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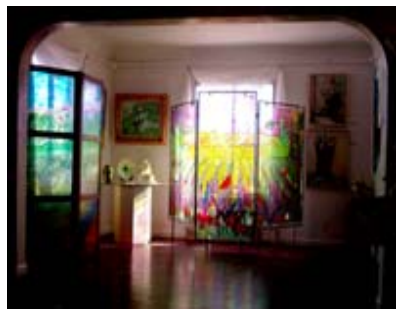


WILDFLOWER VILLAGE CELEBRATES THE FINAL ARTOWN SATURDAY
WITH PAINTING AND GOURD ART DEMONSTRATIONS JULY 30TH

Wildflower Village, a unique artists' haven with two art galleries on West Fourth Street, invites Artown participants to enjoy the Saturday Outdoor Festivals the final Saturday of Artown, on July 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Local painters will demonstrate their use of watercolors to mixed media, and local gourd artists will teach visitors to create their own unique artistic gourds. The Wildflower Saturday Outdoor Festivals occur at 4275-4395 West Fourth Street in Reno through August.

Local artists are welcome to display and sell their wares each Saturday at the Wildflower artists' markets. All visitors are encouraged to join the fun with artists, musicians, face painters, clowns, dancers, poets and authors. The demonstrations are free, and Wildflower encourages participation as part of the tenth anniversary of the Artown Festival, July 1-31, 2005, hosted by the City of Reno. The month-long summer arts festival features more than 200 events produced by more than 60 cultural organizations and businesses in more than 50 locations citywide.

Owner Pat Campbell-Cozzi highlights Saturdays as the day Wildflower welcomes Artown visitors. "We're open seven days a week," she says, "and Saturdays are the day we shine – especially as we celebrate Artown. With all the demonstrations and special classes we've been offering, all visitors of any artistic interest have been finding their heart's desires at Wildflower in July."



Chapel Gallery

On July 30th, local painters will demonstrate their specialties from 10:00 to 4:00. The day begins with Wildflower resident artist Scott Harvey painting with oils. Following him, at 11:00, Sparks painting teacher Marguerite Crokus shows her flair with watercolors. Then at 12:00, longtime Reno artist Ann O’Lear demonstrates splash painting. From 1:00 to 2:00, Wildflower resident artist Dohn Bronson shows his new approach to watercolor. After him, local artist Holly English demonstrates painting in mixed media. And to finish the day of painting demonstrations, at 3:00 Wildflower resident artist Christopher Cobb paints with acrylics.

Crokus, a ten-year resident of the Truckee Meadows, paints watercolors of Nevada landscapes. She teaches five-week introductory watercolor classes for the city of Sparks. Teaching to get the students painting quickly, Crokus says her motto is “no grades, no angst – just fun.” Some of her students have sold their watercolors. Crokus plans to demonstrate these techniques on July 30th at Wildflower and begin teaching similar classes soon at Wildflower.

Also on July 30th, Margaret Price McGarry and Neal McGarry teach gourd art to Wildflower visitors. This husband and wife team will work with class members on painting, carving, and wood-burning gourds, from small to large, with natural and art decorations. The McGarrys inspire students to continue the art they learn in these classes by creating their own gourds at home. The demonstration is free with participation encouraged. Those wishing to create gourd art may pay for the gourds at the event. Prices begin at \$2.50 for the small gourds.

The McGarrys have been working with this versatile medium for seven years. “They are an amazing surface to work on,” Margaret says, “because you can paint, you can draw, you can wood-burn, you can carve, you can use them in conjunction with other art forms. You can inlay stones. You can do pretty much anything you want on them.” Neal’s kaleidoscopes and Margaret’s larger gourd decorations grace Wildflower’s Open Door Gallery. “You look at the gourds and they kind of tell you what they want you to do with them. You’re looking at one, and it’ll tell you whether it wants to be cut open or whether it wants to have a lid on it or ...”



Open Door Gallery



Idyllic Wildflower grounds

In addition to the painting and gourd art demonstrations, Wildflower continues its Saturday Outdoor Artists' Festivals and Artists' Markets for Wildflower guests to meet and exchange ideas, and for visitors to shop among many different kinds of art. The markets are easily accessible on the gallery grounds with convenient parking interspersed among acres of wildflowers and will run from 10:00 to 4:00 each Saturday in July and August.

Just five minutes from the neon of the arch and casinos, Wildflower is a village worlds apart. The pace is peaceful, yet vibrant with art, creativity and beauty. Located on six acres alongside old U.S. Route 40 west of downtown Reno, Wildflower is blooming with artists' creations – and these days, with hillsides of wildflowers. A dozen or more of the artists who exhibit in the galleries live in the village. Wildflower houses a tremendous 4,000 square feet of art in two galleries featuring more than 50 artists, an espresso café, a wedding chapel, bed and breakfast rooms and motel, artists' studios and apartments. Between Johnny's Little Italy and McCarran Boulevard on West Fourth Street, the Open Door Art gallery is open from noon to 6:00 seven days a week; the Chapel Gallery, noon to 6:00 Tuesday through Saturday. Information is available at 827-5250 and wildflowervillage.com.

Pat Campbell-Cozzi revels in Artown because of the opportunities Reno offers all residents and visitors to experience and participate in art. She says to Artown participants, "May all your weeds be wildflowers!"



*Meet our Artists at the
Open Door & Chapel Galleries*

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