

# Arts Festival awards three grants

Students at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Northern Arizona, Sedona Red Rock High School and Big Park Community School will all have a richer arts experience this year, thanks to the grants awarded by the Sedona Arts Festival.

Charlie Lyman, arts festival board president, made the grant presentations at the organization's February board meeting.

Sculptor Barbara R. Brown and Jodi Diamond, operations director for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Northern Arizona, received a \$950 grant to introduce sculpture to children at the Sedona branch of the Boys and Girls Clubs. The classes are targeted to children between the ages of 6 and 12 who can't ordinarily take advantage of arts enrichment programs.

"Kids get so excited," said Brown, who has been teaching children for nearly two years in the area. "It's an awesome and wonderful thing."

Brown is known for her animal sculptures, including dragons, reptiles and dinosaurs. She also sculpted the prototype javelina pair for the Javelinas on Parade project, which is a collaborative public arts venture cosponsored by the arts festival and the Sedona Chamber of Commerce.

Sedona Red Rock High School teachers Geoffrey Worssam and Karyl Goldsmith received \$1,500 for the publication of the school's art and literature magazine, *Petroglyphs*. This annual publication is produced by the school's National Honor Society, and it includes writing, photography and art work, all created by students.

Worssam and Goldsmith are the two staff advisors. Worssam is an art teacher at the high school; Goldsmith teaches humanities, senior literature and AP English. To give the arts festival board an idea of how talented her students are,



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**FROM LEFT** to right are Jodi Diamond, Boys and Girls Clubs of Northern Arizona; Barbara R. Brown, sculptor; Steve Gardner, principal; and Michelle Puchi, parent, at Big Park Community School; Karyl Goldsmith and Geoffrey Worssam, teachers at Sedona Red Rock High School.

Goldsmith read a poem by Joe Ward.

Big Park Community School received \$2,000 to complete its art-tile project in the school's triangular butterfly garden. Ceramicist Firuse Stalcup will teach third- and fourth-graders

how to make the tiles.

Accepting the award on behalf of the school were Big Park's principal Steve Gardner and parent Michelle Puchi.

"Since its inception in 1989, the Sedona Arts Festival has donated more than \$150,000 to

the Sedona-Oak Creek Unified School District and other non-profit arts and cultural organizations in the community to advance learning in the arts," said Gayle Taylor, the festival's executive director.

Funds for these grants come

from the arts festival's fundraising programs, including an Evening at the Academy Awards and the Sedona Arts Festival, which takes place each year during the second weekend of October. This year, the event will take place Oct. 7 and 8.