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# PUBLISHERS LETTER

It is with great excitement and pride that I welcome you to the NEW, revamped, *Arizona Pride Guide 4th Edition*. We have grown 35% every year, which is why we have decided to expand the guide to include a new wedding section, and to separate the guide into four areas: Northern Arizona, Western Arizona, Phoenix Metro Area, and Tucson-Southern Arizona. We feel that these changes will make our total resource guide more user-friendly and the most comprehensive business, travel, relocation and wedding guide in Arizona. There is nothing like this guide in the country, and due to the positive response from our out-of-state readers about the need for this type of resource guide in their states, we have begun to develop Pride Guides in the following states: Hawaii, New Mexico, and Southern California. Look for these in mid-2010!

If you are considering visiting Arizona, let us be the first to welcome you to the Grand Canyon State. Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) visitors will find a safe and welcoming environment here. Arizona has over 330 days of sunshine a year, world-class cultural attractions and sporting events, year-round recreational adventure, breathtaking scenery, incredible dining and unique shopping opportunities. This guide will help you plan your weekend, romantic rendezvous, or family vacation.

If you are one of the many considering moving to Arizona, The Arizona Pride Guide and our sister website [www.GayArizona.com](http://www.GayArizona.com) will help you find important information about the cost-of-living, education, the state's top employers, community information and much more.

We are a publication that values being part of the Arizona community. We want to show off Arizona and its GLBT community as never before and be an asset to local businesses and municipalities as they attract GLBT visitors, new residents and new businesses to our beautiful state.

Thank you for your support!



Michael McFall  
Publisher



# WELCOME

January 2010

Dear Friends:

Welcome to Arizona! As an openly gay State Senator I am so pleased that you chose Arizona for your vacation or your new home.

Arizona prospers because of its unique and varied landscapes, its rich western history, its diverse cultures and its people. Beautiful weather, one-of-a-kind destinations and great dining and shopping also make Arizona a great choice for visitors and new residents alike.

In Arizona, you'll also find a thriving GLBT population. In our major cities and in scattered small towns across the state, you'll find welcoming and flourishing GLBT businesses and populations. I can honestly say Arizona is a wonderful destination for GLBT travelers and a great place to call home.

Welcome to Arizona and thank you for coming.

Sincerely,

**KEN CHEUVRONT**

*Arizona State Senator*



January 2010

Greetings:

Welcome to the beautiful state of Arizona!

I am so pleased that you chose Arizona for your vacation or relocation. Once you see our painted deserts and beautiful mountains, meet the diverse population of kind and friendly people and feel the warmth of our sun and hospitality I know you'll understand why Arizona is so special.

I urge you to take advantage of all that Arizona has to offer, to meet our people, and to learn about our history and culture. You'll find a place you'll love coming back to and a place you can call home.

Sincerely,

**KYRSTEN SINEMA**

*State Representative,  
Arizona House of Representatives*





January 2010

Greetings:

As Mayor, I welcome you to the city of Phoenix and the state of Arizona!

Whether you are visiting our great city on vacation, for business, or considering moving here, I know you'll find many exciting things to do and see. Phoenix offers fine dining, shopping, outdoor fun, sporting and cultural events and so much more – all in and around a dynamic and growing city famous for its warm weather and beautiful sunsets.

Best of all, you'll find our residents as warm and pleasant as the weather, eager to make you feel right at home. Find out for yourselves as you visit local businesses and meet our diverse and vibrant community up close.

Again, welcome to Phoenix, welcome to Arizona, and welcome home!



Sincerely,

**PHIL GORDON**

*Mayor, City of Phoenix*

January 2010

Greetings:

Welcome to GLBT-Friendly Bisbee, Arizona. As Mayor of the City of Bisbee I am pleased that you chose our history enriched city of diversity for your vacation.

When visiting our great city you'll find many exciting things to do and see. Bisbee offers fine dining, world-arts, culture, theater, rich history - all in a dynamic and famous city with its pleasant year-round climate.

This turn of the century city is full of history and its very proud and diverse residents will make you feel right at home. We are very proud to have one of the top rural GLBT prides in the nation all because of our great residents.

Welcome to the Copper City!

**W. J. "JACK" PORTER**

*Mayor, City of Bisbee*

January 2010

Dear Friends:

As an openly gay councilman in the city of Phoenix, I am proud to welcome you to the gay-friendly city of Phoenix!

GLBT visitors to the Valley will find a thriving gay community, a variety of leisure activities for day and night, and a warm, friendly and diverse Phoenix population. If you have chosen to call our city home, you'll also find a sense of family among the many GLBT businesses and neighborhoods and a sense of pride in how we are united to support each other and the city we love.

I am so glad you chose to come to Phoenix. Once again, welcome!

Warmest regards,

**TOM SIMPLOT**

*Councilman / Vice Mayor City of Phoenix*



January 2010

Dear Friends:

Welcome to Arizona, a state offering exceptional beauty and cultural diversity. Here you can commune with the rugged, natural landscape and immerse yourself in vibrant city life. You can learn from the rich indigenous traditions and from our modern science exploration.

Tucson holds unique gifts that we cherish. We are surrounded by mountains and the bi-national Sonoran desert – the world's only host to the giant Saguaro cactus. And we are grounded as a community that embraces diversity as an invaluable asset. Our civil rights legacy has wisely included the LGBT community for many decades. So come appreciate and enjoy Tucson!



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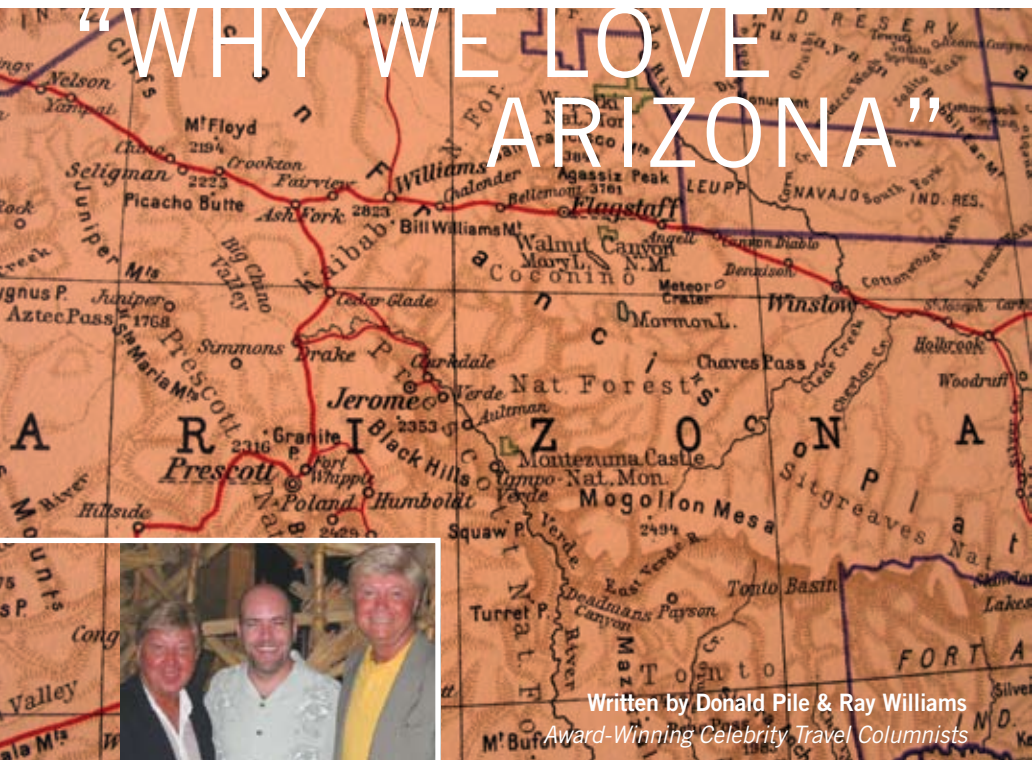
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# "WHY WE LOVE ARIZONA"



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Very simply, we love the entire State of Arizona because of all the States in the country, Arizona offers so many things to see and do. From the tallest mountains to the lowest valleys and all the way in between, Arizona simply offers everything! From Northward in Flagstaff down to Hereford and Bisbee, there is so much to see and do. Whether you enjoy small towns and villages or large cities, you will certainly never be bored in Arizona. In most States, there are only selected areas that want gay travelers; however, everywhere in Arizona wants gay

travelers and openly advertise as such. We have visited every State in the country and our number one choice that we tell our thousands of readers to go to is ARIZONA! Whether you are into camping, boating, sight-seeing, hiking, shopping, nightclubbing, the arts, sports or whatever, Arizona does have it all!

Around Flagstaff there are Native American Indian villages and ruins, the State parks, the wonderful museums, the Lowell Observatory and so many other places to visit. A driving trip to the Grand Canyon is a must. Elevations reach over 12,000 feet! Southwest of Flagstaff is beautiful Sedona, one of the many towns where gays and lesbians have located permanently. Actually you will find gays and lesbians all over the entire State. The



historical mining town of Jerome is like a visit to bygone days. A little more south to Rimrock, which is near Montezuma's Castle and other Indian ruins. Drive on down to visit Phoenix which has many gay bars, restaurants and gay businesses. You can visit dozens of museums, art galleries and historical places as well as the finest in shopping and restaurants. Further south, visit Tucson with dozens of places to visit and things to do. They have a large variety of great restaurants as well as museums and historical places to visit. And even further south, visit Tombstone and Bisbee which are so historical. From North to South, to East to West, we never get bored in this great State. Whether staying for a few days or even an entire month, you will be amazed at how much Arizona has to offer. Arizona has a very colorful tapestry of cultures, from Hispanic and Native American to the legendary Wild West which are woven throughout the entire

State, a land that thrived under the flags of both Spain and Mexico before becoming part of the U.S.

Although Arizona is a landlocked state, it's desert dwellers cool off in the warm waters of the state's many lakes. In fact, Arizona boasts one of the highest rates of boat ownership in the nation. Lake Havasu is home to the world famous London Bridge and is both a water lover's paradise and a desert lover's dream. What other State can you possibly visit to see so much? We have met gays and lesbians in every part of the State who have moved here from all over the country and would never think of leaving. And Arizona residents don't even have to leave the State to visit new and exciting places. No wonder thousands of gays and lesbians from all over the country love visiting Arizona, and if you haven't yet, then by all means, put it on your calendar for your next vacation.



Photo courtesy: Phoenix Convention and Visitors Bureau

# WELCOME TO AWESOME ARIZONA

**Often dubbed the Grand Canyon State**, also referred to as one of the Four Corners states, it borders New Mexico, Utah, Nevada, California, and touches Colorado.

Close your eyes and imagine the most beautiful setting possible; imagine miles of wilderness filled with as many different cacti, wildlife, pine trees, red rock mountains, or getting lost in the vastness of the clear blue skies: this is what we have in Arizona. And there are many ways to enjoy the beauty: mountain biking, poolside relaxing, golfing, shopping, dining, clubbing, visiting museums, or many of the state attractions, or just kicking back with your feet up – it's all possible here.

Arizona is blessed with more than 330 days of sunshine. Visitors and locals alike enjoy the ability to get outside and enjoy the sun filled days. From northern Arizona to southern, one can enjoy moderate temperatures and take a short drive and have the scenery change.

Arizona is noted for its desert climate, exceptionally hot summers, and mild winters, but the high country in the north features pine forests and mountain ranges with cooler weather than the lower deserts.

State attractions include the Grand Canyon, the Petrified Forest, the Painted Desert, Hoover Dam, Lake Mead, Fort Apache, and the reconstructed London Bridge at Lake Havasu City.

Arizona has a very strong Native American Culture. Arizona has one of the largest U.S. Native American populations; more than 14 tribes are represented on 20 reservations.



- **Drink lots of water. It's hot and dry here**
- **Wear sunscreen – 330 days of sunshine!**
- **Arizona has its own time zone – Arizona Time. No Daylight Savings time**

## TRAVELING TO ARIZONA

### BY AIR:

Both Phoenix and Tucson have international airports – Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport and Tucson International Airport. Bullhead City's airport serves Laughlin, Nevada as well. Flagstaff has a smaller airport mostly for general aviation but it served by one commercial airline, U.S. Airlines Express.

#### Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport

Sky Harbor is one of the busiest airports in the world, with non-stop service to over 100 cities in the U.S. and 20 international cities. It is the hub of U.S Airways and Southwest Airlines has a large presence there as well. Sky Harbor is conveniently located just over two miles from downtown Phoenix.

#### Tucson International Airport

Tucson's airport is the oldest municipally owned airport in the country. It is not a hub for any airline, but takes arrivals from the Southwestern U.S. and occasional flights from the Pacific Northwest and the East. Ten airlines provide non-stop and connecting service to Tucson.

#### Laughlin/Bullhead City International Airport

The airport takes flights from several U.S. cities. Some flights are part of Laughlin, Nevada hotel deals, so check with your travel agent about special pricing.

#### Flagstaff Pulliam Airport

Flagstaff's Pulliam Airport is considered a general aviation airport but does take flights from U.S. Airways Express.

### BY ROAD:

Interstate highways provide great access to Arizona's vast and gorgeous scenery. Interstate 10 crosses the state from Southern California to southern New Mexico and runs through Phoenix and Tucson. Interstate 40 runs across northern Arizona through Flagstaff. Phoenix and Flagstaff are connected by Interstate 17. Visit [www.gayarizona.com](http://www.gayarizona.com) for help planning your road trip.

By car it takes about 10 hours to drive east from Phoenix to Santa Fe. Going west to San Diego takes about 7 hours, likewise the trip to Los Angeles takes approximately 7 hours, depending on the time of day!

Within Arizona, it takes a little over 2 hours to drive from Phoenix north to Flagstaff and about the same to drive south to Tucson. Additionally, from Phoenix it takes about 5 hours to reach the Grand Canyon and about 2 hours to reach Sedona!



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# OUT IN ARIZONA



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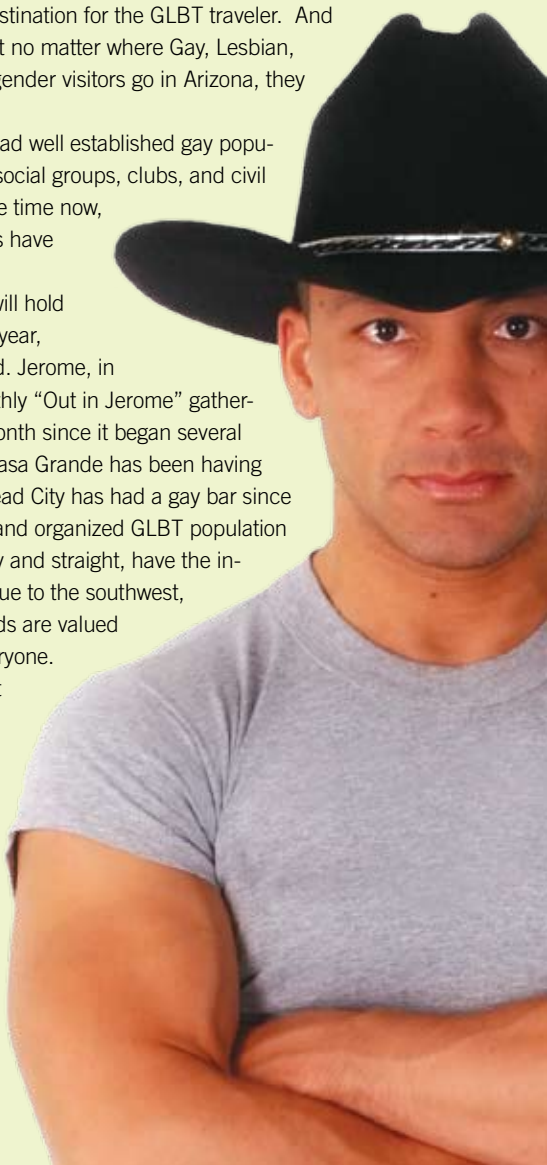


With all that Arizona has to offer, it's no wonder that it is becoming a top destination for the GLBT traveler. And the best part is that no matter where Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, or Transgender visitors go in Arizona, they will feel welcome and safe..

Phoenix and Tucson have had well established gay populations, with thriving businesses, social groups, clubs, and civil rights organizations for quite some time now, but lately gay activities and events have been popping up all over Arizona.

Bisbee, in Southern Arizona, will hold their 6th Gay Pride weekend this year, Sedona, in the north, their second. Jerome, in north-central Arizona, has a monthly "Out in Jerome" gathering which has expanded every month since it began several years ago. Yuma has a gay bar, Casa Grande has been having gay rallies and events, and Bullhead City has had a gay bar since 1997. Arizona has a large, vocal and organized GLBT population and the majority of Arizonans, gay and straight, have the independent, pioneering spirit unique to the southwest, one in which neighbors and friends are valued and there is room enough for everyone. As you can see, Arizona is a great place to be gay.

You'll find a wealth of information on gay-owned and gay-friendly businesses, groups and activities here in the *Pride Guide*, or visit [www.gayarizona.com](http://www.gayarizona.com) for constantly updated information.



# WEDDING & COMMITMENT CEREMONIES

By Alejandro Cadavid of *Arizona Pride Guide*

So, you are ready to start the rest of your lives together. If only it were as simple to get hitched as it was to get engaged! Whether you are planning a traditional ceremony with all the trappings or a quick island getaway to seal the deal, a wedding takes a lot of preparation.

While gay marriage is not yet legally recognized in the state of Arizona, the commitment ceremony continues to increase in popularity, serving as a concrete, physical representation of a couple's dedication to each other. While planning a wedding can be stressful for anybody, those stressors are often compounded for the GLBT community as they search for businesses that are truly in support of marriage equality.

Commitment ceremonies through their nature inherently carry some controversy with them. Those in the GLBT community are obliged through their unions to educate the general public that while gay people are gay, they are people first, and as such, should enjoy the same rights as other people. The gay community must take these moments as opportunities to instill social change.

While this most certainly should be a happy time that you spend in preparation for your new lives together, the fact is that this may also be one of the most stressful times in your life. You may be asking yourself, "Where do I start?" Whether you are looking for a unique cake topper, the ideal venue, a rocking DJ, or a chef to create the most unforgettable meal, fear not! The Arizona Pride Guide has enlisted the help of a couple expert professionals who are in the business of helping to make these gay affairs (pun intended) not only possible but also spectacular in the process.

At the forefront of the Arizona wedding scene are Cicely Rocha-Miller of Life Design Event Planning and wedding blog MRSter.com, and Amy Mills of Bliss Extraordinary Floral and Sedona Rainbow Weddings. Cicely and Amy both have extensive experience with brides and grooms of all shapes and sizes (and attitudes) and were kind enough to take some time to give the Pride Guide a little insight into their businesses, their lives, and in the process, shed some light on the chaos that ensues when planning a wedding.

The Arizona Pride Guide has chosen Cicely and Amy as guides for you due to their dedication to their work and their attention to detail. Beyond that, they are both truly dedicated to the causes concerning the GLBT community, especially marriage equality. If you are interested in furthering the cause for marriage equality, please visit Marriage Equality USA ([www.marriageequality.org](http://www.marriageequality.org)) for information.



Cicely Roch-Miller



Amy Mills

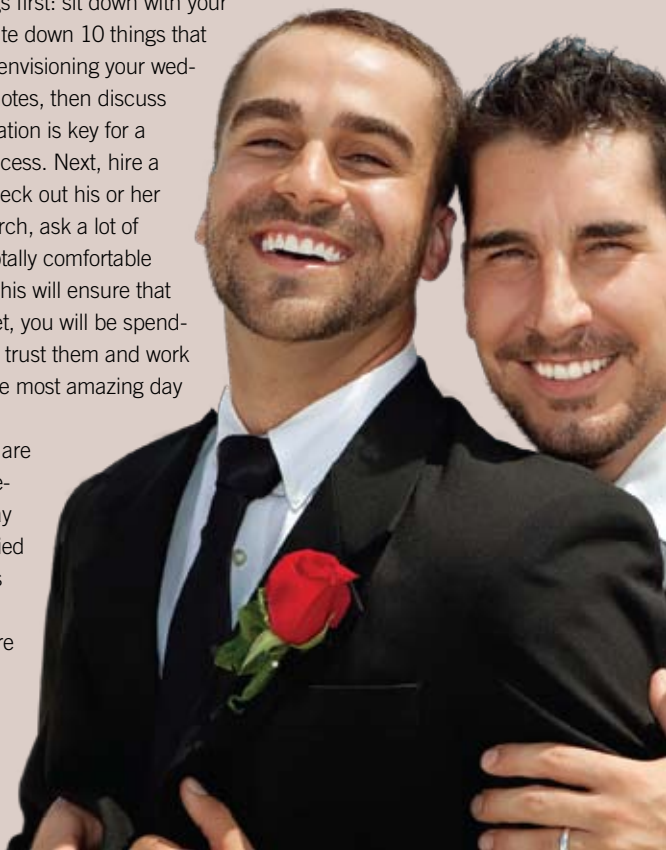
Remember, throughout the long hours of creating seating charts, mailing out invitations, and coordinating with the caterer, that this is a time for you and your partner to celebrate your love for each other. We at the Arizona Pride Guide hope that we are able to help simplify the planning process and therefore make this a day that you and your partner can truly call your own.

We spoke to Cicely Rocha-Miller, owner of Life Design Event Planning (LDEP), and co-founder of MRSter.com wedding blog.

**Pride Guide:** People often don't realize how much planning a wedding takes until they are faced with planning their own. How does someone get started planning their wedding?

**Cicely:** First things first: sit down with your partner and each write down 10 things that come to mind while envisioning your wedding day. Compare notes, then discuss together. Communication is key for a smooth planning process. Next, hire a wedding planner. Check out his or her references, do research, ask a lot of questions and feel totally comfortable with your decision. This will ensure that whatever your budget, you will be spending wisely. After that, trust them and work together to design the most amazing day of your life.

**Pride Guide:** You are co-founder of an awesome resource for gay couples getting married called MRSter, tell us a little bit about what couples can find there that will help them in planning their own event.





**Cicely:** This is an online resource that provides traditional and modern ideas to the wedding day. It is an avenue which brings up valid concerns for same sex couples. “What about the bouquet toss? Do we both wear dresses? Who walks down the aisle first? Do I change my name to his? How are we introduced for the first time to our guests? Which vendors are not going to judge?” MRStor generates honest conversation, real stories, the latest wedding trends, lots of humor, lots of political updates, and real people from all backgrounds talking all things weddings. It’s candid, it’s fun, and it’s real.

**Pride Guide:** Obviously, every wedding is going to be unique and is going to require its own unique approach. What are some things that are absolutely essential for every wedding?

**Cicely:** Easy. Two people united in a life commitment and love. That’s all that is ever needed.

**Pride Guide:** Choosing a venue is one of the biggest parts of planning a wedding. Give me some ideas on unique places to have a wedding.

**Cicely:** Honestly, you should call Life Design Event Planning first because I don’t want to just throw out venues that might not match with your personalities and vision, but for my own personal taste...here are a few.



1. A secret place in Utah. Not many people know about it, it's not that far from Phoenix and it's breathtaking.
2. Art Museums.
3. Backyards because they are so personal and unique.
4. Old buildings. It's a blank canvas and has so much history.
5. Places where people walk up and say "hmmmm".

**Pride Guide:** What prompted you to start MRSter? Are you filling a demand that you felt wasn't being met?

**Cicely:** When I began my company LDEP, I had always had the plan to be connected with the gay community and initialize Modern Union. I immediately joined gay- led networking groups and volunteered for gay causes, but ultimately I was inspired by my first two grooms to start MRSter.com. They came to me with the fact that certain situations were uncomfortable when planning their commitment ceremony, for example when they were asked the bride's name. The fact of the matter is that there was no bride, and getting an uncomfortable silence was not something they deserved to experience during such a joyous occasion. They called me to help, and I immediately jumped on the opportunity, for it made me wonder why on earth anyone would need to explain themselves or answer such questions as, "what do you mean, you need two white suits?," or, "who's the bride and who's the groom?" This is where I became angry and thought the treatment of these two people in love was so completely unjust. One of the avenues towards communication and change was to begin MRSter.com. It's has been an amazing journey thus far and I have been inundated with support. I do believe we are fulfilling the need but not the demand. I have plans to go national but need more manpower to get there. We need more time and more money, but with the continued interested I see it happening very soon.

**Pride Guide:** Beyond filling a demand, why do you do MRSter? Is it yet another creative outlet? Is it an emotional outlet?

**Cicely:** My initial thought was to print a gay wedding planning magazine, but who was I to say that need was out there? After doing research and surveying my gay peers, I learned that that a gay wedding magazine wasn't what was wanted. There was more of a need for basic information, advice, and support.





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No more of the Modern Bride, a hetero wedding planning magazine, but instead, Modern Union, which led to MRSter. It has become a place where couples can chat about their wedding designs and are able to talk candidly about their emotional ride while planning their big day. MRSter.com has been a way for couples to not only obtain great ideas for their wedding day but to be able to communicate about all the steps along the way. It is both a creative and emotional outlet and the feedback we have gotten thus far has been tremendously positive.

**Pride Guide:** You and LDEP have been voted Best Wedding Planner 2007 by Arizona Bride Magazine and were awarded Bride's Choice for 2009 by Wedding Wire. Clearly you know a thing or two about designing the perfect moment for your client. What is your driving design philosophy? What is the thing you turn to for inspiration when planning a wedding?

**Cicely:** Definitely the "details" of an event is what I focus on and what I believe separates

one element from another. After working with the client and identifying their event colors, I look at how complimentary colors, textures, lighting accessories, etc, will make the event pop and I make sure that everything works together to create an “environment”, not just an event. I’ve used this across all of my events and even in competitions, in which my table designs have won several awards (toot-toot... that’s the sound of my own horn). Most planners are very detailed as far as following the event design criteria that the couple has communicated; I use this as my starting point. From the interviews with them I get to not only know who they are and what they want, but I also look for things that will draw emotion and then build the design “details” around it. I want to be sure that everywhere they look that they see something that enhances their day, and this applies to the families as well so that everyone is truly a part of the day.

**Pride Guide:** A new wedding season is fast approaching. We all know that each bride or groom has their own unique vision for their wedding. What do you foresee will be a popular trend this season? What would you like to see incorporated into weddings?

**Cecily:** Two things are really big this and next year as far as event elements (not design, as that is a whole other topic)

One thing is getting guests off their butts and having them involved in the event.

Enhance the experience of your guests by giving them the opportunity to interact with what is going on. Whether it is a photo booth, a caricature artist, directing the chef on exactly how they want their meal made and then watching him or her do it, to designing their own cocktail. And let’s face it, not everyone likes to dance! Typically, if you don’t like to dance, you are stuck at a large reception table watching all the people having a good ol’ time. Giving your guests the chance to move throughout the night and be active in other ways will enhance the experience and make it more memorable.

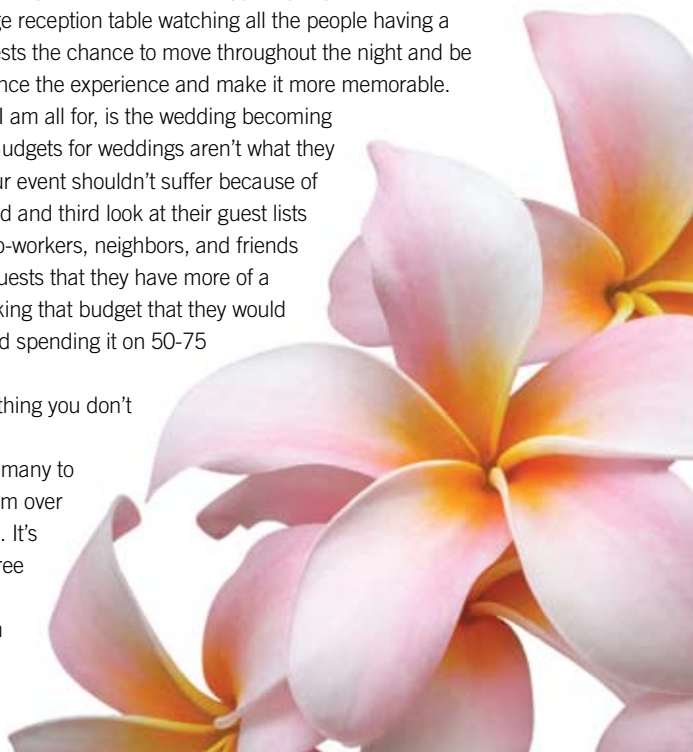
A second trend, and one I am all for, is the wedding becoming smaller and more personal. Budgets for weddings aren’t what they were even a year ago, but your event shouldn’t suffer because of it. Couples are taking a second and third look at their guest lists and deciding to cut out the co-workers, neighbors, and friends of friends, thus focusing on guests that they have more of a relationship with. They are taking that budget that they would spend on 100-150 people and spending it on 50-75 (or less).

**Pride Guide:** What is one thing you don’t want to see anymore?

**Cecily:** Just one thing? So many to choose from but one thing I am over is cupcakes instead of a cake. It’s a cute idea but it was cute three years ago, not anymore!

**Pride Guide:** I agree... I’m over the cupcakes too. How about a wedding pie?

I’ve known you and



your husband for a bit now, so I have some insight into to your relationship. In the interest of keeping things positive and not ending on a “not”, give us a little perspective into what makes your marriage work that you might think will help other couples.

**Cecily:** An old college professor once told me that people have more respect for strangers than they sometimes do for loved ones. I think of that almost on a daily basis and it reminds me to show more respect to my partner. Most importantly, keeping a sense of humor is a huge factor in sustaining a relationship. With me believing I am hilarious and him confident he is super witty, we are always making each other laugh. Over time we have actually developed deeper laugh lines which physically show how much fun we have with each other. That's the only wrinkle I don't mind having!

**NEXT, we talked to Amy Mills,** Owner of Bliss Extraordinary Floral and Sedona Rainbow Weddings, for a unique perspective on the gay wedding scene in Sedona, truly one of the most exceptional and awe inspiring places not only in Arizona, but in the country.

**Pride Guide:** Amy, you're originally from Studio City, California, just outside of L.A. What made you relocate to Sedona?

**Amy:** I owned an interior design shop in Studio City for 20 years and designed home interiors, movie sets, cast parties etc. for many television, music and movie personalities. I had many gay customers in LA and my next door neighbors at my shop were amazing florists. Because I was doing floral for my customers in their homes privately, I didn't bring floral into that shop as not to compete with the florists next door. But I always knew, even then that floral was the direction in which I was going. I decided to relocate to Sedona 4 years after selling my business in L.A. to help my parents who had moved here many years prior. I had just adopted a baby and really wanted her to grow up in a small town without the peer pressures of Los Angeles. So I bought a small ranch and opened Bliss Extraordinary Floral, specializing in couture wedding and corporate event floral and design. I have been in business for 12 years and do over 150 weddings a year, as well as hotel floral and Corporate events in Sedona.

**Pride Guide:** You recently did some flowers for the wedding of DJ Romaine Patterson of Out Q radio on Sirius Radio. Tell me how you got involved with that?

**Amy:** It was really a funny story. I was driving home from Flagstaff one afternoon and a friend called my cell phone and told me I needed to turn my radio to Out Q. She said that the hostess of the show was talking about the fact that she and her life partner were finally going to get married on an Alaskan Cruise, and everyone was giving her advice about the flowers and she was getting so frustrated trying to figure that part out. So I pulled over on the highway and changed stations, and after a few minutes, I called the phone number at the station. The screener put me through in about 5 seconds and boom, there I was on the radio. I told Romaine that I owned Sedona Rainbow Weddings, and offered to do free silk bouquets for Romaine and Iris; that way their floral would be stunning, and they could pack it and take it with them on the cruise. She was SO excited! We exchanged emails for 2 months before we shipped the bouquets to her back east. Their bouquets were white roses, white alstromeria, white hydrangea, and of course blue Iris (in honor of her partner, Iris). Each one had a beautiful diamond initial of their partner's first name.

**Pride Guide:** You are also the owner of a wedding planning company called Sedona



Rainbow Weddings, specifically geared towards gay unions. What made you start this venture? Were you fulfilling an un-met need in the Sedona community?

**Amy:** I decided to start Sedona Rainbow Weddings after watching a wonderful television special on gay marriages and commitment ceremonies. I felt compelled to make my company available to this community. I am straight, but have a wonderful huge community of gay friends here in Sedona who asked me to start a company that would market to the gay community, to encourage them to come to this magnificent place and experience the grandeur of Sedona. I marketed this idea to my professional associates here, and found a gorgeous host hotel and spa, hair stylists, photographers and officials that wanted to be a part of my new company, and in 2008 Sedona Rainbow Weddings was launched. We make all the arrangements and provide the floral, rentals and decor.

**Pride Guide:** Flowers are personally one of my most favorite things in this world; I try to keep fresh ones in the house at all times. I also think that they are one of the more personal forms of expression for an event such as a wedding. What is it about flowers that drew you to work with them?

**Amy:** I have to say that it is the "Zen" of the thing. As opposed to designing entire rooms, moving heavy furniture, lugging around fabric samples etc, there is an incredible inner peace that I get to experience every day, selecting the right containers, the right mix of flowers, colors and placement of the design. We feel a great sense of joy upon completion, and we know that someone is going to feel a similar sense of joy upon receiving it. To me, it





is the best part of design. Wedding floral is our specialty and being able to create something magical for someone's most special day is a very satisfying feeling and gives us great joy.

**Pride Guide:** What is it that inspires you to create the beautiful arrangements that you do?

**Amy:** I find brides and grooms to be so full of love at that moment in their life, that they are "soft and squishy". The studio is so beautiful that the minute they walk in they are a bit mesmerized. They are my inspiration. Once I develop a relationship with them, I am able to visualize what they want to feel on their wedding day and run with it.

**Pride Guide:** I think perhaps the Sedona Vortexes have something to do with your Zen clients, because I have first hand experiences with some Bride and Groom Zillas. Give me your perspective on the gay marriage situation in Arizona. Arizona is and has historically been a red state. Is it ready for gay marriage?

**Amy:** Hmmm, that's a difficult one to answer. Let's face it. Arizona is a gun toting, cowboy music playing, border patrolling kind of state. Coming from Los Angeles, I went through about two years of adjustment when I moved here. But on the other hand, Arizona is a state of great art and artists, and incredible natural beauty, as well as a very spiritual feel. Sedona was my choice because it had the most artistic and spiritual "heart" of anywhere in Arizona. Arizona had better just get ready for gay marriage. This is the way of the future and needs to be accepted in all states. Rights are rights!!!

**Pride Guide:** Here! Here!

Here's a loaded question: should there be such uproar about designating gay "marriages" as civil unions, assuming both would entail the same rights? In other words, should the gay community pick its battles? Many would say it's all semantics.

**Amy:** I am not gay, but I know what I think is right. Civil unions and marriage, under the law, need to be the same as straight marriages. Partners should be able to enjoy the benefits of their husband or wife's work benefits, health decision making, adoption. It would be "semantics" if all was fair in love and war, but it's not.

**Pride Guide:** I agree. I think all of us human beings are born with an innate sense of what is right and wrong, some of us are better at suppressing it than others.

On a lighter note, what do you see as trend for floral arrangements in the 2010 wedding season?

**Amy:** I am booking 2010 like crazy but my bookings have been so diversified that it's hard to pin point a trend. Color trend? Fuchsias, Citrons and Oranges!

This year we started a new division of our business called Sedona Vineyard Weddings, and are doing all the designing for Margaret Van Damme, who owns the company. Arizona

is loaded with charming Vineyards and Wineries, and we are lucky to have 3 or 4 such vineyards within a 15 minute drive from Sedona. So, think about it: romantic weddings and receptions under the stars, drinking great wine, and everyone getting to experience the beauty of Sedona during their stay. I feel this is the up and coming trend for the Sedona area.

**Pride Guide:** It is important to remember that all people want to be accepted for who they are. The goal of gay marriages is not assimilation into straight culture. The goal rather seems to be unification of all cultures into the human culture.

The State of Arizona is very much at the forefront of the marriage debate and Arizona's gay and straight citizens are fighting for the cause. The Pride Guide is committed to helping move the cause forward and also to helping make resources available to those looking to celebrate their own wedding.

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# 2010 EVENTS

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## JANUARY

### **Desperado GLBT film festival**

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### **Arizona Renaissance Festival and Artisan Marketplace**

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### **Tempe Spring Festival of the Arts**

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## APRIL

### **Phoenix Pride and Party in the Park**

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### **Saguaro Cup Sports Festival**

*The premier gay softball tournament in the Southwest*

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## MAY

### **Night for Life-Phoenix**

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### **Jell-o Wrestling-Tucson**

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### **Prescott Pride**

*Music, arts and more as North Central Arizona celebrates Pride.*

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## JUNE

### **Arizona Human Rights Foundation Annual Dinner**

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### **Bisbee Pride**

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### **Tucson Pride Week**

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## JULY-AUGUST

*Too hot to go outside in the Desert, head north to Northern Arizona.*

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## SEPTEMBER

### **Sedona Pride in the Rocks - 2nd Annual!**

*Get out of the heat and enjoy the cool red rocks of this enchanting town while showing your pride.*

### **Wingspan 12th Annual Benefit Dinner**

*Wingspan is southern Arizona's GLBT community center.*



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## OCTOBER (busiest month of the year)

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## NOVEMBER

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### **Zoo Lights at Reid Park Zoo**

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April 14th - Pride Around Town

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TPI currently produces and/or promotes the following events each year:  
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*Our Purpose* is to produce and promote Pride events for Tucson, Arizona throughout the year.

*Our Intent* is to create forums through which gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and heterosexual people can express their Creativity, Visibility, Unity, and Diversity with Dignity.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



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The arts in Arizona are definitely coming into their own. “ArtWalks,” which are becoming very popular all over the state, are events showcasing different cities’ various art forms, and are held from every week to once a month, depending on the city.

In Phoenix, the arts walk is called “First Friday.” First Friday is a self-guided tour of downtown Phoenix’s galleries, studios and art spaces. It is held, obviously, on the first Friday of every month, and the name makes it easy to remember that! “First Friday” started in 1988 with 13 spaces – it now has over 100!

In the Phoenix area, Scottsdale and Chandler also have ArtsWalk: in Scottsdale the walk is held every Thursday night (except Thanksgiving), and in Chandler it is held on the first Wednesday of each month and called – guess what? First Wednesday!

Tucson’s ArtWalk is held every Thursday from December – May, and every first and third Thursday the rest of the year.

Historic Bisbee, southeast of Tucson, also has an awesome ArtsWalk, “Bisbee After 5”. Their ArtsWalk includes extended shop hours, live music, food, LOTS of art and lots of fun! More than 30 shops and galleries welcome residents and visitors on the second Saturday of every month.

Beautiful Sedona holds their ArtWalk on the first Friday of the month. In addition, Sedona has many other art-oriented events, including the Sedona Arts & Crafts Show, and the Annual Fall Art Exhibition.

In Jerome, near Sedona, the ArtWalk is First Saturday. The Jerome ArtWalk is extremely popular and has become a great northern Arizona tradition.

No matter where you are in Arizona, or where you choose to visit, there is an ArtsWalk near you!

**Speaking of art** and art walks, while we were art walking at Phoenix’s First Friday we noticed one venue with a large crowd and a long line; our interest was piqued, so we decided to investigate. We were at 120 E. Roosevelt, and it turned out to be the Golden Rule Tattoo Parlor.

Tattooing is an art form that is becoming more main stream than ever in Arizona, as well as in the rest of the country. We spoke to John O’Hagan, an owner of Golden Rule Tattoo, about the industry and some of the big changes that have come about in the industry.

**Pride Guide:** Why do you think people have had the stereotypical idea that tattoos and/or tattoo parlors were on the “shady” side?

**John:** I think this is due in part to the fact that when it started out (in western culture), tattooing was a business that catered to a certain “undesirable” crowd, i.e. sailors, and bikers, to mention a couple of examples. This set the industry apart from the mainstream population



in a rather negative way. Most businesses didn't want to be near tattoo shops because of the "rowdy" people who would frequent the shops, so it sort of by nature turned into a mysterious, misunderstood, and therefore somewhat "shady" industry.

These days, however, I think that's part of the allure: the rebellious nature of getting tattoos seems to be part of the draw.

**Pride Guide:** It seems that the image of tattoos is changing in that tattoo art is becoming main stream and accepted as a true art form. Do you feel that this is true, and to what do you think these changes in attitude are due?

**John:** I think it's totally true!

I think for those of us in the industry it's always been a true art form, it was just the lack of understanding from the mainstream that was missing.

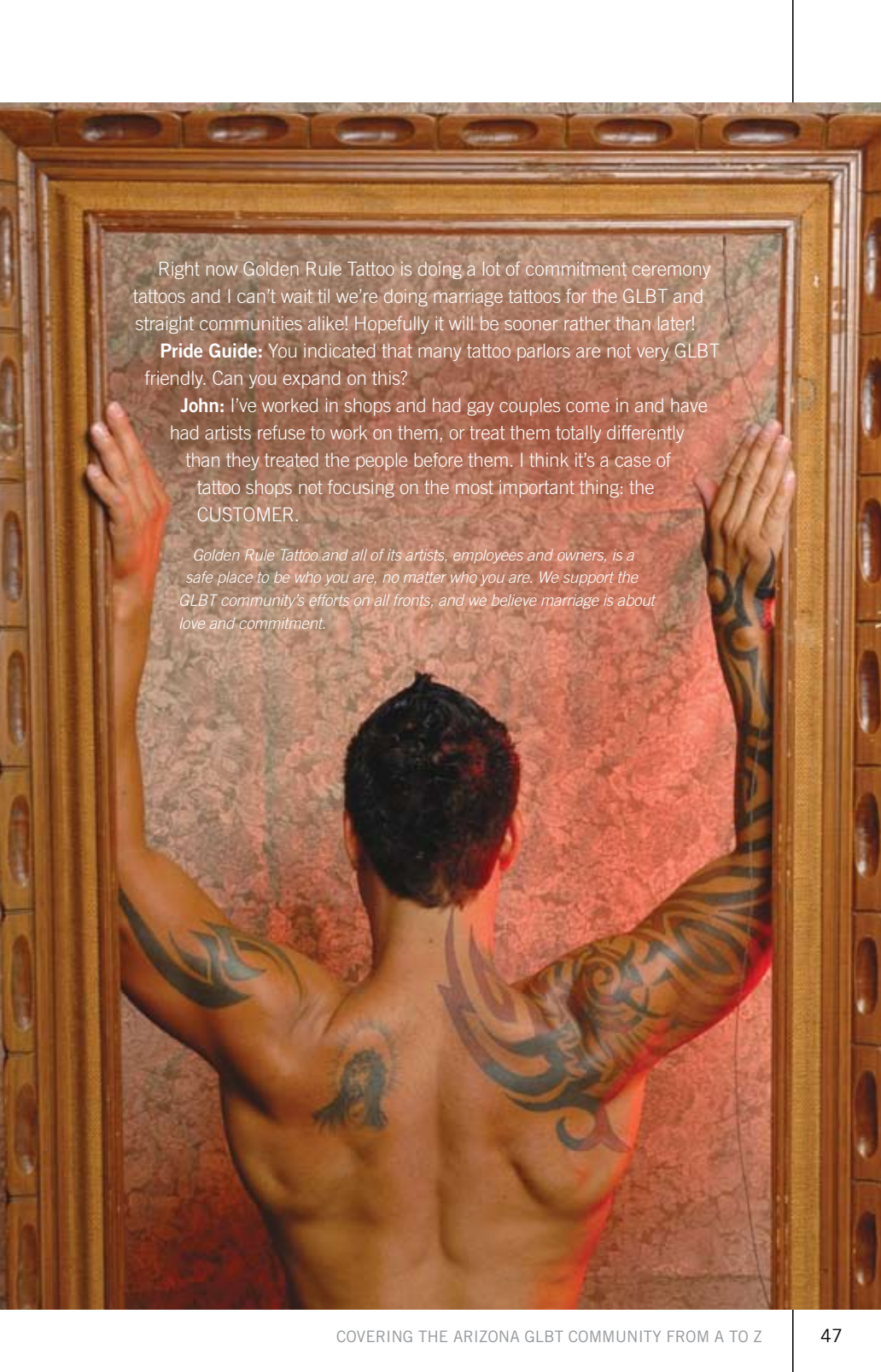
I read something that said ten years ago only 1/ 100 people had a tattoo but now 10/100 have tattoos. It certainly seems to me that a lot more than 10/100 have tattoos, but either way that's still a huge percentage increase in a short amount of time. More people outside the industry do seem to be looking at tattooing as an art form and therefore are much more open to getting tattooed or accepting tattoos on people!

I think the ideals of individuality becoming more important in our culture, more accepted in the workplace/school, and the fact that these ideas are actually being nurtured and encouraged as a whole, really opened up the door for tattoos to become more respected and accepted as true art.

I think because of the exponential growth of people getting tattooed to express who they are, to memorialize a person or event, or any of the other zillion reasons people get tattooed, has opened the industry up for more scrutiny (just by the sheer amount of people participating) and I think that forces the hands of shops to keep up. Customers have their pick of where they can go based on who does the kind of work they like, who treats them right, who makes them feel comfortable, etc. So every shop has to do their best to create the whole package.

**Pride Guide:** An on-line survey conducted by Harris Interactive found that the highest incidence of tattoos is found among the GLBT population. Do you think this is true? If so, why do you think GLBT's are more likely to get tattoos?

**John:** I think these days, as a whole, those who feel separate or distanced from the mainstream in any fashion are more likely to celebrate that fact and live a life less concerned with conforming to certain ideals just to fit in. I think the GLBT community is generally more accepting of things that the general population may not be open to. And I feel that the GLBT community is leading the way in showing acceptance and celebrating differences! So it doesn't surprise me that the GLBT community has the highest percentage per capita of tattooed people.



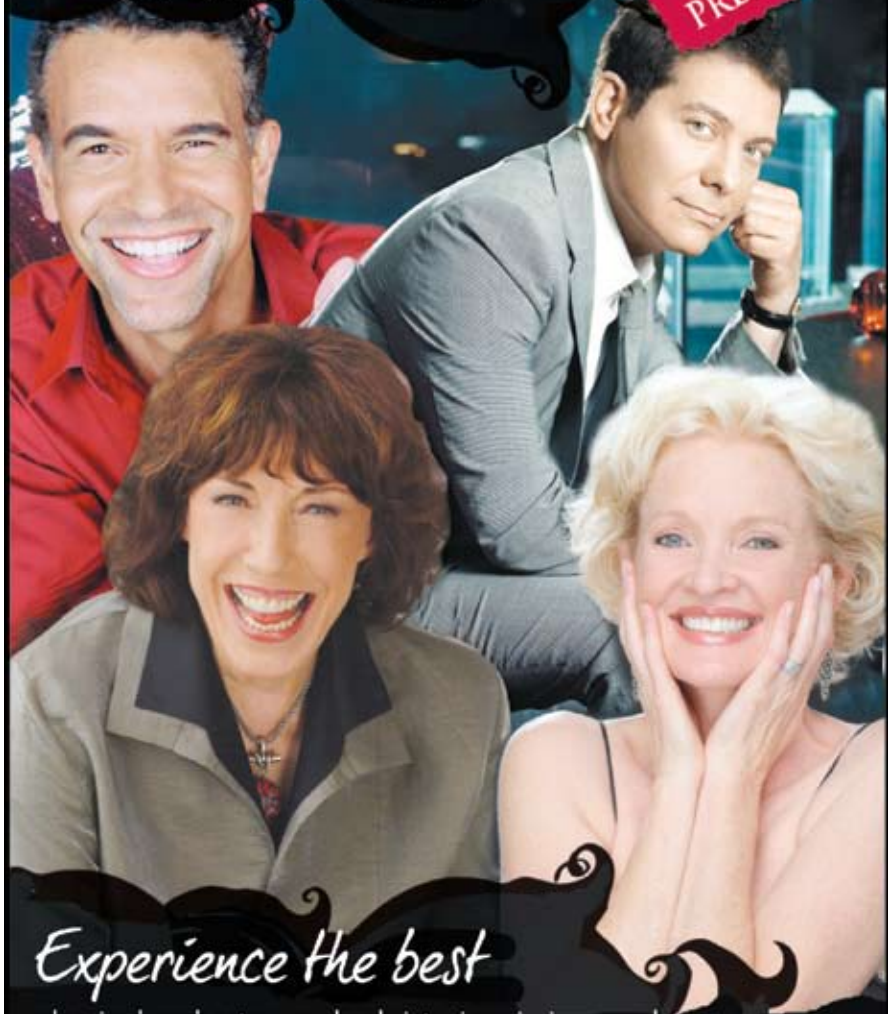
Right now Golden Rule Tattoo is doing a lot of commitment ceremony tattoos and I can't wait til we're doing marriage tattoos for the GLBT and straight communities alike! Hopefully it will be sooner rather than later!

**Pride Guide:** You indicated that many tattoo parlors are not very GLBT friendly. Can you expand on this?

**John:** I've worked in shops and had gay couples come in and have had artists refuse to work on them, or treat them totally differently than they treated the people before them. I think it's a case of tattoo shops not focusing on the most important thing: the CUSTOMER.

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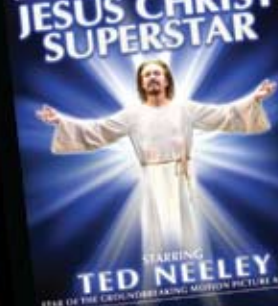
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February 19 Copland, Appalachian Spring;  
Tchaikovsky, Swan Lake Suite

March 12 Hummel, Trumpet concerto with the  
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April 9 Broadway Pops with Hugh Panaro and  
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February 11 - 28 Mary Poppins

March 9 - 14 Avenue Q

March 27 Keo Woolford: I Land

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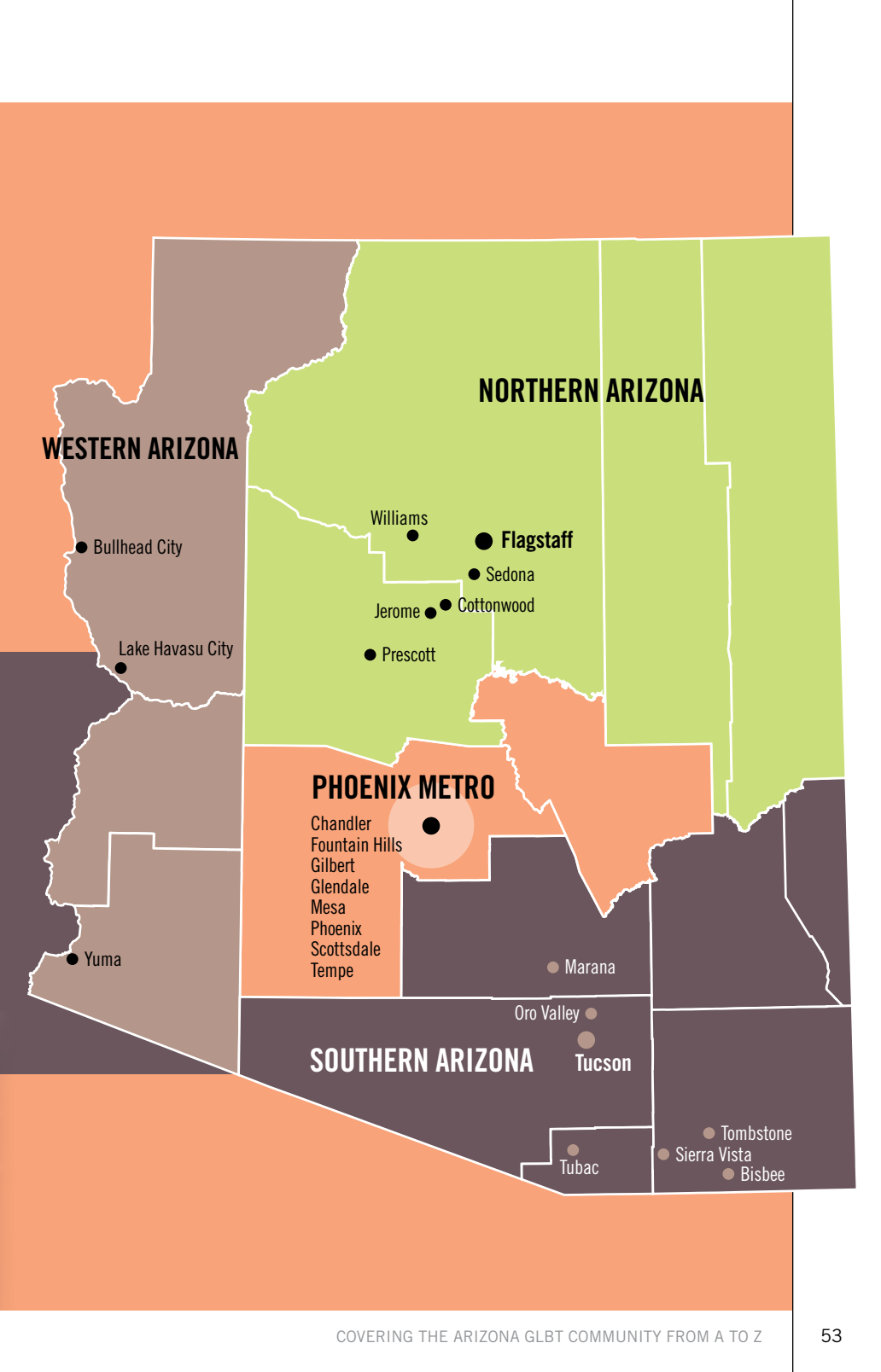
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## MOVING TO PHOENIX METRO

The “Valley of the Sun” is truly an Oasis in the Desert. Incorporated in 1881, Phoenix has become the 5th largest city in the country, with the Phoenix Metro area having enjoyed an average growth rate of 39% from 1995 to 2005, increasing from 2.6 million in 1995 to approximately 3.7 million in 2005. The population of the Phoenix Metro area is estimated to reach 4.2 million by this year.

These numbers beg the question, “Why is everybody moving to Phoenix?” The answer lies in the unique appeal that makes Phoenix the Valley of the Sun. With virtually 330 days of sunshine, Phoenix has extreme summers but enjoys moderate temperatures for the majority of the year, making this an ideal escape from the extreme weather conditions found in other parts of the country.

Phoenix Metro is comprised of various towns and cities. Tempe, Chandler, Mesa, Gilbert, and Apache Junction are in the East Valley. Glendale, Avondale, Peoria, Goodyear, Sun City, and Buckeye are in the West Valley. Scottsdale and Fountain Hills are Northeast Valley communities and the state capital, Phoenix proper, lies in the center of it all. Phoenix Metro enjoys some of the easiest navigation in comparison to other major cities. While construction and traffic are a part of daily life for residents of the Valley, the extensive freeway system and grid oriented cities makes navigating the streets of Phoenix a breeze.

While the whole country has been affected by the economic downturn, Phoenix has been especially hard hit due to the local economy's dependence on the housing market. However, with tourism still holding its own, and the turnaround of the market in the foreseeable future, the Phoenix economy is on the verge of a rebound, with new industries creating new jobs for the residents of the Valley. The Valley Metro Light Rail currently connects Central Mesa to Central Phoenix. With an additional 37 miles of Light Rail scheduled to be completed by 2030, 20,000 jobs will be created to build and maintain the Light Rail system.

Arizona and Phoenix are leading the way in Green/Sustainable innovation. Arizona State University's School of Sustainability is the first of its kind in the nation, offering both Undergraduate and Graduate degrees. This newly popular industry will surely help rebuild the local economy through creation of new jobs and will help sustain the Valley's natural beauty for generations to come.



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## PHOENIX

The Capital of the state of Arizona, Phoenix is its largest city, with over 1.6 million residents. Being so large, Phoenix offers something for every type of lifestyle, from the urban, city life of Downtown and the Central Corridor, to the more suburban, desert life of the Ahwatukee foothills in the southern part of the city.

Phoenix recently ranked eighth in the nation as one of the most inexpensive cities to live, work, and own a business. Its cost of living estimates are below that of Las Vegas, San Diego, and Seattle.

With the coming of the Valley Metro Light Rail, Downtown Phoenix has seen resurgence in life. Many new modern housing units as well as café's, coffee shops, restaurants, bars, and nightclubs have popped up along the Light Rail, which passes right through Central Phoenix.

Phoenix's cultural scene is also increasing in popularity. Phoenix plays host to various different national and international art exhibits throughout the year in its museums. Downtown hosts "First Fridays", a free monthly art walk on the first Friday of each month; galleries, studios, and other unique businesses feature local, national, and international artists and craftsmen. Phoenix's various theaters and performing arts centers feature local productions as well as internationally traveling dance companies and shows year round.

Phoenix is not left out of the Shopping scene either. A valley institution, the Biltmore Fashion Park and the surrounding area, is home to internationally renowned luxury brands as well as much of Phoenix's fine dining. However, unique clothing shops and restaurants featuring all types of international cuisine and concepts are scattered throughout the city.



Phoenix Light Rail – Photo courtesy: Phoenix Convention and Visitors Bureau

### PHOENIX GLBT DISTRICT

Unlike some other major metropolitan areas, Phoenix does not have a central GLBT neighborhood. As Phoenix is so geographically spread out, most GLBT Phoenicians are too. However, the Melrose District of Central Phoenix has a high concentration of GLBT residents as well as GLBT and GLBT friendly businesses. Many bars and nightclubs are situated in this area as well. This area stretches north from McDowell Road to Bethany Home Road and West from 16th Street to 7th Ave. Various GLBT businesses can also be found scattered throughout the Valley.

## SCOTTSDALE

Bordering Phoenix to the east, Scottsdale has over 230,000 residents and is home to some of the finest residential living as well as recreational activities in the Valley.

Established by Army Chaplain Winfield Scott, Scottsdale has, since its beginning, been a haven for cowboys as well as the social elite. Many of the original settlers of Scottsdale, recruited by Scott from the east coast, were well educated and had a great appreciation for cultural events. In 1937, Frank Lloyd Wright purchased 600 acres of Sonoran Desert land and built Taliesin West, his winter home and architectural firm/school's southwestern headquarters. In the 1940's, Scottsdale adopted the slogan, "The West's Most Western Town". Throughout the 1950's, greatly under the guidance of Del Webb, Scottsdale became an upscale getaway, with luxury resorts attracting movie stars and prominent public figures.

Today, Scottsdale still promotes its western heritage as made visible throughout its western themed Old Town district. It has also become an upscale destination for shopping. Many of the world's most recognizable luxury brands have found a home at Scottsdale Fashion Square shopping center. And Scottsdale remains a popular vacation destination with its many chic hotels and resorts. Scottsdale also has a thriving arts community, with over 125 art galleries, as well as museums and performing art centers. Scottsdale's nightlife attracts people from all over as it is home to many of the Valley's hot spots.

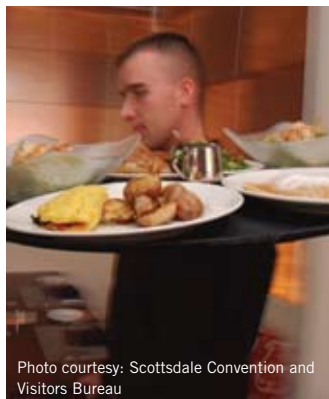


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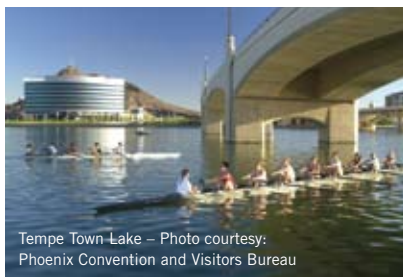
## THE EAST VALLEY COMMUNITIES

*Apache Junction, Chandler, Gilbert, Mesa, Tempe*

The East Valley cities have shared in the population growth along with Phoenix. Many who move to the East Valley count affordable housing and small town appeal along with proximity to the urban hub among their assets.

Mesa is Arizona's third largest city and one of the fastest growing cities in the state. Historically, Arizona has been home to countless citrus groves. Mesa has found a way to incorporate many of the existing orchards into commercial and residential developments, thus preserving the history and natural beauty of the area.

Tempe is home to Arizona State University as well as Mill Avenue, a main drag and Tempe's downtown, featuring shopping, restaurants, and a lively nightlife frequented by ASU's more than 50,000 students. ASU is also home to Gammage Auditorium, an opera house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, originally proposed for Baghdad, Iraq. It is now a multifunctional performing arts facility that hosts off Broadway productions as well as various other performances.



Tempe Town Lake – Photo courtesy: Phoenix Convention and Visitors Bureau

Tempe is also one of the state's most dynamic business communities, with more than 15 percent of the state's high-tech companies located here.

## FOUNTAIN HILLS & CAREFREE

The desert communities of Fountain Hills and Carefree offer some of the most beautiful views of the Valley's desert landscape. The town of Fountain Hills, located about 30 minutes northeast of downtown Phoenix (or about 30 miles northeast) on the eastern slope of the McDowell Mountains and approximately 500 feet above the Valley, is home to over 22,000 residents and one very conspicuous landmark. Situated in the middle of a 28 acre, man-made lake in Fountain Park is a fountain that shoots a plume of water 560 feet into the air.

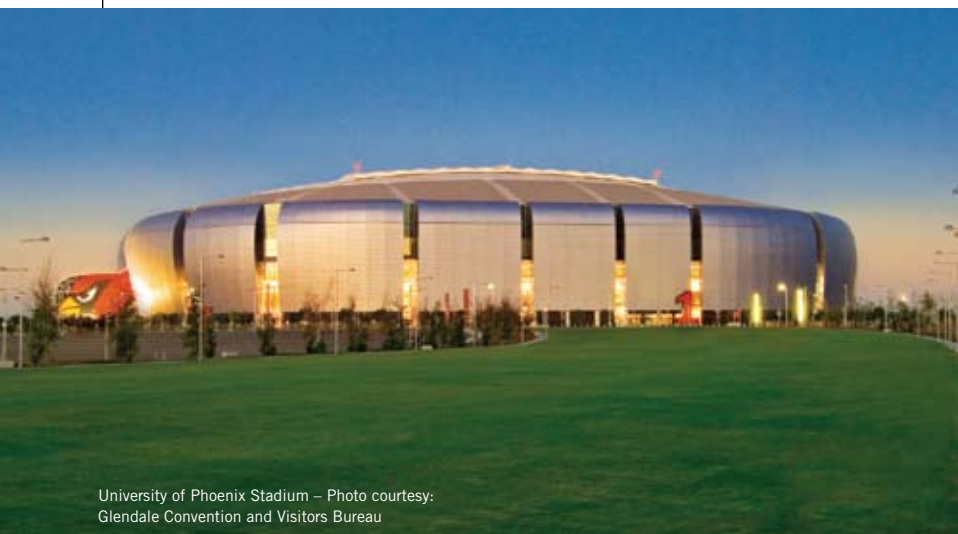
The town of Carefree is located 15 miles northeast of Phoenix. The Carefree town motto is "home of cowboys and caviar, where the old west meets the new" and boasts the best of small town Arizona. Its population is less than 3,000, but growing.

## THE WEST VALLEY COMMUNITIES

*Avondale, Buckeye, Glendale, Goodyear, Peoria*

The West Valley has gone through a major makeover in recent years. Agriculture has made way for residential communities that are thriving as the Valley continues to spread out. Avondale has ambitious development plans and the smaller city of Buckeye plans over 250,000 new homes in the next 20 years. Nearby Peoria is a model of the fast growing Arizona city, with a stellar school system, affordable homes, and accessibility to rest of the Valley.

Arizona's fourth largest city is Glendale, a rapidly growing financial and business hub in the Northwest Valley. Glendale is a mix of older communities and new, master planned developments. In 2008, Glendale hosted the NFL Super Bowl XLII at the University of



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## VISITING PHOENIX METRO AREA

With the exception of often record-breaking heat during the summer months, the near perfect weather in the Valley of the Sun goes hand-in-hand with exciting year-round recreation and outdoor adventure. There are over 200 pristine golf courses across the Valley and opportunities for biking, hiking, boating as well as many other outdoor activities. Papago Park and Camelback Mountain, both in the heart of the Valley, provide great trails for the novice and experienced hiker alike. Tempe Town Lake is the practice ground for many rowing teams and has paddle-boats available to rent

For a less active vacation, why not spend your time at one of more than three-dozen resorts and spas, offering world-class treatments, some unique to Arizona? Whether you want to relax poolside, play tennis, or both, you can do it in the Valley.

If you are more of a spectator than a participant, Phoenix is home to all of Arizona's major league teams and hosts spring training for major league baseball. Professional sports teams include the Arizona Cardinals of the NFL, the MLB Arizona Diamondbacks, the NBA Phoenix Suns, and the WNBA 2009 Champions Phoenix Mercury.

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You can also browse a multitude of museums and galleries, with unique works by local as well as international artists. The Valley has been privileged to host exhibitions from Monet, Rembrandt, El Greco, Picasso, as well as many up and coming artists.

After a day of shopping, relaxing by the pool, or hiking Camelback Mountain, you'll need a good meal before tackling the Valley's nightlife. Valley restaurants have

something for every pallet and every budget. With the amalgamation of so many different cultures and influences, the Valley's food scene will give any self-proclaimed "foodie" a vacation to remember. Wine bars and Tapas bars have had a recent upswing in popularity in American culture, and Phoenix has not been left behind. Wines from around the world and also local vineyards find homes throughout the Valley. Phoenix is also home to some spectacular microbreweries that will have any beer-snob sporting a foam mustache and a big smile. Of course happy hour is a must for valley residents and visitors alike. And, being so close to the Mexican border, the Valley's Mexican restaurants cannot be beat.

Phoenix's gay nightlife is often a happy surprise to new visitors: the over 31 bars and clubs offer something for everyone. Whether you are looking for the spot to see and be seen, a dance floor to dance the night away, or just a place to grab a drink, there is something for every taste.

Dance clubs range from boot-kickin' country, to hot Latin salsa, to pulsating techno. Martini bars offer up manicures, sports bars offer up martinis, and there are plenty of casual places to meet some new friends. Clubs and bars are open until 2:00 a.m. and a few offer after hours. All are non-smoking since May of 2007.

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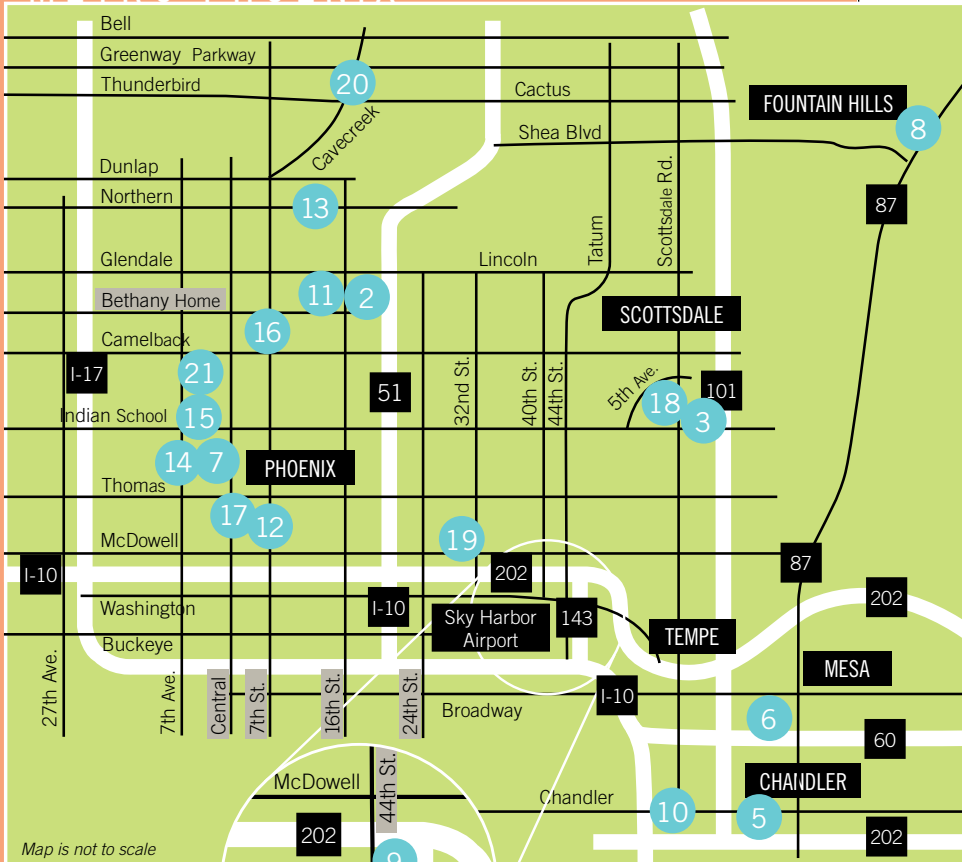
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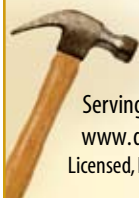


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## Moving to Tucson

Arizona's second largest city, Tucson has its own personality and style. 100 miles south of Phoenix, Tucson is a unique blend of metropolitan convenience and rural charm. It is a community that strikes the right balance between a city and a small town. Including the suburbs of Marana, Oro Valley, South Tucson and others, the metropolitan population is over 1 million residents and growing.

The Tucson culture is a mix of Native American, Mexican, African American and Anglo-American influences who all share a commitment to the rare lifestyle afforded them in their unique community. Indeed, the area is so hospitable that archaeologists believe it has been continuously inhabited for the last 12,000 years. Modern tracking estimates that almost 2,000 people move to Tucson every month.

Tucson keeps pace with the influx of new residents while maintaining a growing economy with its tight small business attitude of supporting who supports them. Even though these are tough economic times, the community believes in supporting the local owned businesses rather than national corporations. The city is home to the University of Arizona, the largest employer in the region and an intellectual resource for the entire nation. Tucson is also home to Davis Monthan Air Force Base, another large employer, and several high-tech electronics and defense firms, including Honeywell and Raytheon. The city expects to see continued growth in its high-tech job force.

The cost of living in Tucson compares nicely with other cities in the United States. Estimates put Tucson at one third as expensive to live in as cities like Los Angeles, San Diego or San Francisco, and less than half the cost of living of New York City. Tucson's cost of living estimates are also lower than Austin, Albuquerque and Las Vegas. Getting around Tucson is easy, though a car is pretty much required. However, there is a city transit system and a substantial community of cyclists. The city has made great efforts to encourage and create an infrastructure for cycling.

Tucson has one of the strongest, most active GLBT populations in the U.S. and is ranked by [www.advocate.com](http://www.advocate.com) as one of the top five best places for gays and lesbians to live. Tucson residents are considered open-minded and are very supportive of the GLBT community. Tucson has one of the premier GLBT community centers in the southwest, Wingspan. Another organization supporting GLBT and GLBT friendly businesses is the Tucson GLBT Chamber of Commerce. Tucson's gay pride, "Pride in the Desert" is held every October. Tucson also has several gay and gay friendly bars and clubs, all of which are typical of the laid-back, friendly nature prevalent in the "Old Pueblo".



Ventana Canyon Golf Course  
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## TUCSON

Tucson (Too-sahn) is the perfect blend of small town charm and big city convenience. The Southwest is well represented by Tucson's cactus-covered landscape, ring of green mountains, and Mexican-inspired architecture. Tucson's nickname is "Old Pueblo" and over one million people call it home.

Tucson is nestled in the valley of five small mountain ranges, the shining star of which is Mount Lemmon in the Santa Catalina range. At over 9,000 feet, it is the southernmost winter ski resort in the country. The city's geographic location is so ideal that archeologists believe that people have lived there continuously for almost 12,000 years.

But don't let the mountains fool you: Tucson is a desert city. Several state and national parks surround the city, including Saguaro National Park, where a lot of the picturesque magazine photos of posing, imposing saguaro cactus come from. The Spanish mission San Xavier del Bac is located near Tucson. Known as "the white dove of the

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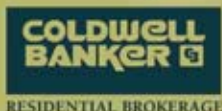
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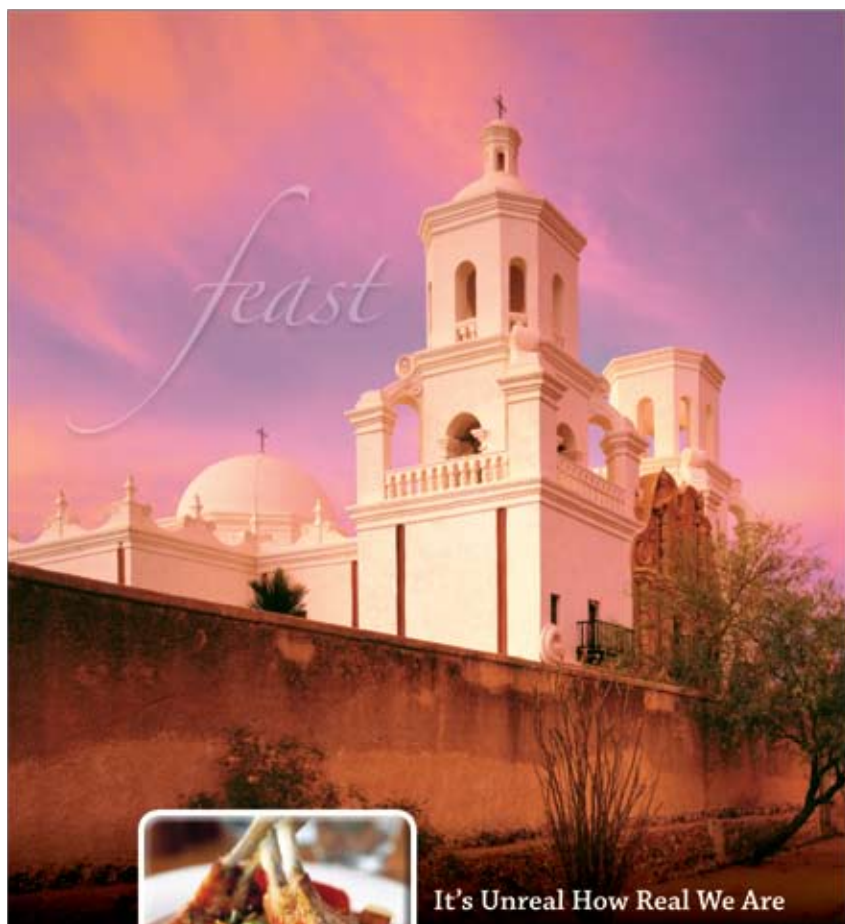
Downtown Tucson is the historic and cultural heart of "Old Pueblo", with ten historic districts, an arts district, professional theatre, opera, ballet, and symphony. Downtown landmarks include the Hotel Congress and two historic train depots. The area is known for unique shopping, great restaurants, vintage theaters, bed-and –breakfasts, exciting nightlife and eclectic architecture. Tucson is a great city to explore and enjoy.

Dining out in Tucson should be experienced Southwestern-style. Filled with the smells of sizzling fajitas and mesquite –fired grills, Tucson boasts some of the best Mexican and Southwestern cuisine in the world. But there is dining to fit ALL tastes and all budgets in the Old Pueblo, from five-star restaurants to great local favorites.

One adventure not to be missed while in the Tucson area is south to the hidden gem of the desert, Arizona's rapidly growing "wine country". About 55 miles south of Tucson, in the Sonoita-Elgin area, are about fourteen wineries – tiny, but producing some world-class, award winning wines. Take a day, or even a weekend, to visit this beautiful part of Arizona and get a "taste" of our state's up and coming new venture!

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## Tombstone

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there and sent in the troops! That was just after the infamous shooting at the OK Corral in 1881. Good old Tombstone.

Residents of the city embrace their Old West history. They sought to preserve the historic old buildings and stories. The result is a unique look into America's past. The entire town of Tombstone is a true historic American landmark, and any lover of western memorabilia should definitely give Tombstone a visit.

## Tubac

Another nice road trip to take while in the Tucson area is 50 miles south on Interstate 19 to Tubac. Established by the Spanish in 1752, Tubac is now a growing artist colony with over 80 galleries to browse and some of the state's best import shops.

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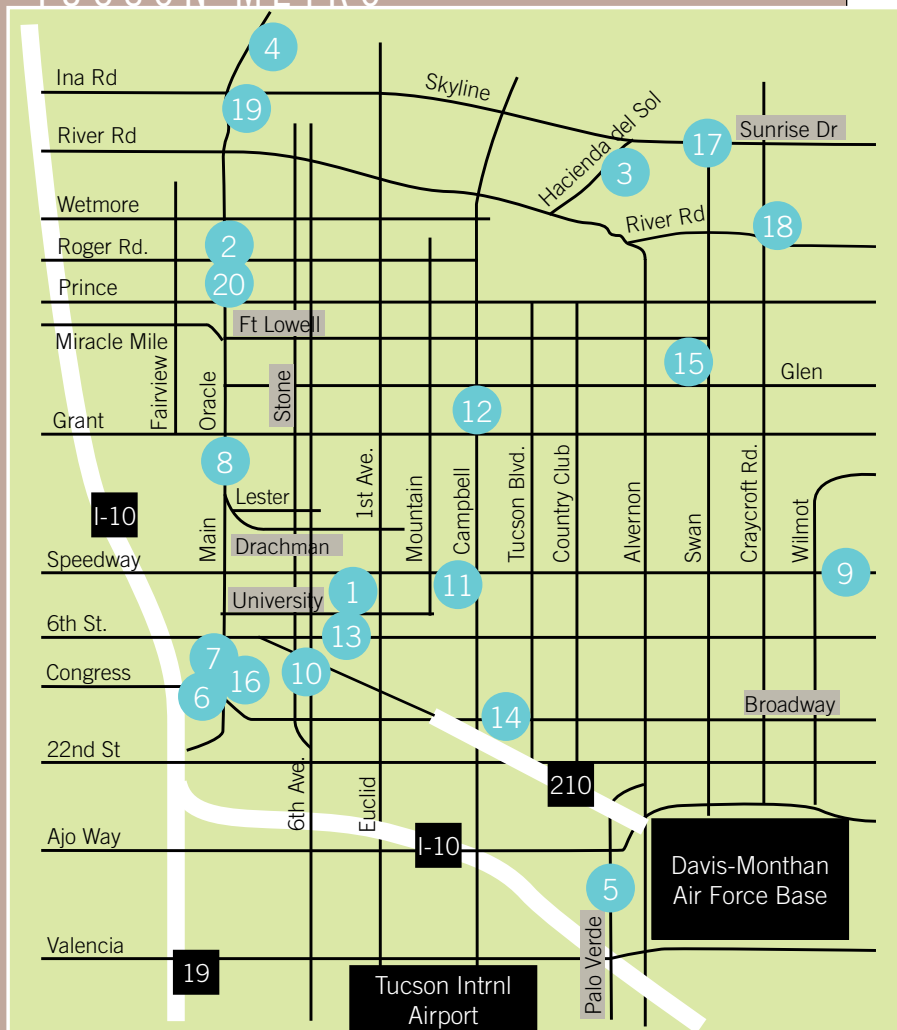
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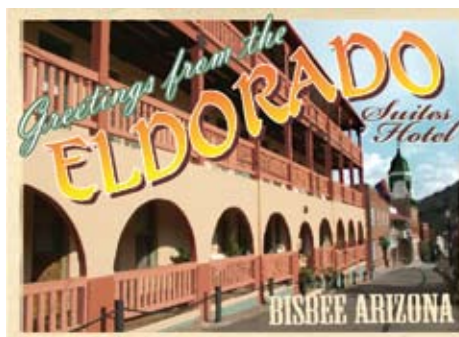
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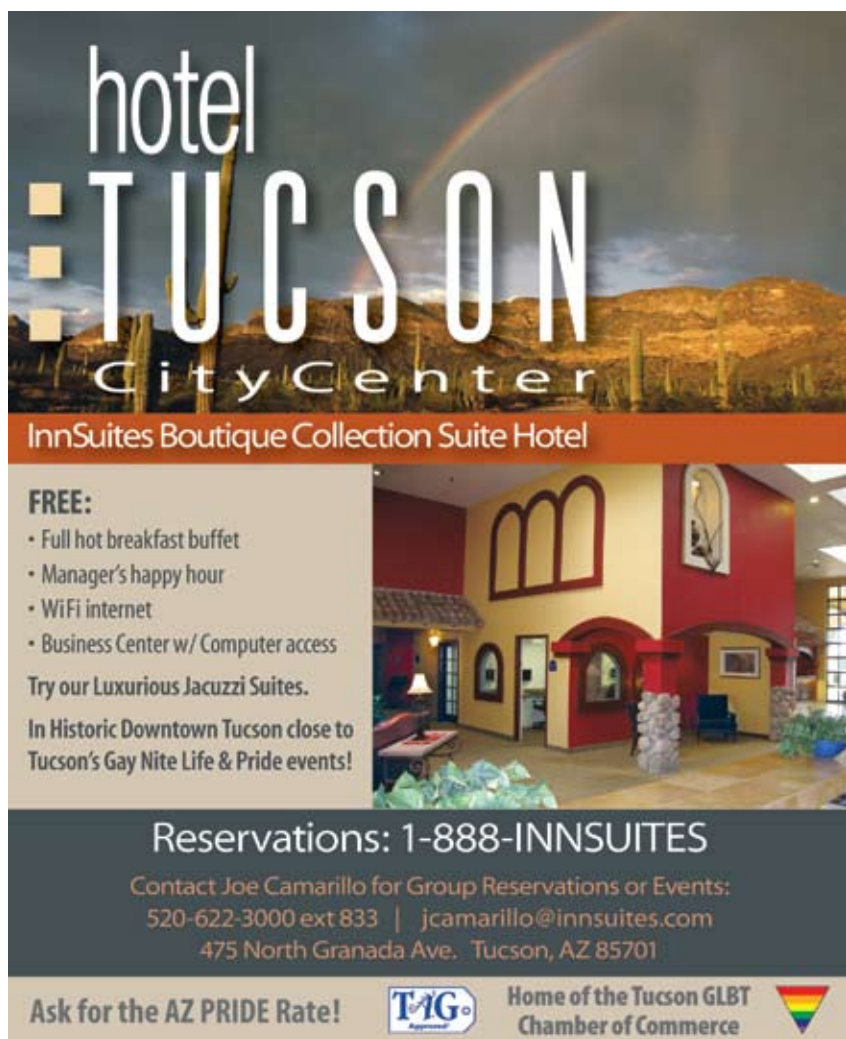
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*By Angelina Guerra*

In Northern Arizona, the Navajo, Hopi, Havasupai, Hualapai and Kaibab-Pauite are prominent. By far the largest of all five reservations, the Navajo Nation, created in 1868, has a population of over 250,000 and is more than 18,000 square miles, extending into Utah and New Mexico.

For over 1,000 years, Native American communities have surrounded the Grand Canyon and actively maintain their ancient cultures and traditions. The Havasupai, meaning the people of the blue-green waters, live in the Grand Canyon, farm during the summer months and hunt on nearby plateaus during the winter. Their culture has long been associated with exquisite but functional crafts, which reflect their close ties with nature. Fine collectibles created by native artisans began to be marketed to outsiders in the 1880s.

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In this lovely small mountain community you'll find yourself surrounded by the 1.8 million acre Coconino National Forest. For any hiker's delight, with a little bit of exploring, you can find a wonderland of mountain meadows filled with Aspen trees swaying in the breeze. You can often times close your eyes and hear their leaves singing in the wind. Since the majority of the state is surrounded by desert land, these grassy meadows, often filled with wildflowers, fill your soul. The scene makes you want to revert to childhood and roll around in the hills, laughing until you cry with pleasure.

Located just outside of Flagstaff, you'll discover ancient Indian ruins with villages that are almost completely intact. A must see on your visit to the area is the Wupatki National Monument. First occupied in 1100 AD, Wupatki National Monument was once home to the farmers and traders of the Anasazi and Sinagua people. Today the dwellings include several pueblo-style structures and a large open-air amphitheater.

Gay travelers will be happy to know that each year the Northern Arizona Pride Association sponsors Pride in the Pines, the annual pride festival. Now in its fourteenth year, the festival brings in guests from all over the state.



## GRAND CANYON

The Grand Canyon, the only one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World to be located in North America; more than five million visitors each year makes the canyon the most visited national park in the United States. It was made a national park in 1919.

I think most visitors would agree when they first see the Grand Canyon, it inspires a feeling of awe and wonderment. Because I don't have the words to describe its magnificence, I quote environmentalist John Muir: "It seems like a gigantic statement for even Nature to make all in one mighty stone work. Wildness so Godful, cosmic, primeval, bestows a new sense of earth's beauty and size... But the colors, the living, rejoicing colors, chanting morning and evening in chorus to heaven! Whose brush or pencil, however lovingly inspired, can give us these? In the supreme flaming glory of sunset the whole canyon is transfigured, as if the life and light of centuries of sunshine stored up in the rocks was now being poured forth as from one glorious fountain, flooding both earth and sky."

The Grand Canyon, with its powerful and inspiring landscape, overwhelms the senses through its immense size; 277 river miles (446km) long, up to 18 miles (29km) wide, and a mile (1.6km) deep.

The 1.2 million acre park is home to numerous animals like the endangered California condor, to mountain lions, cougars, rattlesnakes, elk, bald and golden eagles, bighorn sheep, and over 1,500 species of plants. It is one of the most complete archaeological sites dating back thousands of years. Sustaining these plant and animal communities, as well as carving the Canyon, is the powerful Colorado River, the lifeblood of the desert southwest.

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The Grand Canyon  
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The Hualapai (WALL-uh-pie) tribe, the “People of the Tall Pines,” located on the far west end of the Grand Canyon have recently completed a skywalk which is 250 miles by road from Phoenix.

The Skywalk consists of a horseshoe-shaped steel frame with glass floor and sides that projects about 70 feet (21 m) from the canyon rim. The Skywalk is included in several different tour packages at Grand Canyon West.

Today, you can travel to Grand Canyon National Park along the same rail line your parents or grandparents did, on the Grand Canyon Railway.

The Grand Canyon offers so many trips, tours and offerings it's difficult to sum up in one page. There are a multitude of websites that offer very good advice on how to best see the Grand Canyon safely and what to pack, what time of year to visit, what time of day and what to avoid.

## JEROME

Jerome screams old mining town with its coppery glowing hillsides. It is often dubbed the “Largest Ghost Town in America”.

Jerome is a town that just won't die. Jerome went from an old copper mining camp that grew from a settlement of tents into a roaring mining community. Four disastrous fires destroyed large sections of the town during its early history, resulting in the incorporation of the City of Jerome in 1899.

Founded in 1876, Jerome was once the fourth most prevalent city in the Arizona Territory. The population peaked at 15,000 in the 1920's. The Depression of the 1930's slowed the mining operation and the claim went to Phelps Dodge, who holds the claim today. World War II brought increased demand for copper, but after the war, demand slowed. Dependant on the copper market, Phelps Dodge Mine closed in 1953. The remaining 50 to 100 hardy souls promoted the town as a historic ghost town. In 1967 Jerome was designated a National Historic District by the federal government.

Jerome's population today boasts 450 which includes artists, craft people, musicians, writers, hermits, bed and breakfast owners, museum caretakers, gift shop proprietors and fallen-down-building landlords.

Much of Jerome's charm today comes from its external appearance, as it hasn't changed much in nearly 100 years. Many of the buildings used by present-day businesses are those built after the fires of 1894 and 1899. A number of the buildings have been restored and more are planned for restoration. Due to the 30-degree incline of the mountainside, gravity has pulled a number of buildings down the slope. To the delight of some, one of those buildings was the town's jail. Those buildings still standing make for interesting visiting and with a little research you can find their historical significance. One notable section is the “Cribs District.” You will find this area across the street from the English Kitchen, in a back alley where all the buildings were are part of Jerome's ill-famed “prostitution row.”

Downtown Jerome, Arizona

Photo courtesy: Dr. Gregory Triandafilou







Yavapai County Courthouse – Prescott, AZ

Be sure not to miss “Jerome Art Walk” which is on the first Saturday of each month. Recently rated one of the top ten things to attend on a weekend by Arizona Highways. Over 30 shops, galleries and art studios stay open late. With plenty of activities and entertainment be sure to add this event on your calendar.

The LGBT community takes over every third Saturday of the month in Jerome. This monthly LGBT event where galleries, shops and ghost tours extend their hours and entertainment is often provided by the Mile High Grill on Main Street. Have a great time “Out in Jerome” and visit the many gay owned businesses.

## PRESOTT

Take a step back to the old Southwest. Reminiscent of the past, the town’s architecture still holds onto the many secrets of the days gone by. Prescott, pronounced “PRES-kit” in a way that rhymes with “biscuit”: any local will surely let you know it.

Prescott’s allure is its beautiful downtown area called Courthouse Plaza, currently surrounded by a lovely grassy square where families walk hand-in-hand. It’s common to see people having lunch under the elm trees. However, in the late 1800’s it was a very different scene. The court and its staff were busy convicting criminals and a hanging in the square was also common practice.

If you were roaming the downtown area of Prescott in the early years and looking for more refined entertainment than hard drink, prostitutes, or opium dens, you would find such elegance at the Elks Opera House, built in 1905 and still in operation. Prescott is filled with many historic buildings and areas. Fort Whipple, a former military base now serves as a medical facility. In 1927 the Hassayampa Inn opened for business and in 1928 the Sharlot Hall Museum opened. Prescott was home to “Whiskey Row” a notorious red-light district until 1956. “Whiskey Row” burned to the ground on July 14, 1900, but was quickly rebuilt!



Prescott now hosts annual events such as Frontier Days, The World's Oldest Rodeo (1888), the Bluegrass Festival, Earth Day, art festivals, Shakespeare Festival, Navajo Rug Auction, Prescott Film Fest, Folk Arts Fair the Prescott Highland Games, and several marathons.

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The red rocks of Sedona, Arizona

Sedona is a very eccentric and accepting community. With no specific designated gay or lesbian bars, the local pride group, the Sedona Pride Association, has organized a weekly gathering at Red's, Sedona Rouge's lobby bar each Wednesday for the LGBT community to have an opportunity to mix n' mingle. In addition the Sedona Pride Association hosts events throughout the year, and an annual pride festival hosted in September.

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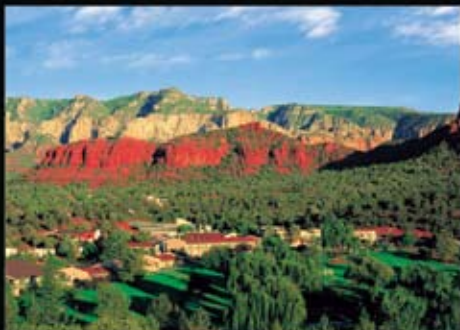
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Regularly scheduled events such as the Bluegrass Festival, the annual River Run Motorcycle Rally, and the Chili Cook-Off provide family oriented activities. And as we said, the climate is perfect for outdoor recreation all year long. A variety of lodging, shopping and dining experiences are offered by the area's many businesses, and the gaming casinos in nearby Laughlin, Nevada, just across the Colorado River, offer twenty-four hour entertainment.

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For U.S. citizens, passports are required. Persons less than 18 years of age entering Mexico WITHOUT an accompanying parent must have signed consent affidavit signed by BOTH parents. If traveling with one parent, signed affidavit is required from absent parent. For further information, contact U.S. Immigration Service at (928) 627-8816.

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Usually allowed with verification of rabies vaccination within last six (6) months.

## U.S. CUSTOMS

American citizens/residents must declare citizenship and purchases when re-entering the U.S. Merchandise up to \$400 per person is duty-free. One quart of liquor and one carton of cigarettes are allowed duty-free. Purchases exceeding \$400 will be taxed.

Mexican border authorities issue temporary vehicle permits for travel into Mexico. The owner/lessee must be in vehicle, and must allow inspection of: Appropriate immigration form, Certificate of Title, vehicle registration, rental leasing form or bill of sale, proof of employment with firm if driving company car, a valid driver's license issued outside of Mexico and an international credit card, i.e., Visa, MasterCard, and American Express.

## RADIO

Citizen-band radios are helpful when traveling in rural areas. Three channels have been established for tourists. Channel 9 for emergencies; Channel 11 for tourist caravans; Channel 13 for vehicle-to-vehicle conversation.

## INSURANCE

It is strongly recommended that Mexican Auto Insurance be purchased BEFORE entering Mexico. It can be purchased at the border or in border cities prior to departing.





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