

AZ Hello From Sedona

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As the sun fades into the West, the mountains of Sedona slowly light up to a vibrant golden sienna—illuminating the jagged rock formations. For that one stunning moment, we are reminded why we all moved here. You will want to see Sedona this spring with all its beauty; inspiring mountains, twinkling creek, golden afternoons and the art and artists at the **Hillside, Hozho and Tlaquepaque Galleries**. The galleries will be having openings on the evening of May 5 during art walk night—and you can see everything from scrap metal sculpted horses to exquisite glass sculptures.



Javelina used at the Sedona Festival of the Arts in their *Javelina on Parade* fundraising event.

This is an exciting month for our little bustling town! On May 1, we have the **Sedona Sculpture and Art Walk**, on the green grass of the **Radisson Poco Diablo Resort**. Down by the creek at this resort, more than 100 artists will be exhibiting their art and demonstrating their techniques among the strutting ducks. It's a lovely day as you sip on a cool glass of wine and listen to live music. It's quite an event with some of our best painters and sculptors paintings.

Or you may want to come to the **Sedona Artists Open Studios**, which is May 14-15, where the artists invite you into their workspaces. You can get a glimpse of their lives, as well as their art, by visiting their homes. As you look at their work, you might even get a chance to try doing it yourself or at least watch a demonstration of special techniques. If you do come, be sure to go to the art exhibit reception on Friday evening, May 13 from 5-7 p.m., showing each artist's work.

to decide which studios you will attend. For information on both of the above events, call the **Sedona Chamber of Commerce**.

The best-kept secret in town this month is the art and sculpture studio of **Barbara Brown**, called **Sculpture in Sedona**. Barbara teaches and works at the studio and can be seen sculpting away into the wee hours of the night—at which time she is more than willing to teach you how to do it. And when you visit, you can get a sneak peek at the oil-based, clay life-size *Javelina & Child* she has created for the *Javelina's On Parade*, an arts project for the **Sedona Festival of the Arts**. These javelinas will be reproduced and given to local artists to paint and sell at auction. We know what the horses of Santa Fe and cows of Chicago looked like, but javelinas? Only in Sedona! Oink!

Linda Goldenstein Gallery will present *Natural Wonders of Sedona*, a new release and signing party of works by celebrated landscape artist, **Allen Powel** on May 5 from 5-8 p.m. Linda is adored by local artists and collectors alike here in Sedona. She has opened her new contemporary and spiritual gallery at 390 N. Highway 89A. It is two doors down from the **Sedona Art Center**, in uptown Sedona.

The Art Center will be having their own opening that evening for **Mary Flasiq**, a fiber artist, who has an enticing way of weaving fabric and wood. And if you want to see the latest work by local artists, you won't want to miss the **Northern Arizona Watercolor Society's** annual exhibit at the **Old Market Place** on Highway 89A with its opening in the first part of May.

And lastly, I must say something about the **Dana Atachley Center for Digital Storytelling** at the **Sedona Center for Art and Technology**, directed by **Eduard Uzumekis**, an Apple Distinguished Educator. Some wild and crazy films by local artists are emerging out of this site. And you know, this is the edgiest direction for art, is it not? ❧

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