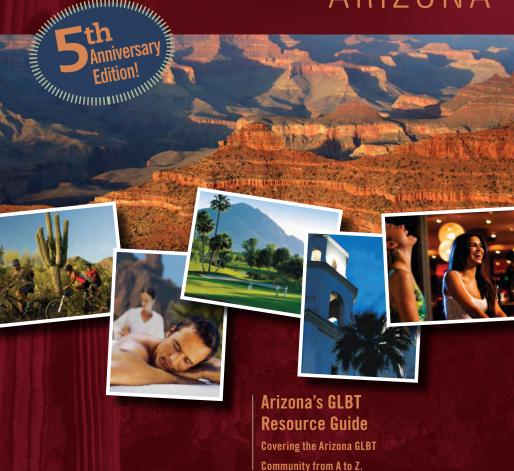
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## PUBLISHER'S LETTER

is with great pride that I welcome you to the *Arizona Pride Guide 5th Anniversary Edition*. We are so excited to be celebrating our 5th anniversary. What makes it so special is all the support we have received during these troubled economic times. Please check out our "Celebrating 5 Years" section for our history and future plans.

We separated this total resource guide into four areas: Northern Arizona, Western Arizona, Phoenix Metro Area, and Tucson-Southern Arizona, making it more user-friendly and the most comprehensive business, travel, relocation and wedding guide in Arizona.

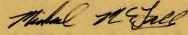
If you are considering visiting Arizona, let us be the first to welcome you to the Grand Canyon State. Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) visitors will find a safe and welcoming environment here. Arizona has over 330 days of sunshine a year, world-class cultural attractions and sporting events, 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 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





## WELCOME



January 2011

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 State Senate January 2011

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 2011

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.

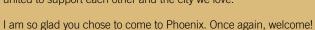
Welcome to the Copper City!
W. J. "JACK" PORTER
Mayor, City of Bisbee

January 2011

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.



Warmest regards,

TOM SIMPLOT

Councilman, City of Phoenix

January 2011

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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# CELEBRATING YEARS!

HE ARIZONA PRIDE GUIDE statewide GLBT resource concept was generated in February 2006 when the publisher, Michael McFall, was traveling in Sedona. Michael was thinking of a place to eat and thought to himself, "What is gay friendly? How do people know which businesses are gay friendly? Who knows this in their own town or especially when they are traveling?" Then the light bulb went off: "What about creating a statewide guide focusing on gay friendly businesses!"

The idea was born, now, what to name it? The state of Arizona produces a travel guide called *Arizona Guide*, so Michael decided to call it the *Arizona Pride Guide*, since we have Pride in who we are.

The First edition came out in January 2007 with 88 pages. The *Arizona Pride Guide* has seen amazing growth of about 35% each year and throughout the entire Great Recession. The 2008 Edition grew to 112 pages, the 2009 edition grew to 148 pages, the 2010 Edition came in at 172 pages and the 2011

Edition is celebrating our 5th Anniversary with 184 pages and forty-four additional advertisers!

We were honored in 2008 when, Donald Pile and Ray Williams, Awardwinning, celebrity travel columnists, named the *Arizona Pride Guide* the "*Best*".

The *Pride Guide* has also been expanding throughout the country as there is no other publication or website like the *Pride Guide*. More and more states have requested one for their area, each saying how amazing it would be to have this type of information in one place.

In June, the New Mexico Pride Guide was launched with 100 pages, beating Arizona's first year. Also, the website for California Pride Guide launched in 2009. We have plans in the coming years for the Colorado, Hawaii, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, and Puerto Rico Pride Guides.

This kind of success would have not happened without the support of the advertisers and the community. Thank you for supporting Your *Pride Guide*!



"I can only thank the many supporters of the Pride Guide. Advertisers, faithful readers, friends and family, and all the many people who have contributed to the production over the last five years. Wow! I can hardly believe it. Thank you!"

Michael McFall, Publisher

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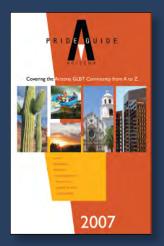
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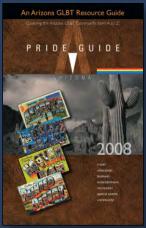
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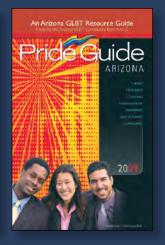
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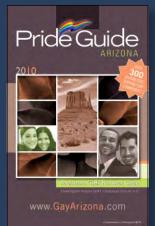
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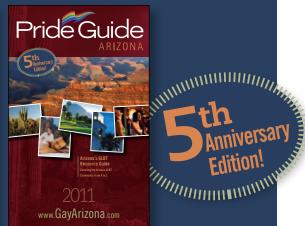
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Winners are announced each year at the kick-off party where we hand out the new year's *Arizona Pride Guide*. Retailers who have won Pride of Arizona Awards can be seen on our website: www.GayArizona.com.



Pride Guide

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the New Mexico Pride Guide when you're there. Show your support for those who support the community by choosing the advertisers you see in the guide.

Packed full of exciting things to do and see, colorful restaurants, luxury hotels, intimate bed & breakfasts and GLBT-friendly businesses of all sorts... you'll find the guide very helpful wherever you visit throughout the state.



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Visit these *Pride Guide* websites for updated information, important current events, and for traveling anytime! Look for these new states coming in the next few months and years: Colorado, Hawaii, Oklahoma, Oregan, Texas, and Puerto Rico!

# CONGRATULATIONS ON YEARS!

Todd Lenhoff, featured artist in *Pride Guide New Mexico*, has graciously created this commemorative painting titled "Pride" in honor of our 5th Anniversary. "Looking forward to many years of Pride Guide in New Mexico!" Contact Todd at: tlenhoffartist@comcast.com



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# WHY WE LOVE ARIZONA Written by Donald Pile & Ray Williams Award-Winning Celebrity Travel Columnists

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e love the entire State of Arizona because Arizona offers a huge variety of things to see and do. From the tallest mountains to the lowest valleys, five-star resorts and creek-side cabins, Arizona simply offers everything! From the North in Flagstaff down to

Hereford and Bisbee, in small towns and villages or large cities, you'll never be bored in Arizona. In most States, there are only select areas that want gay travelers, however, everyplace in Arizona wants gay travelers and openly advertise so. We have visited every State in the country and our number one choice we tell our thousands of readers to visit is ARIZONA! Whether you are into Native-American art, camping, boating, sight-seeing, hiking, shopping,

night-clubbing, performing arts, sports, or old-west history, Arizona has it all!

Around Flagstaff there are Native American Indian villages and ruins, State parks, wonderful museums, Lowell Observatory, and quaint and famously delicious restaurants. The San Francisco Peaks outside Flagstaff reach elevations over 12,000 feet! And, of course, a driving trip to the Grand Canyon is a must.

Southwest of Flagstaff is beautiful, artsy, and mystical Sedona, one of the many cities where gays and lesbians have located permanently. Nearby, the historical mining town of Jerome is like a visit to bygone days. Travel a little more south to Rimrock to get close to Montezuma's Castle and other Indian ruins.

Continue 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 steeped in western history. Moving

west to Yuma, are amazing sand dunes, Colorado River recreation and tons of delicious vegetables from one of the largest fresh produce areas of the country.

Although Arizona is a landlocked state. it's desert dwellers cool off in the waters of the state's many lakes. Lake Havasu is home to the world famous London Bridge and is both a water lover's paradise and a desert lover's dream.

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.

What other State can you possibly visit to see so much? We have met gays and lesbians in every part of the State who moved here from all over the country and would never think of leaving. They 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.



# WELCOME TO AWESOME ARIZONA

Often dubbed the Grand Canyon State, also referred to as one of the Four Corners states, Arizona borders New Mexico, Utah, Nevada, California, and 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 exciting state attractions, or simply kicking back with your feet up in the shade – 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 just to watch the amazing 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, Kartchner Caverns, and the reconstructed London Bridge at Lake Havasu City.

Arizona has a very strong Native American Culture. With one of the largest U.S. Native American populations, of 21 federally-recognized tribes.

- 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 & AROUND 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.

#### 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 for help planning your road trip.

#### **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 car, it takes about 10 hours to drive east from Phoenix to Santa Fe. Going west to San Diego takes about 6 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 4 hours to reach the Grand Canyon and about 2 hours to reach Sedona!





ith 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 truly feel welcome and safe.

Phoenix and Tucson have had wellestablished 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 7th Gay Pride weekend this year; Sedona, in the north, their third. Jerome, in north-central Arizona, has a monthly "Out in Jerome" gathering which has expanded every month since it began several years ago. Yuma is quite gay-friendly, 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 for constantly updated information.

## WEDDING COMMITMENT CEREMONIES

By Stacey Jay Cavaliere

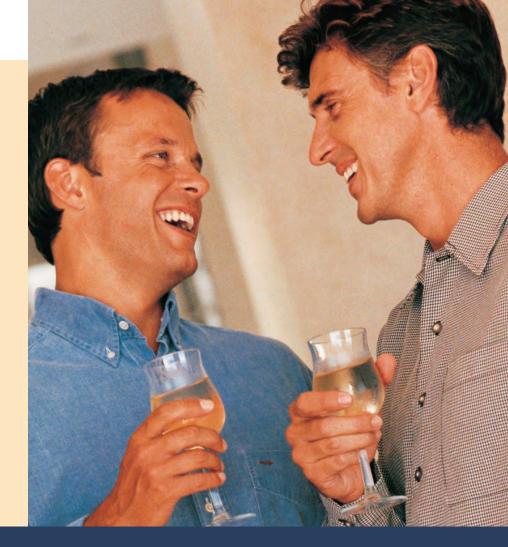
Ithough not yet legally recognized in the state of Arizona, weddings between gay couples are on the rise. Committed partners want the same opportunity to pronounce their love to one another in front of friends and familv. to create that special day to cherish for the rest of their lives. Once the question is popped, however, there is a lot of planning and execution involved in preparation for that special day.

The hardest question for couples when they begin planning their wedding or commitment ceremony is "Where do we start?" Managing this hefty task is dependant upon exactly what a couple wants, how many guests will be in attendance, and how much money is available to be spent. Another factor that needs to be conisdered when planning your committment ceremony is the necessity of seeking out LGBT-friendly businesses to aid in the process.

There are a multitude of businesses. services, and individuals in Arizona who specialize in assisting gay couples with this task, including catering and bartending services, officiants, and wedding planning companies. Couples who find the importance of seeking out these LGBTfriendly companies can easily find them by browsing through the Arizona Pride Guide, performing internet searches, or by visiting the Marriage Equality USA website (www. marriageequality.org).

Once the commitment is made and the date set, planning the ceremony can be done best by creating and sticking to a timeline. Tasks such as creating a budget, finding a venue or location, hiring an officiant to perform the ceremony, and creating a guest list are things that should be done first and foremost, about a year from the date of the ceremony, if possible. Researching and choosing of: DJ, catering service, photographer, and honeymoon details should be considered no later than six months before the service, and final preparations such as RSVPs and seating charts should be accomplished three weeks from the wedding date. This timeline will aid in managing the hectic, and often stressful process of achieving the wedding of your





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# Pride in your Love

# IN SEDONA WEDDING CONTEST



n August 2010, The Arizona Pride Guide teamed up with the Hilton Sedona Resort & Spa to present the first ever "Pride In Your Love" wedding contest, a friendly and exciting competition for the LGBT community in Arizona.

The contest, however, was not a game of chance. Entrants were required to write a 50-word essay describing why they should be chosen to win the commitment ceremony at the Hilton Sedona Resort & Spa. The essays received were judged on a point scale in the areas of creativity, originality, and thought. The winner was announced at the Rainbows Festival, Phoenix's annual LGBT cultural festival and fair in downtown Phoenix. The grandprize winner received the wedding of their dreams at the beautiful Hilton Sedona Resort & Spa. Along with the ceremony, the couple also won a reception with flowers, cake, photographer, champagne toast, and a one-night stay in a romantic suite, including breakfast in bed the next morning.

The winner of the contest was Charmayne Danton. In her essay, Charmayne touches on the experience of being in a previous marriage of 21 years that was sad and not worthwhile. She explains how soon after, she met Kathy Horon while horseback riding, not knowing at the time that she would soon become her lifelong partner, true love, and best friend. Charmayne explains, "Upon our meeting, I had absolutely no idea that this nice woman, who just wanted my email address, would turn out to be my angel, my love, my always."

Charmayne's fantasy of finding true love turned into reality when Kathy proposed to her on one unsuspecting evening. "I opened an email from the Pride Guide and read the details of the contest. I thought of how absolutely awesome it would be for us





Wedding Photos courtesy: David Sunfellow Photography

to win. That very same night, I was given an amazing omen to convince me to write this essay: Kathy came home from work and gave me a stunning engagement ring. It was a Tuesday, just an ordinary, quiet night at home. I wasn't expecting this at all!"

Charmayne and Kathy's story is both touching and poignant, and the women are ecstatic to have their ceremony at the luxurious and gorgeous Hilton Sedona Resort & Spa.

4th, 2010. But winning the contest is just the icing on the cake for the women, as Charmayne states that they already have everything they have ever dreamed of.

"We are intimate, passionate, and we

The wedding took place December

are friends. We have everything that I had hoped for, and more. I can't imagine a night without nuzzling into each other as we go to sleep, or reaching out and touching the other during the night."

The ceremony was a very special day for the couple. Being able to profess their love in front of their friends and family was a moving and important experience. The two spent their first getaway together in Sedona, and Charmayne was overjoyed at the opportunity to return with Kathy for their special day. "It was amazing. We love the majestic beauty and all the art galleries. It was just as unbelievable as I imagined it would be to stand in that breathtaking arena of the red rocks, before all our wonderfully supportive family and friends, and commit the rest of our lives to each other. Then, to follow up with a romantic stay at such a beautiful spa and resort, was a fantasy come true for me."

Congratulations to Charmayne and Kathy on their committed journey together. The Arizona Pride Guide and Hilton Sedona Resort & Spa are extremely proud to sponsor such a truly wonderful event, for two very deserving individuals!



Left: Kathy Horon and Charmayne Danton exchange vows. Above: Cindy Dean, Hilton Sedona Resort & Spa, Charmayne, Kathy, and Michael McFall, Pride Guides' Publisher, enjoy the reception.

Michael said afterwards, "I did not realize how emotional I would get. The thought that I played such a part in making Charmayne and Kathy's dream come true still makes me glow with pride."





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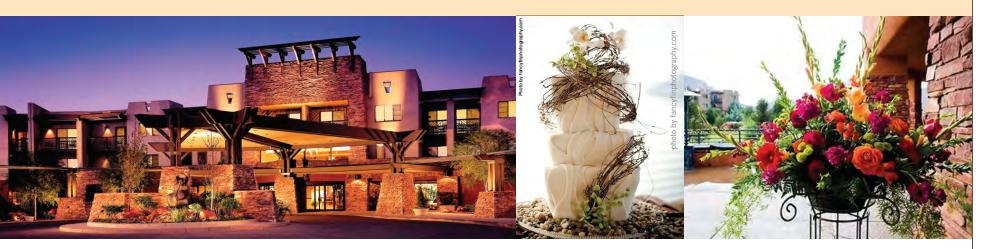
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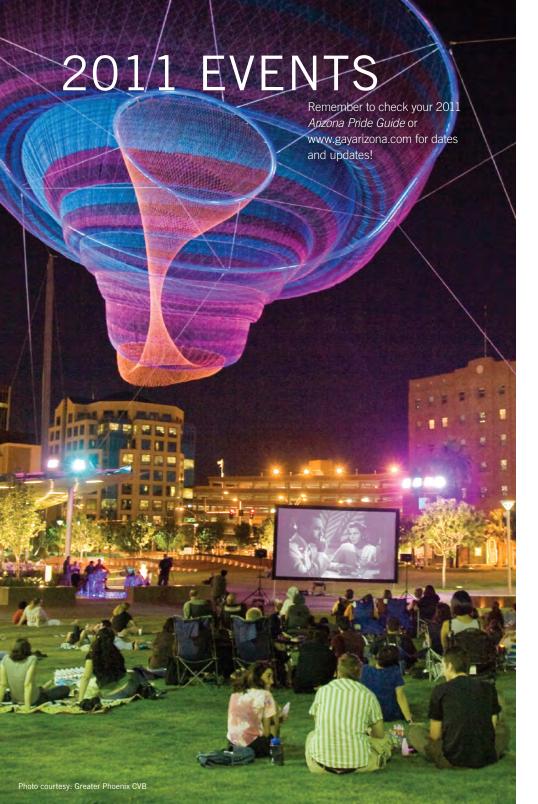
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#### **JANUARY**

#### Desperado GLBT film festival

A GLBT film festival in the Valley of the Sun

#### P.F. Chang's Rock and Roll Arizona Marathon and ½ Marathon

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#### **FEBRUARY**

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The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association's signature annual event

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#### Arizona Renaissance Festival and Artisan Marketplace

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One of the top 20 arts festivals in the nation

#### **APRIL**

#### 10 Days of Pride Celebrations

Includes Arizona Pride Guide's Mix-N-Meet Tue. April 12th

#### Phoenix Pride and Party in the Park

This annual event broke attendance records by the thousands in 2010

#### Saguaro Cup Sports Festival

The premier gay softball tournament in the Southwest

#### Dining Out for Life

Invite all your friends and family Out for lunch or dinner to help fight HIV/AIDS





#### MAY

#### Night for Life-Phoenix

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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**

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#### **OCTOBER (BUSIEST MONTH OF THE YEAR)**

#### Rainbows Festival

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Sat., June 18th Phoenix Pride Awards Gala

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## PRIDE IN THE DESERT

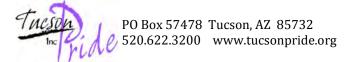
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Check website for updates



With your support Tucson Pride has been able to give back more than \$45,000 to the local and state non-profit organizations.

Tucson Pride, Inc. (TPI) is an Arizona non-profit corporation and an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that produces and promotes cultural, educational and recreational events for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community in Tucson, Arizona.

## PRIDE WEEK

June 17—26, 2011

Each year to celebrate and commemorate the anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, Tucson Pride supports local gay business owners in promoting their events. This year's focus will be remembering the past to preserve the future.





#### THANK YOU

In 2010, Tucson Pride, with our community's generosity, supported the following non-profit organizations:

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#### **Tucson Pride Inc. Mission Statement**

Our Purpose is to produce and promote Pride events for Tucson, Arizona, throughout the year. Our Intent is to create forums through which Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Heterosexual people can express their creativity, visibility, unity, and diversity with dignity. Our Aim is to nurture cultural and artistic expression throughout the community. Our Goal is to educate, commemorate, and celebrate Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender history, uniqueness, and diversity in all the facets of our community.

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PRIDE PINES



#### Year-round sunshine and cultural diversity gives vibrancy to the performing arts in Arizona.

lues concerts in the warm February sun, the haunting flutist R. Carlos Nakai, big-name rock and pop concerts, the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra, and festivals featuring Ballet Folklorico, all add up to a busy life for locals and visitors throughout the state. There are film festivals at the classic Fox Theatre in Tuscon, musical theater at Gammage Auditorium in Tempe, concerts in the Rocks in Sedona and touring Broadway plays in both Phoenix and Tuscon... not to mention the fabulous Flâm Chén Circus, also in Tucson. You'll always find to fill your schedule.





"Free to Fly", bronze sculpture by Sherab Winston Khandro



The Clock Shrine at Tohono Chul Park, Tucson

#### **Each region** of Arizona offers something unique in the visual arts.

Festivals, concerts and galleries all over the state offer something for

everyone, ranging from traditional western, Native American, or new, cutting edge art, setting trends in both style and intent.

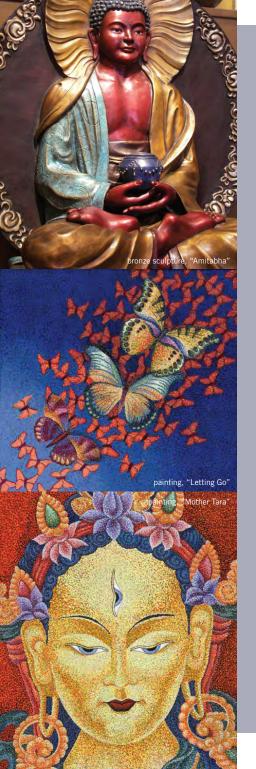
Once a large-scale mining town, Bisbee is now known for being a relaxed and thriving retirement community and artist's colony. Home to many literary and visual artists, Bisbee is a destination for those seeking unique and quality work ranging from elegant to eclectic, just an hour and a half southeast of Tucson. Every second Saturday the town hosts it's art walk event, Bisbee After 5. Featuring over 30 galleries, restaurants, live entertainment, and artist workshops, the event attracts visitors to experience the splendor and magic of this fun and vibrant art community. For more information visit DiscoverBisbee.com.

The desert city of **Tucson** is also full of fascinating performers, visual artists, and galleries... home to a rich and diverse arts scene. Galleries, museums, studios, and festivals make Tucson a great place to see both local and national talent, creating

work ranging in diversity and aesthetic. Some of the arts events that the city hosts are the 4th Avenue Street Fair, the Southern Arizona Arts & Cultural Festival, and the All Souls Procession. Coupled with a desert location like no other, Tucson is an ideal place to find both artistic creation and inspiration. For more information visit TucsonPimaArtsCouncil.org.

**Sedona** is home to over 200 artists of every medium and style. From cuttingedge contemporary to Native American realism, the cultural landscape of Sedona's art scene is comparable to the beautiful red rocks that surround it. Galleries in Sedona run a wide spectrum, and are host to receptions, workshops, and meet-andgreet events throughout the year. Every first Friday of the month, galleries host an evening of openings, with the Sedona Trolley offering free transportation for the evening. Find out about the Sedona arts scene at Sedonagalleryassociation.com.





#### Sherab Winston Khandro

Sedona resident, Sherab Winston Khandro, is not only a visual artist, but also a renowned inspirational speaker, Tibetan philosopher, and visionary in her own right. Inspired by Tibetan principle, Khandro spent fifteen years of her life as a Tibetan nun, and now devotes her time to sharing the traditions of Buddhism through her artwork.

Inspired by line, color, texture, beauty, and discovery, Khandro's works are showcased worldwide in numerous Buddhist monuments called "stupas". in private collections, and galleries. Locally, her works can be seen at the Goldstein Gallery in uptown Sedona.

"I am grateful everyday for the opportunity to experience our world through the eyes of an artist. Sedona has been a beautiful place to grow as both an artist and a philosopher." Through her sculpture and paintings, Khandro is committed to living from her heart and to inspire others on their own journey in life.

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#### Rocco Menaguale

Rocco P. Menaguale moved to the Valley of the Sun in 1999 to start work on his Masters degree in Architecture at Arizona State University. Menaguale has since opened his own studio, and is now focused on his visual art.

"I had some formal art training during college, but most of it is self-taught. I've been drawing ever since I could hold a writing instrument." Growing up in the cold, dreary climate of upstate New York, Menaguale could not be happier living in the warm, sunny region of the Southwest. "I could not wait to move to a warmer climate. I love the beauty and inspiration the Arizona surroundings offer. The mountains, vegetation, washes... even the intricacies of the urban environments have a lot to show us if you take the time to look."

Inspired by nature, microbiology, and celestial objects, Menaguale's work refelcts the relationships in nature, separation and union. His sculpture and paintings also

demonstrate concepts such as love, seasonal change, emotional migration, safety, birth, and beyond. His work can be viewed and purchased on his website, and can also be frequently viewed at The Coe House gallery in Phoenix.







"Provenance" acrylic on three layers of acrylic panels

"The Slow Reveal" acrylic on layers of molded acrylic pane



The capital city of **Phoenix** is the epicenter of the arts in Arizona. Attracting thousands of visitors internationally each year, the Valley of the Sun is full of art galleries, public installations, and artist's studios. Downtown Phoenix offers the prestigious Phoenix Art Museum, which has featured legendary artwork such as Norman Rockwell, Rembrandt, Annie Leibowitz, and Monet. The Heard Museum is another one of Phoenix's most beloved attractions and has grown to be one of the world's finest destinations for learning about Native American history, art, and culture. Comprehensive collections, intriguing exhibitions, distinctive festivals and interactive learning opportunities combine to make today's Heard Museum an outstanding destination. Visit the gallery's websites at PhxArt. org and Heard.org.

Phoenix is host to the monthly First Friday Art Walk event, attracting hundreds of people to the Roosevelt Row arts district.

Street performers, galleries, and artisans are all on display the evening of the first Friday of every month. For information visit ArtLinkPhoenix.com.

Nearby **Scottsdale** is renowned for its art galleries which present both modern and traditional artwork at their downtown monthly art walk, held the first Thursday of every month. The Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art features famed photographers, painters and sculptors, which have included Andy Warhol and Keith Haring. Information on art galleries and events in Scottsdale can be found by visiting ArtSceneScottsdale.com or SMOCA.org.

**Tempe** exhibits art collections from around the world at the ASU Museum, celebrated for its contemporary architecture. Tempe's Festival of the Arts attracts thousands twice a year.

The arts in Arizona are growing more than ever, and no matter where you go, the arts are abundant and amazing!



Authentic Navaho rugs are collected around the world

Pre-Columbian art at Pueblo Grande Museum, (above), ASU Museum, (above rt)

## 2011 ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

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#### **PHOENIX METRO AREA**

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Mystery of Irma Vep May 5-20

Arizona Women in Tune | 602-487-1940

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March 18-19 Spring Celebration May 20-21 Zip, Zing, Zessst!

Phoenix Metropolitan Men's Choir | 602-717-4262

www.phoenixmetropolitianmenschorus.org

March 25-27 Viva La Diva April 9 Sing-A-Long

Orpheum Theatre, Phoenix

#### **TUCSON**

**Arizona Theatre Company** | 520-884-8210

Temple of Music & Art www.aztheatreco.org

February 26 March 19 Lost in Yonkers

March 23-27 Sex and the Second City:

Version 2.0

April 9-30 Mystery of Irma Vep

**Desert Voices** | 520-791-9662

www.desertvoices.org

January 22-23 DV 3D: The 50's

Fox Theatre, Tucson

Revielle Men's Chorus | 520-304-1758 www.reviellemenschorus.org

**UA Presents** | 520-621-3341

Centennial Hall at the University of Arizona

www.uapresents.org January 5-23 Wicked

January 28 Soledad Barrio and

Noche Flamenca

February 12 Joshua Bell February 14 B.B. King

March 5

**Brian Strokes Mitchell** March 30 Septetco Nacional de Cuba

April 23-24 Swan Lake

April 29 May 1 Blue Man Group

#### **YUMA**

**Yuma Orchestra** | 520-621-3341

February 12 Romantic Classics

April 9 Orchestral Classics May 1st **Ballet & Strings at Sunset** 

**Concerts Classics** May 7th May 21st Celebration of Strings

June 13-18th Strings del Rio Music Camp



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# PHOENIX METRO Chandler Fountain Hills Gilbert Glendale Mesa Phoenix Scottsdale Tempe

#### MOVING TO PHOENIX METRO

he "Valley of the Sun" is truly an Oasis in the Desert. 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 to about 3.7 million. The population of the Phoenix Metro area is currently estimated to be over 4.2 million.

The Valley of the Sun draws people with virtually 330 days of sunshine. It has extreme summers but enjoys moderate temperatures for the majority of the year, making this an ideal escape from cold and rainy weather conditions. Perfect for intown hikes or biking in one of many desert mountain preserves *inside the city limits*! And, of course, you must relax by the pool.

Phoenix and Glendale are home to five major professional sports teams with slick new arenas throughout the valley. Several cities throughout the valley host probaseball's Cactus League Spring Training, bringing visitors from around the world.

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. The extensive freeway system and our 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 Biotech and 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. These newly popular industries are helping to rebuild the local economy through creation of new jobs. The Green/Sustainable innovations will also help sustain the Valley's natural beauty for generations to come.



Photos courtesy: Greater Phoenix CVB

#### **PHOENIX**

he 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 night-clubs 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 GLBT DISTRICT

nlike 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

ordering 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 with its she-she-la-la Valley hot spots.

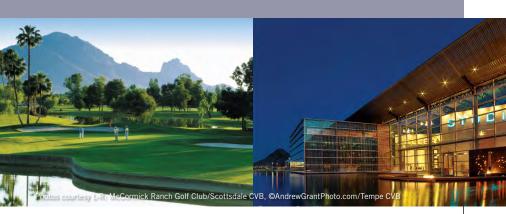
## THE EAST VALLEY COMMUNITIES Apache Junction, Chandler, Gilbert, Mesa, Tempe

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

#### **FOUNTAIN HILLS & CAREFREE**

he 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

on the eastern slope of the McDowell Mountains and about 500 feet above the Valley, is home to over 22,000 residents and one very conspicuous landmark. Situated in the middle of a lake in Fountain Park, is a fountain that shoots a plume of water an amazing 560 feet into the air.

The town of Carefree is located 15 miles northeast of Phoenix and noted for its artisan population and cooler temperatures. 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.



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#### THE WEST VALLEY COMMUNITIES Avondale, Buckeye, Glendale, Goodyear, Peoria

he 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 Phoenix Stadium. The state of the art facility, designed by architect Peter Eisenman, boasts the first retractable, natural grass field in North America and permanent seating for approximately 63,400. It is truly a must see for anyone visiting or relocating to the state.

(L-R) Spring training baseball, holiday-time festival of lights, and Westgate City Center, all in Glendale.



#### **VISITING PHOENIX METRO AREA**

ith 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, and boating. as well as many other outdoor activities abound. Piestewa Peak 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 as well as the NHL Coyotes.

The Valley also hosts world-class golf,

tennis, and racing events. The WM Open (formerly the FBR Open) boasts the largest and most boisterous crowds on the PGA tour. The infamous 16th hole and the festivities at the Bird's Nest in the evenings are not to be missed.

If shopping is your addiction, you will love the fabulous malls, unique boutiques, and antique shops across the Valley. East Phoenix features a Chinese Cultural center with unusual shops and restaurants.

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 King Tut, 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



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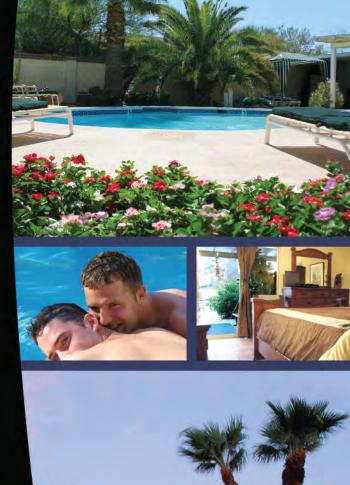
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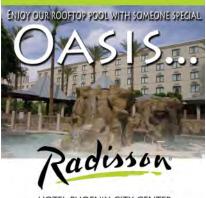


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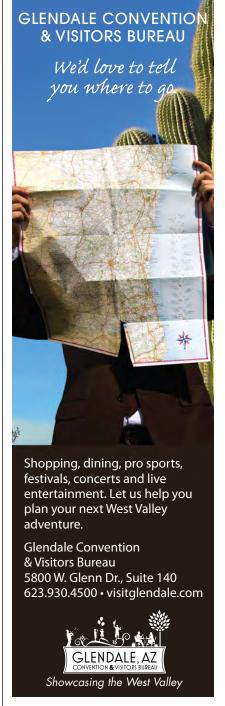
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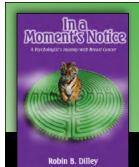
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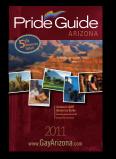
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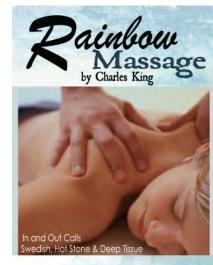
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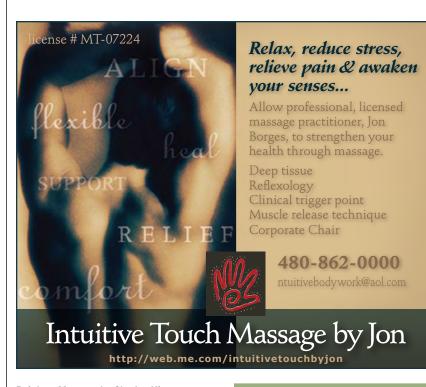
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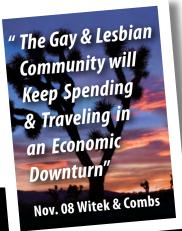






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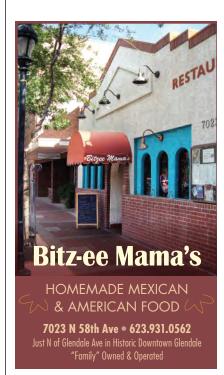
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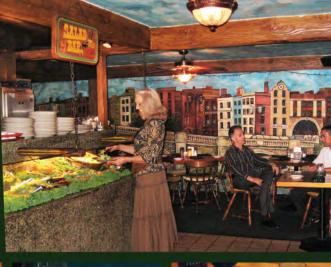
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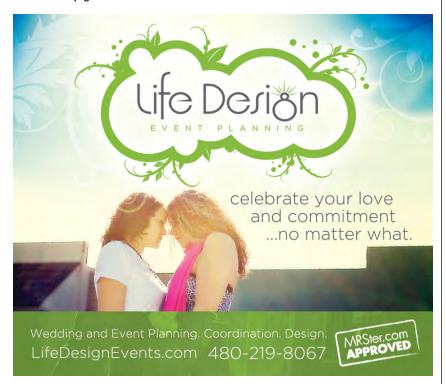
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metropolitan population is over 1 million
residents and growing.

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. Residents are vested in the multi-culural nature of the city and its diverse activities. There are also picturesque towns in surrounding southern Arizona that are easy to reach, making tourism a fun pastime for all.

Almost 2,000 people move to Tucson every month. Tucson keeps pace with the influx of new residents while maintaining a growing economy. Though these tough economic times, the community believes in supporting locally-owned businesses.

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 favorably with other cities in the United States. Estimates put Tucson at one third the living cost of cities such as 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, which is encouraged with a cycling infrastructure.

Tucson has one of the strongest, most active GLBT populations in the U.S. and is ranked by www.advocate.com as one of the top five best places for gavs 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".



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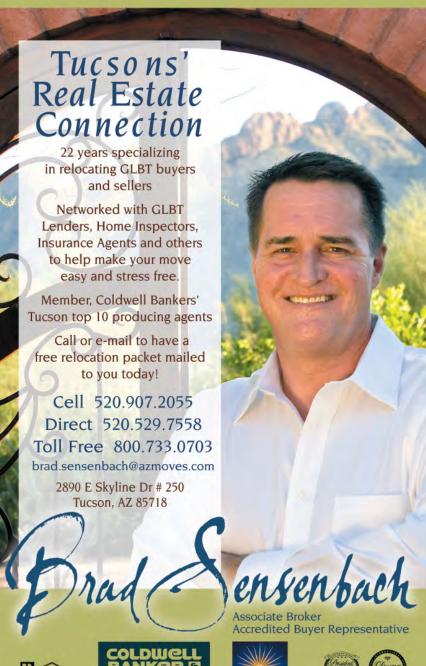
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### **TUCSON**

ucson 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. Indeed, the area is so hospitable that archaeologists believe it has been continuously inhabited for the last 12,000 years.

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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. 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 imposing saguaro cactus come from. The Spanish mission, San Xavier del Bac is located near Tucson. Known as "the white dove of the desert", it is a charming sight to behold against its desert mountian backdrop.

Downtown Tucson is the historic and cultural heart of "Old Pueblo", with ten historic districts, an arts district, professional theatre, opera, ballet, and

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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 exciting new venture!

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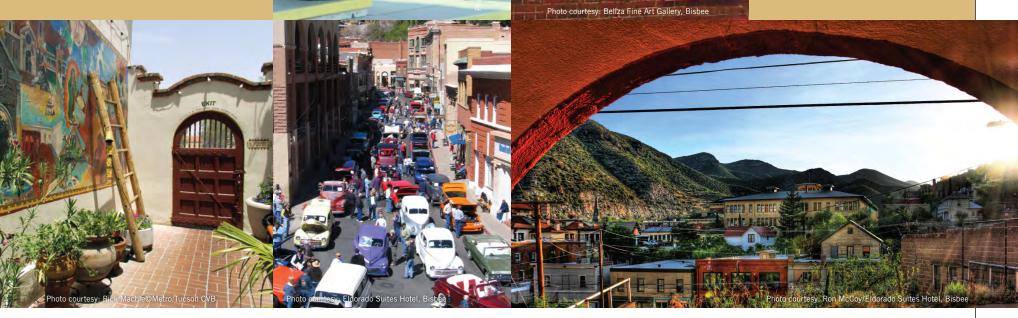
inety miles southeast of
Tucson, and situated in the
Mule Mountains, Bisbee,
Arizona, is the picturesque
county seat of historic Cochise County.
The town was founded in 1880 as a
mining community. Once known as the
"Queen of the Copper Camps", this Old
West mining camp proved to be one of the

richest mineral sites in the world, producing nearly three million ounces of gold and more than eight billion pounds of copper.

By the early 1900's the Bisbee community was the largest city between St. Louis and San Francisco and had become one of the most cultured cities in the Southwest – home to Arizona's first community library, a popular opera house, the state's oldest baseball field, and the state's first golf course.

When the mines closed, many artistic free spirits decided Bisbee was an ideal, attractive, and inexpensive location to settle in and pursue their artistic endeavors. Today, Bisbee has evolved into an attractive and welcoming artist and retirement community, known for its accepting and laid-back quality of life.

The happiest news is that up to 60% of Bisbee's population is GLBT. And the entire town is incredibly accepting of everyone. There are no gay bars in Bisbee, but the bars that are there are welcoming to all, allowing you not to think twice if you choose to share a kiss with your partner.



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Residents of the city embrace their Old West history and have sought to preserve

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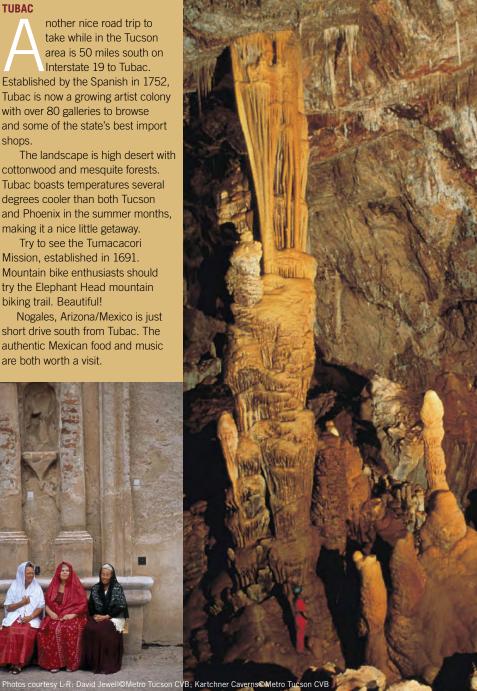
### **TUBAC**

nother 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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Try to see the Tumacacori Mission, established in 1691. Mountain bike enthusiasts should try the Elephant Head mountain biking trail. Beautiful!

Nogales, Arizona/Mexico is just short drive south from Tubac. The authentic Mexican food and music are both worth a visit.







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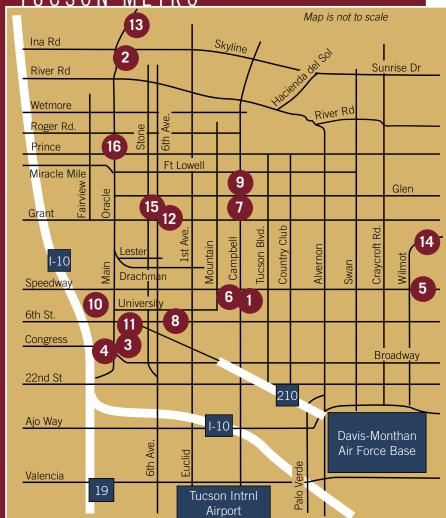
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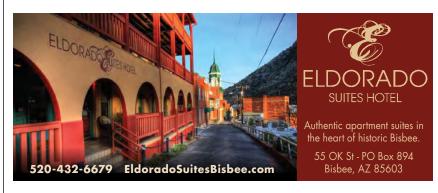
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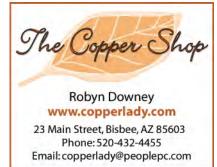






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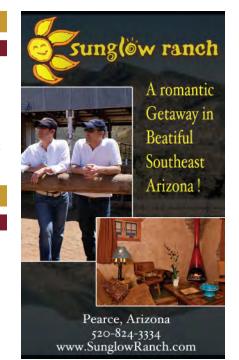
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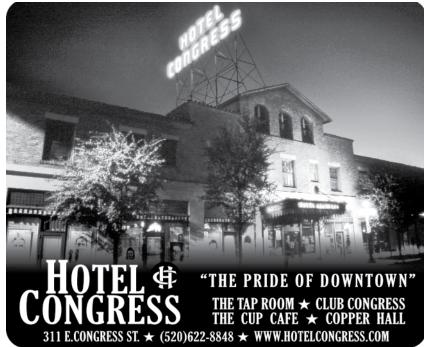
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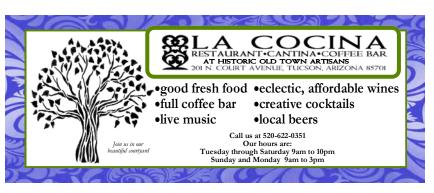
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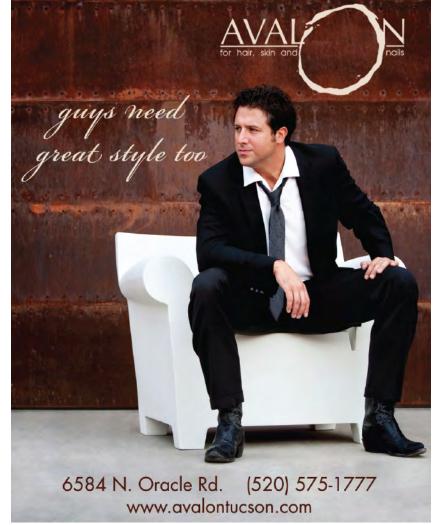
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Montezuma's Castle (center) Flagstaff's Snow Bowl Ski area (right) Downtown Flagstaff (below right)

n Northern Arizona, the Navajo, Hopi, Havasupai, Hualipai 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, developing diverse 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.

Today, tourism is the primary economic staple for the reservation, with Havasupai Canyon attracting approximately 12,000 outdoor enthusiasts per year.

### **FLAGSTAFF**

lagstaff: A college town, a mountain town, a town filled with history and charm. Skiing, hiking, museums, astronomy, festivals; this is what Flagstaff has to offer. Adjacent to the towering 12,633 foot tall San Francisco Peaks, Flagstaff is surrounded by



Ponderosa Pine trees, lies at an elevation of about 7,000 feet and is nestled along historic Route 66.

Home to Northern Arizona University (NAU), the college atmosphere brings a wonderful eclectic mix of coffee houses, bookstores, shopping, restaurants and eateries to the area.

In this lovely small mountain community, you'll find yourself surrounded by the 1.8 million acre Coconino National Forest. A hiker's delight, you'll find a wonderland of mountain meadows filled with Aspen trees swaying in the breeze. You can 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 dotted with wildflowers, sing to your soul.



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Just outside of Flagstaff, you'll discover ancient Indian ruins with villages that are almost completely intact. A must-see on your visit is the Wupatki National Monument. First occupied in 1100 AD, Wupatki was once home to the farmers and traders of the Anasazi and Sinagua people. 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, an annual pride festival. Now in its fifthteenth year, the festival brings in guests from all over the state.

#### **GRAND CANYON**

he Grand Canyon, a national park since 1919, is 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.

I think most visitors would agree when they first see the Grand Canyon, that it inspires a feeling of awe and wonder. Environmentalist John Muir described its magnificence: "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 long, up to 18 miles wide, a mile deep, and 1.2 million acres overall.

The park is home to numerous animals such as the endangered California condor, 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 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 breathtaking skywalk over the canyon. The Skywalk is a horseshoe-shaped steel frame with glass floor and sides that projects about 70 feet from the canyon rim.

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 packages it's difficult to sum up in one page. There are a multitude of web-

sites that offer very good advice on how to best see the Grand Canyon safely... what to pack, what time of year to visit, what time of day and what to avoid.

#### **JEROME**

erome screams old mining town with its coppery glowing hillsides. It is often dubbed the "Largest Ghost Town in America". It's a town that just won't die. Jerome began as 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.

Once the fourth most prominent 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 demand after the war. 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 resulting in the town being designated as a National Historic District by the federal government in 1967.

Jerome's population today boasts 450 which includes artists, craft people, musicians, writers, hermits, bed and breakfast





owners, museum caretakers, gift shop proprietors and perhaps an old prospector or two.

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 part of Jerome's ill-famed "prostitution row."

Be sure not to miss "Jerome Art Walk" which is on the first Saturday of each month. Recently rated one of the top ten events to attend on a weekend by *Arizona Highways Magazine*. Over 30 shops, galleries and art studios stay open late, with plenty of activities and entertainment. Be sure to add this event to 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.

#### **PRESCOTT**

ake a step back to the old Southwest. Redolent of the past, the town's architecture still holds onto the 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,

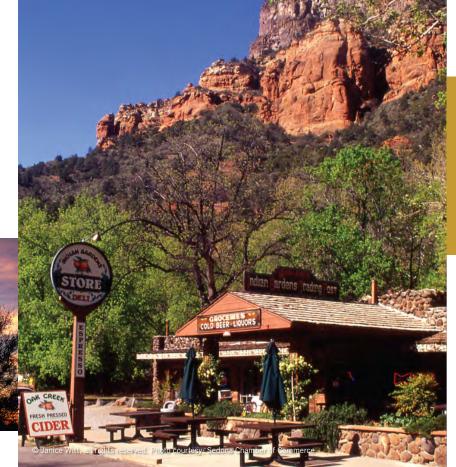
a former military base now serves as a medical facility. In 1927 the Hassayampa Inn opened for business and in 1928 the Sharlot Hall Museum opened. Prescott was home to "Whiskey Row" a notorious red-light district until 1956. "Whiskey Row" burned to the ground on July 14, 1900, but was quickly rebuilt!

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. Also located in Prescott are the Heritage Park Zoo and numerous golf courses.

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At the north end of the city is the stunning Oak Creek Canyon, full of twists and turns. It's often rated as one of the top 10 canyon drives in the country.

Sedona is a very eccentric and accepting community. With no specific designated gay or lesbian bars, the local pride group, Sedona Gay Pride, 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, Sedona Gay Pride hosts events throughout the year, and an annual pride festival hosted in September. Sedona is a very welcoming community to the LGBT tourist. When you want to run away from home, why not run to Sedona?

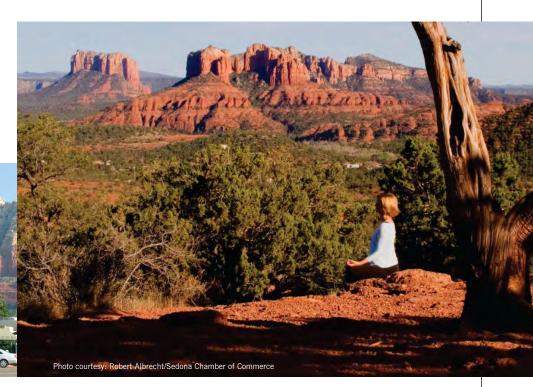
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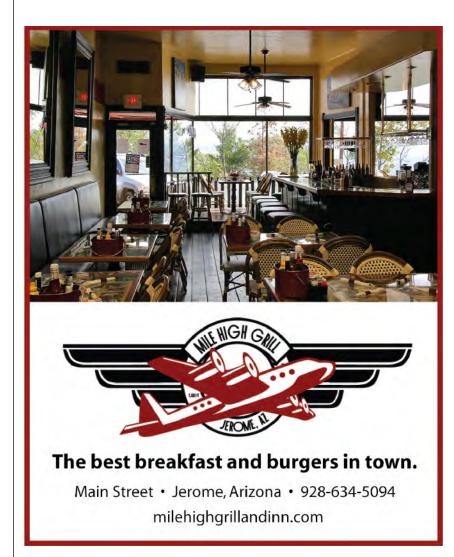


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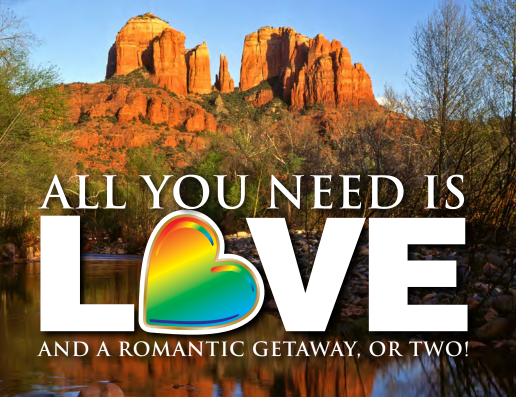
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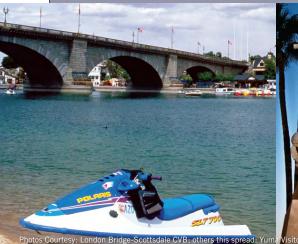
designated as an "Arizona Main Street City". Over 20 movies have been filmed in Yuma, including "Shawshank Redemption" and the 2007 version of "3:10 to Yuma".

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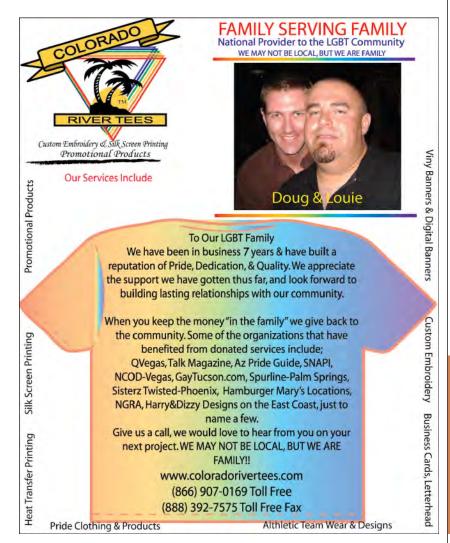
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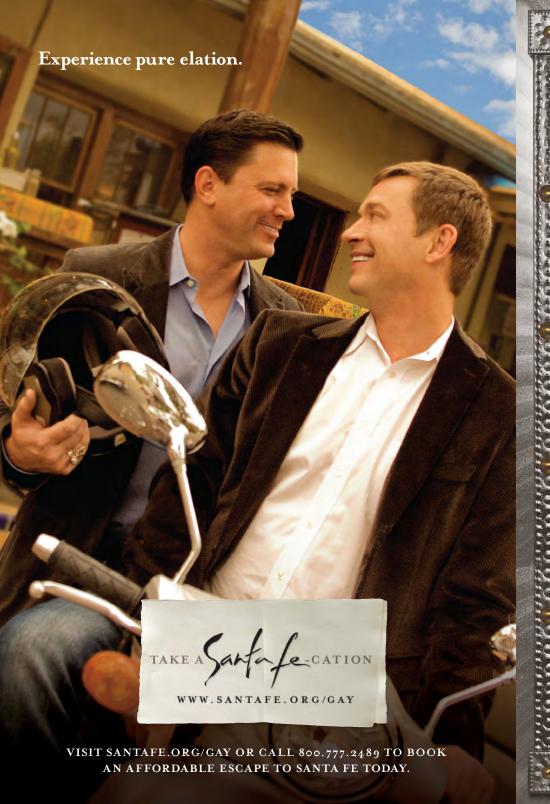
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