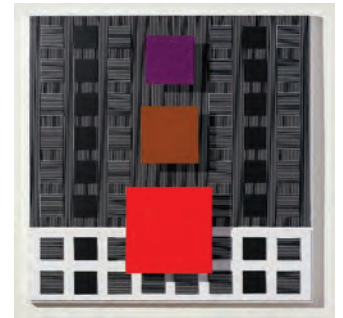
These works represent just a small portion of the artwork being offered during the 21st installment of the biannual Larsen Art Auction. The sale will include contemporary, modern, Southwestern, Native American and Latin American paintings as well as limited-edition



Roberto Matta, "Untitled," 1995

prints and sculptures, with values ranging from several hundred dollars well into six figures.

The auction comes as Larsen continues to attract collectors and consignors well beyond Arizona. The 35-year-old Larsen Gallery has generated more than \$25 million in lifetime auction sales, with its most recent sale, held in April 2026, drawing buyers from more than 40 states and 20 countries.



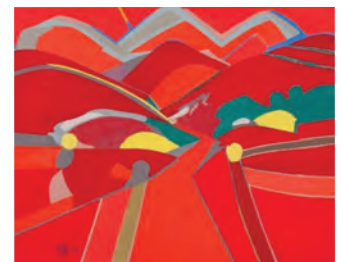
Jesús Rafael Soto, "Variantes Vertical," 1998

The event has also attracted several notable consignors over the years, including rock legend Alice Cooper, who previously consigned an Andy Warhol work through Larsen Gallery.

Auction day at Larsen is also livelier than the traditional fine-art auction experience. Award-winning auctioneer Jason Brooks keeps the crowd engaged with humor and plenty of audience interaction.

Collectors can view available lots a full month ahead of the sale, and Larsen will also host a preview party Wednesday, October 14th.

Live, telephone, absentee and online bidding will be available throughout the auction Saturday, October 17th.



Françoise Gilot, "Springtime in the Hills," 1992

For more about the Larsen Art Auction, please visit the website at www.LarsenArtAuction.com or follow the developments on Facebook, X or Instagram. ❖

Taliesin West Welcomes Fall Season with New Programming at Frank Lloyd Wright's Desert Home

The Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation is welcoming an immersive roster of programming this fall at Taliesin West, Wright's UNESCO World Heritage site in Scottsdale, offering new and familiar ways to engage with its distinctive architecture and landscape.

New this season, *Originals* is a contemporary art exhibition presenting exclusive works from artists-in-residence Katie Parker and Guy Michael Davis, known collectively as Future Retrieval. The latest in Taliesin West's *Inspired By* series, *Originals* will showcase mediums including fiber, ceramics and cut paper, shaped by the discoveries made during the artists' two-year residency at the site. Seamlessly integrated throughout Wright's iconic spaces, the installations will invite visitors to reflect on questions of originality and the evolution of existing ideas over time. *Originals* opens October 16th and runs through January 31st, with access included in the Self-Guided Audio Tour.

Three Valley favorites return to the site this fall, beginning with the Golden Hour Sunset Hike. The 1.5-hour experience takes guests through the desert's transition from daylight to dusk with views of the desert preserve and Scottsdale skyline in the distance. Offered on select weekend evenings starting October 3rd, the excursion follows the tradition of the daily walks that Wright and his apprentices took.

The first of this season's Taliesin West Film Series screenings takes place on October 23rd from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., filling the historic Cabaret Theater for a showing of "The War of the Worlds" (1953). The celebration of classic cinema is inspired by the Wrights, who would gather in the same space to watch films together.

Taliesin West's popular monthly happy hour, *Sunsets and Sips*, resumes on October 22nd from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., inviting the community to gather and take in sweeping views of the Valley with a complimentary drink in hand. Guests can unwind on the Prow with live music, explore select indoor spaces and connect with staff to learn more about Wright's legacy.

For the information on programs at Taliesin West, to buy tickets for tours and events, to donate or to become a member, visit www.FrankLloydWright.org. ❖



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Arizona Costume Institute Announces International Fashion Designer Harris Reed as Featured Speaker for 2026 Holiday Luncheon Benefitting Phoenix Art Museum



Harris Reed

The Arizona Costume Institute (ACI) announces internationally acclaimed fashion designer Harris Reed as the featured speaker for its 2026 Holiday Luncheon, taking place Monday, December 7th, at the Arizona Biltmore. Known for a bold approach to demi-couture and fluid design, Reed has emerged as a distinctive voice in contemporary fashion, creating custom looks for some of the world's most recognizable figures, including Beyoncé, Adele, Harry Styles, Florence Pugh and Demi Moore. The signature fundraising event supports fashion acquisitions, exhibitions and education programs at Phoenix Art Museum (PhxArt) and this year marks a milestone for ACI and PhxArt as they celebrate 60 years of advancing fashion as an art form in Arizona.

"We are thrilled to welcome Harris Reed to Phoenix as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Museum's fashion department and Arizona

Costume Institute," said Jeremy Mikolajczak, the Sybil Harrington Director and CEO of Phoenix Art Museum. "Harris is one of the most innovative and defining voices in fashion today, and his remarkable ascent in the fashion world reflects a fearless approach to design that continues to challenge conventions and shape contemporary culture. It is especially fitting to welcome him as the featured guest of one of the Valley's most fashionable and anticipated events. At the heart of the Museum's and ACI's shared mission is a commitment to bringing the designers and creative voices defining fashion today to our community, while continuing to build upon the extraordinary legacy of our internationally renowned fashion collection. For six decades, ACI has been instrumental in making that possible, and we are deeply grateful for their enduring partnership."

London-based Reed established his namesake brand while studying at the prestigious Central Saint Martins and has since presented demi-couture collections biannually in London. His made-to-measure designs have earned international attention for their dramatic silhouettes, craftsmanship, and approach to fluidity and self-expression. In 2022, Reed was appointed creative director of French fashion house Nina Ricci, a position he held until March 2026, when he stepped down to focus on the continued growth of his eponymous brand.

The 2026 Holiday Luncheon also recognizes longtime ACI supporter Chrissy Sayare as Honorary Chair, celebrating her years of dedication to the organization and Phoenix Art Museum's fashion program. Sayare has served as a presenting sponsor of the Holiday Luncheon for the past decade and has hosted the event's VIP Party for many years. She moderated the 2024 Luncheon conversation with Christian Siriano and the 2025 Luncheon with Veronica Beard. Most recently, she hosted a fireside chat with Rebecca Minkoff during PhxArt's Women Powered event.

"I have always believed that fashion is art and that those who create fashions that speak to people in the moment, of the moment, and beyond are truly artists," said Sayare. "Phoenix Art Museum and Arizona Costume Institute share this perspective, that fashion should be honored alongside more traditional forms of art, which is why I have long celebrated and supported these institutions. The ACI Holiday Luncheon in particular is an event that I look forward to every year, as it's a time when our community of stunning, sophisticated, and fashion-loving women come together to celebrate fashion as art."

Sayare joins 2026 Holiday Luncheon co-chairs Lynne Love and Andrea Robertson, along with an Executive Committee that includes ambassadors Carolyn Jackson and Matthew Boland, ACI President Donna Johnson, Past Holiday Luncheon Chair Justine Hurry, and Phoenix Art Museum Trustee Liaison Catherine Tuton.

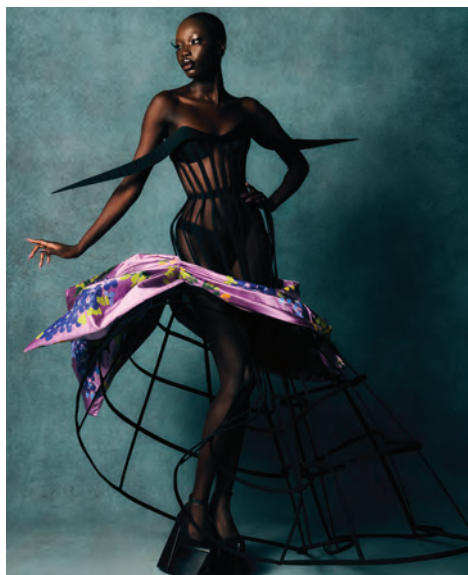


This year's Holiday Luncheon coincides with the 60th anniversary of fashion at Phoenix Art Museum and the founding of Arizona Costume Institute. Since 1966, ACI has supported the acquisition and preservation of garments and accessories of historical and aesthetic significance to expand the PhxArt Fashion Collection, which now encompasses more than 9,000 objects and represents five centuries of fashionable dress and accessories for men, women, and children. Notable for its range and comprehensiveness, the collection features significant works by iconic designers including Alexander McQueen, Chanel, Christian Dior, Claire McCardell, Fortuny, Giorgio di Sant'Angelo, Halston, Ralph Rucci, Iris van Herpen, Yohji Yamamoto and Schiaparelli, among many others across the history of fashion. It is also home to four archives: the Ann Bonfoey Taylor Archive, the Emphatics Archive, the Geoffrey Beene Archive, and the Paper Dresses Archive.

The Holiday Luncheon is ACI's signature annual fundraiser, generating vital support for Phoenix Art Museum's fashion exhibitions, acquisitions and educational programming. Beyond the Luncheon, ACI builds robust community around fashion and the arts through member events, educational programming and social opportunities that deepen engagement with the Museum and its fashion collection.

The 2026 Arizona Costume Institute Holiday Luncheon will take place Monday, December 7th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Arizona Biltmore.

Tickets are available at <https://11000a.blackbaudhosting.com/11000a/ACI-Holiday-Luncheon-07Dec2026>.



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Starting this month, Virtu Honest Craft invites you to experience your new date night ritual. "Meet Me in the Courtyard" is a mid-week date night experience available every Tuesday and Wednesday on Virtu's enchanting patio. Designed by James Beard Award-nominated Chef Gio Osso to make date night effortless, this curated package helps guests escape the ordinary at one of Scottsdale's most romantic hidden gems. The intimate evening features a seasonal, chef-driven three-course menu for two, expertly paired with a sommelier-selected bottle of wine.



The menu highlights Chef Gio's signature craftsmanship featuring iconic dishes like the polpo alongside new additions like "manzo," a classic steak tartare with cornichon & capers, crispy shallots, egg yolk, grilled focaccia. Entree selections include crispy skin Mediterranean branzino with lemon poppy butter and charred rapini, as well as rigatoni pasta in a short rib ragu with roasted garlic, stracciatella, muddica and basil, among others. For dessert, guests can indulge in a chocolate sticky toffee cake or Chef Gio's decadent butterscotch budino.



Whether you're celebrating an anniversary or simply elevating your Tuesday dinner, consider date night planned. For more information or to make a reservation, visit www.virtuscottsdale.com. ❖

Fall Flavors Drop at JOJO Coffeehouse

Fall Pancake and Fall Coffee Flights Return

JOJO Coffeehouse ushers in fall with a special menu celebrating seasonal flavors. The locally owned breakfast and brunch restaurant in Old Town Scottsdale introduces a mix of new menu items coupled with a few fall favorites. Fall menu specials will be offered through Wednesday, November 25th.

“We are excited to share our fall-inspired drinks and dishes highlighting the flavors guests look forward to this time of year,” says Mike Melton, owner of JOJO Coffeehouse. “This year’s lineup includes JOJO Coffeehouse classics like the Pumpkin Spice Latte along with new creations like delicious Tiramisu Pancakes.”

The Fall Pancake Flight is back, featuring three large pancakes with two new flavors in the mix:

- **Blueberry Lemon Ricotta Pancakes** — a returning favorite, blueberry-infused ricotta pancakes layered with house-made lemon curd and blueberry sauce, finished with whipped cream and fresh berries
- **Pumpkin Pancakes** — new to the flight, spiced pumpkin pancakes layered with rich bourbon mascarpone, drizzled with warm caramel sauce, topped with spiced whipped cream and candied pecans
- **Tiramisu Pancakes** — also new, espresso-infused pancakes layered with delicate ladyfingers, mascarpone cream and a dusting of dark cocoa

The Fall Coffee Flight also returns, boasting two classic flavors alongside three new creations:

- **Pumpkin Spice Latte** — blending slightly spiced house-made pumpkin pie sauce with the bold notes of JOJO’s signature espresso, finished with whipped cream and a sprinkle of cinnamon
- **Caramel Macchiato** — house-made caramel sauce mixed with a hint of vanilla, served with whole milk and topped with JOJO’s signature espresso blend
- **Tiramisu Mocha** — a new creation blending signature espresso and chocolate, topped with house-made vanilla mascarpone cold foam and cocoa powder



- **Toffee Nut White Mocha** — new to the flight, a combination of warm spices balancing mellow nuttiness with sweet white chocolate atop JOJO’s signature espresso, finished with toffee nut cold foam, sprinkled with toffee bits
- **Pumpkin Cream Brown Sugar Cold Brew** — also new, signature JOJO cold brew sweetened with house-made brown sugar syrup, topped with pumpkin cream cold foam sprinkled with cinnamon

All items in both the Fall Pancake Flight and the Fall Coffee Flight can be ordered full size. The Fall Coffee Flight is served over ice with whole milk. Full-size drinks can be ordered hot or iced with choice of milk.

For those looking for something savory, JOJO Coffeehouse adds the Fall Hash. The new dish features savory chorizo and sweet roasted butternut squash tossed with potatoes, black

beans and charred poblano peppers, topped with crumbled cotija cheese, fresh cilantro and two sunny-side-up eggs.

The cocktail crowd can sip on the Apple Cider Sangria. The popular fall cocktail features spiced red sangria, garnished with apple and orange slices and a honey-cinnamon half rim.

JOJO Coffeehouse continues to offer its full breakfast and brunch menu along with its classic coffee and mimosa flights and cocktails. Open seven days a week, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. weekdays, and 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Weekend brunch-goers can also enjoy live music on Saturdays starting at 11:00 a.m.

JOJO Coffeehouse is located at 3712 N. Scottsdale Rd. Restaurant seating is first-come, first serve; guests can put their name on the Yelp waitlist ahead of time. To view the full menu, join the waitlist or place an order for curbside pickup, visit www.jojocoffeehouse.com. ❖



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Bentley Scottsdale Polo Championships

Return for 15th Anniversary at WestWorld Saturday, November 7th

Fifteen years ago, the idea was ambitious: take Scottsdale's deep equestrian heritage, surround it with marquee luxury brands and capture some of the unmistakable social energy of the WM Phoenix Open — then build a polo event unlike anything the Valley had seen.

The result was the Bentley Scottsdale Polo Championships, returning Saturday, November 7th, to the Polo Field at WestWorld of Scottsdale for its 15th anniversary celebration. Longtime title sponsor Bentley Scottsdale, along with brands including Scottsdale Maserati, Barrett-Jackson, Neiman Marcus, and Sanderson Lincoln, are part of an experience where world-class polo meets luxury, fashion, entertainment and one very big Scottsdale party.

From the beginning, organizers envisioned something akin to the "Phoenix Open of polo" — serious competition at the center, surrounded by field-side hospitality, cocktails, music, fashion and a crowd that is as much a part of the atmosphere as the action.

"Arizona has shown that a sporting event can become much bigger than the competition itself," said event founder Jason Rose. "We wanted outstanding polo, but we also wanted that incredible social atmosphere where people are moving between tents, seeing friends, enjoying food and drinks, checking out the cars and fashion and having a great time."

Year one was considerably more modest. The Arizona Polo Club played itself, the top ticket cost \$50 and organizers didn't even plan to sell tables. Then guests started calling to ask for them.

"That first year was really about learning what people wanted," Rose said. "It became clear very quickly that guests wanted to experience polo in a much more social and interactive way, and that helped shape what the event ultimately became."

By year two, crowds were growing and so was the caliber of competition. Organizers brought in top American polo player Nic Roldan and other major names in the sport, establishing a standard Rose says remains essential.

"The party can be big, but the polo has to be equally impressive," Rose said. "That balance has always been important to us."



Today, the event has grown into America's most-attended polo event, combining international competition with luxury automobiles, fashion, music, food and entertainment against the backdrop of the McDowell Mountains.

For more than a decade, Bentley Scottsdale has been at the center of that evolution as title sponsor, pairing one of the world's most recognizable luxury automotive brands with a sport defined by performance, precision and tradition.

"For Bentley Scottsdale, this has always been much more than a sponsorship," said Beli Merdovic, General Manager of Bentley Scottsdale. "This is truly a one-of-a-kind luxury event, bringing together exceptional automobiles, world-class polo, fashion, hospitality and the energy that makes Scottsdale such a special destination. It's a natural fit for the Bentley brand, and we're proud to have been part of the event's growth and success for more than a decade."

The 2026 event will feature three polo matches with teams from England, New Orleans and Dallas competing alongside Arizona teams, plus the Semper Fi Heating & Cooling Military Match, sponsored by the Valley-based, veteran-owned company as a salute to service members and veterans for the Army versus Navy match.

The action starts early when nationally ranked Scottsdale Blues and San Diego Old Aztecs take canter stage squaring off in a thrilling rugby matchup.

New this year is How The West Is Worn, a Western-themed fashion show produced by Moo Country, the high-end "Western Glam" boutique with locations in Nashville and Bozeman. The Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show will also debut a Western Pleasure Competition featuring top-tier horses competing for prize money.

Arizona Uncorked Wine Tasting, hosted by Willcox Wine Country, will showcase five Arizona wines and debut a special-edition polo wine, while a new sports bar will give fans a place to follow college football without leaving the action in the Million Dollar Mingle Bourbon & Cigar Sports Lounge.

Music gets an expanded role with the inaugural Arizona State Acoustic Guitar Championship, featuring 20 selected guitarists competing field-side for cash prizes in the Sanderson Lincoln Black Label Lounge.

It is that combination that has increasingly drawn comparisons to the WM Phoenix Open. Field-side hospitality tents create their own distinct scenes, while fashion, cocktails, luxury cars and entertainment unfold just yards from the athletes. The Scottsdale Maserati tent, in particular, has become something of a polo answer to the Open's famed 16th hole — close to the action, energetic and decidedly social.

The event has never been afraid to experiment. Past editions have featured the World's Longest Catwalk Fashion Show, Canine Couture, opera, violinists, hip-hop, skydivers and the Sun City Poms.

"We approach the entire day almost like a live production," Rose said. "The polo drives everything, but there is always another experience unfolding around it. That sense of surprise has become part of the event."

Luxury automobiles are also woven throughout the grounds. Bentley Scottsdale, Scottsdale Maserati, Sanderson Lincoln and car clubs help turn the Polo Fields into what organizers like to call "Cars and Cocktails" — a sophisticated polo spin on Cars and Coffee.

And like a great day at the Phoenix Open, the experience doesn't necessarily end when competition does. Riot House keeps its field-side DayClub going as the sun begins to set before Kalliope, Walter Productions' massive mobile DJ sound stage and Burning Man art car, anchors the Sunset After Party with nationally renowned DJ Phantoms.

Fifteen years after the first mallet was swung, Rose still measures success by a simple reaction. "We want people leaving feeling like they just experienced something they couldn't find anywhere else," Rose said. "And we want them already talking about coming back next year."

For tickets, tables and sponsorships, visit www.ThePoloParty.com or call (480) 495-3806.





OktoberWest Festival Brings Vibrant Country-Western Energy to Westin Kierland

Country music fans can dust off their boots and gather their friends and family for an unforgettable night of dancing, food and Western-inspired great times with the return of one of the Valley's most treasured fall traditions. OktoberWest, a signature Kierland After Dark event, will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 24th, at The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa.

OktoberWest 2026 attendees can look forward to four hours live country-western music featuring Selena Brills and Chauncey Jones. Attendees new to country dancing can join a lesson or jump into a line dance and learn as they go. A mechanical bull is just a two-step away, where festival goers can put their bravery to the test. Other highlights include interactive photo booth experiences and themed Western photo opps to create photo souvenirs from the night.

A variety of food trucks featuring a diverse selection of menus to satisfy all kinds of cravings will be on-site with food available for purchase. In

addition, beverage stands will be scattered throughout the festival, offering beer, whiskey and other libations, as well as non-alcoholic options.

Open seating is available on a first-come basis, and attendees will have access to free parking. All ages are welcome.

The event will be held at The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa on the Grand Vista Lawn, located at 6902 E. Greenway Parkway in Scottsdale. Early bird tickets are \$30 per person. To purchase tickets, visit bit.ly/OctoberWest24.

Extend the OktoberWest fun with an overnight stay at The Westin Kierland and explore all of the enticing elements of a newly completed renovation, including an elevated Scotch Library, hidden speakeasy and other transformations that make this beloved resort even more extraordinary. Reserve your room as an "add-on" at a special festival rate of \$199/night after you select your tickets. You will receive confirmation directly from The Westin Kierland team. ❖





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Uchi Scottsdale Welcomes New Head Sushi Chef: Paulo Im, and Extends Lunch Service

Uchi Scottsdale has named Chef Paulo Im as its Head Sushi Chef, bringing more than two decades of culinary expertise and a deeply personal philosophy to the restaurant's renowned sushi bar.

Born in São Paulo, Brazil, and raised across Los Angeles' Koreatown, Tucson, and Phoenix, Im was introduced to professional kitchens early in life by his mother, an accomplished chef who trained in Japan and taught culinary school in Korea. Over his 22-year career, he has established himself as a dominant presence in the Southwest dining scene. Notably, Im served as the founding chef of Obon Sushi in 2015, successfully scaling the brand to four locations and launching multiple sister concepts. In total, he has steered the opening of six distinct hospitality concepts throughout his career. His path to Uchi came full circle after he first discovered the concept while watching founding chef Tyson Cole on Top Chef. Inspired by Uchi's commitment to breaking traditional boundaries and championing innovative culinary thinking, Im joined the opening culinary team when the restaurant group expanded into Scottsdale.

At the Uchi sushi bar, Im focuses heavily on guest connection and curated dining experiences. He emphasizes signature cold tastings, focusing on dishes where every component is intentionally balanced. For Im, exceptional sushi requires an uncompromising focus on both pristine flavor and contrasting mouth feel, a philosophy that aligns seamlessly with Uchi's non-traditional approach to Japanese cuisine.

Plus, beginning October 8th guests can enjoy the weekend lunch menu they know and love a day earlier, Thursday through Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A three-course Lunch Prix Fixe is available for (\$25) with starters like Uchi's Gem Salad, Akami te Hama, or Brussels Sprouts, followed by mains such as all new gruyere Burger, Crispy Rice, or the signature Walu Walu, with seasonal sorbet to finish. Expanded selections also include the Uchi Lunch set with chef's choice nigiri and temaki, as well as a Sushi Omakase (\$45) featuring both nigiri and sashimi highlights.

Menu standouts include hot and cool tastings like the fan-favorite Hama Chili with yellowtail, ponzu, and Thai chili; Pork Katsu made with berkshire pork chop, truffle sauce, miso apple puree, and indulgent favorites such as the Hot Rock, and Uchi's iconic Fried Milk dessert. Weekend lunch is not complete without a beverage, guests can select from specialty cocktails, sake, wine and beer offerings as well as zero proof options.

Uchi Scottsdale is Hai Hospitality's seventh Uchi location, which opened in February 2023. Chef Tyson Cole created the original Uchi location in a refurbished South Austin bungalow in 2003 with the simple vision of bringing the intimacy of the sushi bar experience to every table in the restaurant. Chef Cole's innovative take on sushi and signature dishes have been delighting guests from across the country and around the world ever since, with a variety of hot and cool tastings, sushi and sashimi, makimono, yakimono, tempura, and an ever-changing omakase (or chef's choice menu) based on seasonal items. Uchi Scottsdale is open Sunday through Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. with lunch service Thursday through Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Happy Hour is daily from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

To learn more about Uchi Scottsdale, or to make a reservation, visit uchirestaurants.com or follow the brand at [@uchirestaurants](https://www.instagram.com/uchirestaurants) on Instagram. Uchi Scottsdale is located at 3821 N. Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85251. ❖



W Scottsdale Debuts Transformed Living Room

W Scottsdale, located in the heart of the city's vibrant Entertainment District, announced the official debut of its newly transformed Living Room, introducing a bold new social destination inspired by the Sonoran Desert and redefining the way guests gather, work, celebrate and connect from day to night.

"W Scottsdale has long played a defining role in Scottsdale's social scene, bringing together visitors and locals through music, culture and memorable experiences," said David Cronin, general manager of W Scottsdale. "The debut of the new Living Room is a natural extension of that legacy, elevating a signature experience at the heart of the property. From morning meetings to evening cocktails, the new Living Room reflects our passion for delivering spaces that are as dynamic as the guests who experience them."

The redesigned Living Room is an immersive social destination inspired by the natural rhythm of the Sonoran Desert. Designed by MONOGRAM at BBGM, the transformed space introduces a bold yet refined design shaped by the colors, textures and movement of the surrounding landscape. Intentionally designed to reflect the progression of the day, the Living Room transitions effortlessly from daytime gathering place to evening social destination. Whether stopping in for a morning meeting, connecting over cocktails at sunset or settling in for a night of music and entertainment, guests will find opportunities for connection woven throughout every moment of the experience.

The design is anchored by a palette of canyon desert rose, dune and sun-washed neutrals, layered to create warmth and depth, with new lighting features that subtly shift from sunrise to sunset, transforming the space over the course of the day. A signature "blue thread," inspired by the rare and powerful presence of water moving across arid terrain, carries throughout the design, while organic curves draw inspiration from desert serpent forms to reinforce a sense of movement. Architectural enhancements, including a renewed emphasis on the property's grand staircase and raised platforms, create a greater sense of openness and a collection of inviting spaces throughout the Living Room. By day, thoughtfully scaled banquettes, integrated charging tables and intentional lighting create a welcoming setting for meetings, remote work and casual gatherings. As evening arrives, the lighting shifts to a warmer, more intimate glow, creating a moodier atmosphere that naturally draws guests from workday conversations to cocktails, live music and the energy of the Living Room after dark.

The debut of the transformed Living Room marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter of programming at W Scottsdale. Anchoring the experience is Living Room Live, a weekly series featuring performances by emerging artists every Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening. Additional music programming, cultural collaborations and special events will be announced throughout the year, reinforcing the Living Room as a dynamic gathering place for both visitors and the local community.

Recognizing the growing role health and fitness play in today's travel experience, W Scottsdale is also preparing to unveil the newly enhanced FIT fitness center later this fall.

For more information on W Scottsdale, please visit the website at marriott.com/PHXWH. ❖



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Benjamin Johnston

Desert Design Week Returns to Phoenix and Scottsdale October 6th through the 11th

19 Events Showcasing Art, Design, and Architecture This Fall

Now in its sixth edition, the much-anticipated Desert Design Week returns to Phoenix and Scottsdale October 6th through the 11th, bringing a fresh selection of events that celebrate art, design, and architecture.

“Arizona really comes to life in fall, as many of us are returning from summer travels or emerging from our homes after months of desert heat,” says Desert Design Week creator Ruth Price. “When planning this series of events, I was intentional about creating several opportunities to interact meaningfully with designers, artists, and featured guests within beautiful settings on an intimate scale.”

This year’s theme, *Collected in Dialog*, explores design as a collection of stories rather than isolated objects, with exhibitions, design talks, and gatherings that invite work to be experienced in conversation. From exhibitions and receptions to dinners, lectures, and home tours, guests will have an opportunity to interact with art, design, objects, ideas, and the people behind them.

“A few of our events are focused specifically on people who work in the design industry, but the majority are for those who have an appreciation for art and design and want to go deeper. I often describe Desert Design Week as a choose-your-own adventure experience, inviting people to view the schedule at www.desertdesignweek.com and grab tickets to the gatherings that spark their interest. I say grab, because our event tickets tend to go fast!”

Several new event partners make their Desert Design Week debut this fall.

- Lauren Bailey, Co-founder and CEO of Postino and Upward Projects, will host an informal conversation, lunch, and tour of the Upward Projects headquarters in the iconic midcentury Phoenix Financial Center rotunda on Central Avenue.
- Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art (SMoCA) will host two community days and an exclusive after-hours evening featuring the Desert Perspectives exhibition.
- The Global Ambassador will welcome Desert Design Week guests with daytime and evening pop-up experiences featuring fashion, jewelry from Olea Fine Jewelry, and handcrafted cowboy boots from Miron Crosby.
- Architects Tommy Suchart and Patricia Chen of Chen Suchart Studio will host an intimate conversation in their studio, discussing the varied sources of inspiration that inform their practice.
- Sharon Johnston, founding partner of Johnston Marklee, will focus on her approach to designing for the desert during a lecture and conversation at RAY Phoenix, the groundbreaking modern apartment community in downtown Phoenix.



*Dustin Gimbel
Ceramic Sculptures*



- First Bites of Phoenix returns with an interactive reception and dinner hosted by hospitality design studio House of Form at the newly completed KUZA restaurant.
- The One Century, One Desert home tour will give attendees the opportunity to experience two Arizona homes designed nearly a century apart, each offering a distinct perspective on desert living.

Ticket prices range from free to \$175. The Desert Design Week event schedule and ticket sales are available at www.desertdesignweek.com. Follow @desertdesignweek on Instagram for updates and notifications.

About Desert Design Week

Anchored in the unique energy of the Sonoran Desert, this biannual event, set in Scottsdale and the surrounding Phoenix metro area, serves as a platform for visionary designers, artists, and makers to showcase their work, inspire new perspectives, and contribute to the creative landscape of the Southwest. For more information, visit www.desertdesignweek.com. ❖



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Scottsdale Fashion Square Brings Interactive Showcase Couture Holidays in Bloom

This holiday season, Scottsdale Fashion Square will become the latest site of a global exhibition platform that spans 34 cities and five countries. The premiere luxury shopping destination is welcoming NOEL, a festive floral exhibition celebrating the center's 65th anniversary and the reveal of its newly renovated Palm Court.

In full bloom starting Wednesday, November 11th, NOEL will continue through Sunday, November 15th, with a diverse lineup of activities that immerse attendees in the experience while appealing to a broad range of interests from arts to automobiles.

The exhibition, presented by Fleurs de Villes, will feature 15 floral couture mannequins designed by esteemed Arizona florists and crafted entirely from holiday florals. Complementing these signature floral moments, on display throughout the center, NOEL will also bring a series of five days of engaging floral experiences and in-store activations to entice shoppers and guests.

"Each year, we usher in the holiday season with style and flourish, inviting shoppers and guests to join us in kicking off a magical season of giving," said Melanie Sutton, Senior Marketing Manager at Scottsdale Fashion Square. "We are elated to bring an internationally acclaimed experience like Fleurs de Villes to Scottsdale for the first time, which patrons can enjoy exploring along

with the debut of our latest renovation at the Palm Court."

Noel will kick off with a ticketed VIP Grand Reveal event on Wednesday, November 11th. As part of the festivities, Scottsdale Fashion Square will honor a special holiday charity partner, and participating florists will learn how their creations fared among other designs, with a panel of judges presenting their picks for Best in Show and Fan Favorite.

The event continues on Thursday evening with "Fashion in Bloom," a series of exclusive sip and shop experiences at select luxury retail shops and boutiques throughout the center, as well as featured dishes and cocktails at numerous popular culinary destinations.

On Friday evening, attendees can take part in another new spin on the exhibition with Arizona Concours d'Elegance and "Cars & Cocktails," an evening that celebrates automotive design, floral artistry and cocktails.

Floral enthusiasts won't want to miss "The Art of Flowers" on Saturday evening, when a progressive bouquet experience takes guests on a journey to collect stunning blooms from retailers to create their own custom arrangements. The adventure concludes at a floral wrapping station, where participants can add the finishing touches for a stunning floral showcase they can take to kick off the holiday season at home. Guests can also explore

their inner artist with bouquets and brushstrokes workshops that let them get hands-on to create stunning floral-inspired artwork.

Pet parents get their own moment on Sunday with "Petals & Pups," which brings a mini-canine style show featuring designs by students from Arizona State University Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (ASU FIDM). Other featured moments include pet portrait stations and demonstrations of curated pet-friendly luxe products.

Throughout the exhibition, visitors will have the opportunity to rest and recharge at the newly completed Palm Court, featuring inviting new seating areas, updated flooring and lighting, expanded restrooms and refreshed dining spaces that provide added comfort and convenience for shoppers.

Learn more about this free exhibition and make plans to visit for a distinct experience each night. Learn more on the website at www.fashionsquare.com.





Abrazo West Campus Celebrates a Decade of Lifesaving Trauma Care With Free Community SafetyFest

For 10 years, Abrazo West Campus has provided advanced trauma services to residents across the rapidly growing West Valley. To celebrate this milestone, the hospital is hosting a free community SafetyFest focused on injury prevention, emergency preparedness, and community safety education. The event brings together healthcare professionals, first responders and community partners for a day of learning and family-friendly fun.

SafetyFest is a free community event featuring emergency response demonstrations, hands-on health and safety educational exhibits, children's and family-friendly activities, safety lessons, and opportunities to interact with local first responders and healthcare professionals, including:

- Abrazo West trauma and emergency care teams
- Local police, fire and EMS partners with helicopters, firetrucks, and ambulances on display
- Community health and safety organizations
- Free refreshments and giveaways

SafetyFest celebrates 10 years of trauma care at Abrazo West Campus and serves as a reminder that injury prevention, emergency preparedness and access to timely care save lives. As the West Valley continues to grow rapidly, the need for advanced emergency services and trauma care has never been greater.

The celebration also recognizes the collaborative efforts of physicians, nurses, EMS professionals, firefighters, and law enforcement personnel who work together every day to protect the health and safety of our community.

To learn more about services available at Abrazo West Campus, find a physician or access care close to home, visit the website at www.abrazohealth.com.



Arizona Real Estate Community Rallies for Affordable Housing at Charity Tennis Classic

Arizona's real estate community is taking to the tennis courts for a cause that extends far beyond the game. On Saturday, November 14, 2026, the inaugural Arizona Real Estate Charity Tennis Classic, presented by Coldwell Banker Realty, will bring together real estate professionals, tennis enthusiasts, and community supporters to raise funds for the Arizona Housing Fund, helping expand affordable and workforce housing opportunities throughout Arizona. Players can register and supporters can contribute online at www.events.org/e/YHVTZC749F.



Adding even greater impact to the event, a generous donor has committed to match dollar-for-dollar every charitable gift generated by the tournament. That means every \$1 donated to support the tournament will become \$2 for the Arizona Housing Fund, doubling the impact of contributions made by players, spectators, businesses, and community supporters.

The tournament will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on November 14th at Phoenix Tennis Center, located at 6330 N. 21st Avenue in Phoenix.

The event features men's and women's doubles competition and welcomes players of all skill levels from Arizona's real estate industry and the broader community. Registration is \$100 per player, and 100% of every registration fee will directly benefit the Arizona Housing Fund. Organizers have established a fundraising goal of \$10,000, with additional charitable donations welcomed.

With the dollar-for-dollar matching commitment, reaching the \$10,000 fundraising goal would generate \$20,000 for the Arizona Housing Fund. Community members who cannot participate in the tournament are encouraged to make a donation and have their contribution doubled.

"Every home begins with the opportunity for safe, stable housing," said Buzz Carr, Tournament Director. "This tournament is an opportunity for Arizona's real estate community to come together, enjoy a day of friendly competition, and make a meaningful difference for individuals and families across our state. Knowing that every dollar donated will be matched makes this opportunity even more exciting."



Founded by Arizona housing advocate Howard Epstein, the Arizona Housing Fund, a collaborative fund of the Arizona Community Foundation (EIN: 86-0348306), provides a permanent and sustainable source of funding for nonprofit organizations that build and operate supportive, affordable, low-income, and workforce housing throughout Arizona. Since its creation, the Fund has donated \$1.9 million to 11 nonprofit housing projects across the state that are strengthening communities by expanding access to safe and attainable housing.

"It's an honor to be named the designated recipient for this fundraiser," said Epstein. "The real estate community is filled with big-hearted people who continue to show their support for the Arizona Housing Fund. Together we are making a difference by funding more housing projects to help reduce homelessness for so many in need."

Spectators are invited to attend and cheer on the competitors while learning more about the Arizona Housing Fund's mission. Community members, businesses, and organizations are also encouraged to support the event through donations and sponsorships. Thanks to the matching gift, every contribution can make twice the difference.

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