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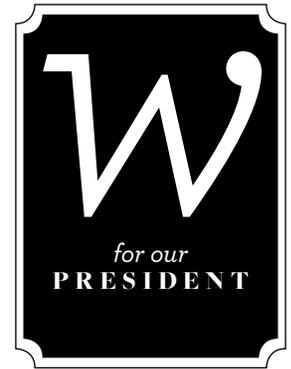
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MARILYN RENDON
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GET READY TO PARTY AND dance because it's Home Tour time for 2016. Darryl Collins and David Miranda have it all together for the Valentine's Day tour. In addition, Don Vallejo has devoted a great deal of his personal time for promotion of this annual event to help ensure its success. Hope to see you for the Twilight Tour, Willo Affair, and on Tour Day.

While campaigning for president, many neighbors on 5th Avenue north of Encanto had the same question: "When

are we going to get sidewalks?" Well guess what? That may very well be soon. It depends on all of you Willo neighbors that live on the corners of 5th Avenue and Encanto, Vernon, Lewis, Wilshire, Virginia, Cambridge, Windsor, and Edgemont. You can expect a member of the Special Street Safety Committee or myself to knock on your door and ask you to sign a petition to approve the sidewalk project. The costs will be paid by the City of Phoenix. If any landscape or hardscape have to be removed and/or replaced, the City will also cover that cost. A special thanks is in order to Kerry Wilcoxson from the City of Phoenix and Dick Staats for helping to put this plan in motion. I hope we can make this dream come true for you, so please sign the petition.

It is required that Willo neighbors complete an Opt-In form annually in order to be a member of the Willo Neighborhood Association. You can do this online or fill out a hard copy and turn in to Theresa Hale or Heather Locke online. Speaking of online, I hope that you will continue to look on the Willo Historic District website for updated stories, articles, and information. Many improvements are being made and additional content is being added for you on a more frequent

basis. Many thanks to Diana Herman and Heather Locke for their efforts.

Opal Wagner and I hope to be able to provide you with accurate and updated information concerning our FAA matter by the next board meeting to be held on January 14, 2016 at 6:30pm at the Fairfield Inn. The Four-Corners neighborhoods (Story, Encanto-Palmcroft, Roosevelt, and Willo) are sticking together and so far, things are working in our favor. Former Attorney General (and Roosevelt neighbor) Terry Goddard is working for us free-of-charge, but we still have attorney fees from Denton's Law Group. Our representatives in Congress which include Senators John McCain, Jeff Flake, Representatives Ruben Gallego, Ann Kirkpatrick, David Schweikert, and Kyrsten Sinema are also doing a great deal towards a political solution for the issue. I am so grateful that they are strong enough to tackle the problem without regard to partisan politics. I would like to describe this to you at length, but as of this writing, more information is being gathered so a Special Meeting can be called to decide further course of action. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy this month's Inside Willo and next month there will be a special Home Tour Edition. 

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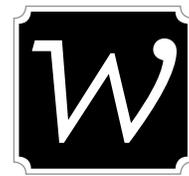
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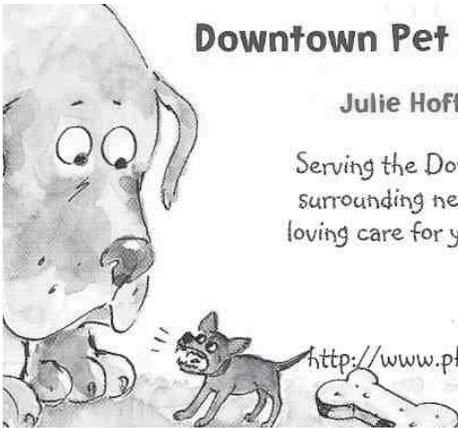
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Willo Historic Neighborhood Association Board

The Willo Historic Neighborhood Association Board was established in the early 1980s. The members are volunteers and are elected every two years in March. The association does not collect dues and does not act like a Home Owners' Association (HOA). Rather, its function is to serve the collective well being of the neighborhood. Meetings are typically held the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Fairfield Inn and Suites Hotel. All residents of Willo are invited to attend. Agendas are available online prior to the meeting at www.willohistoricdistrict.com.

Inside Willo newsletter

This free newsletter is published monthly (excluding July & August) by a committee headed by Willo volunteers. Willo neighbors are encouraged to submit neighborhood news, tidbits, photos and articles (between 250-350 words) by the 10th of each month. We reserve the right to: edit as needed, attribute to the submitting neighbor (with the street they live on where appropriate), determine which issue the information may be printed and use content on our website and in neighborhood promotional materials. The Willo Neighborhood Association is not responsible for nor endorses the editorial content in *Inside Willo*. A copy of *Inside Willo* is also posted to the Willo website each month.

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THE SHOOT

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THANKS TO NEIGHBOR

Alex Rentzis (Vernon) for snapping Tom Simplot and Scott Wade's home at 543 W. Coronado Avenue. Tom and Scott moved into Willo in the past year and have so graciously offered to open up their home on tour in February, along with one of their tenants in their complex, so we will have two homes on our tour at this location!

Tom and Scott's "compound" is a fourplex that was built in 1950 by a local builder and his wife as their retirement home. One unit was built as the owner unit, plus three rentals, and each feature wood floors, gas fireplaces, original kitchens and garages all built around a central courtyard for maximum socializing! Tom and Scott are the fourth owners of the fourplex built on two lots. "Vacancies don't last long and so far, new residents have typically found us just driving through Willo", said Tom.

Guests visiting Tom and Scott's home during the annual tour will also see interiors specially designed for the homeowners by Bruce McGehee of DB Design.

Many thanks to Tom and Scott, and their neighbors in the complex, Tom Lander and Catie Gullett, for being a part of the Willo Home Tour. Look for a special "2016 Home Tour" feature that we are putting together for our February issue. **W**

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DIANA HERMAN (MONTE VISTA)

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All of Willo bans together to make this event happen. In addition to the generous homeowners that so kindly open up their homes to our guests, there is a committee

of 70 or so neighbors that handle all aspects of the Willo Home Tour. So whether it's ad sales, recruiting vendors, creating Home Tour brochure, marketing the tour, taking photos, organizing the homeowner brunch or cocktail party, putting up signage, or organizing tour day operations – our neighborhood volunteers make the tour happen.

The Willo Home Tour is our neighborhood's greatest public relations event and the neighborhood's only fundraising effort. This event helps Willo grab the attention of future buyers, the media, and other Phoenixians that just wish they could live in Willo too!

Purchase tickets on our website at www.willohistoricdistrict.com for:

- ◆ The Twilight Tour (Saturday, February 13th from 4:00pm – 7:00pm)
- ◆ The Willo Affair (Saturday, February 13th from 6:30pm – 10:00pm)
- ◆ The main tour (Sunday, February 14th from 10:00am – 4:00pm).
- ◆ No tickets are needed to attend the Street Fair and Classic Car Show on Holly and Monte Vista Streets between 3rd and 5th Avenues on Tour Day! 

Tickets can also be purchased at Walton Park (3rd and Holly) prior to the Twilight Tour and main Tour.



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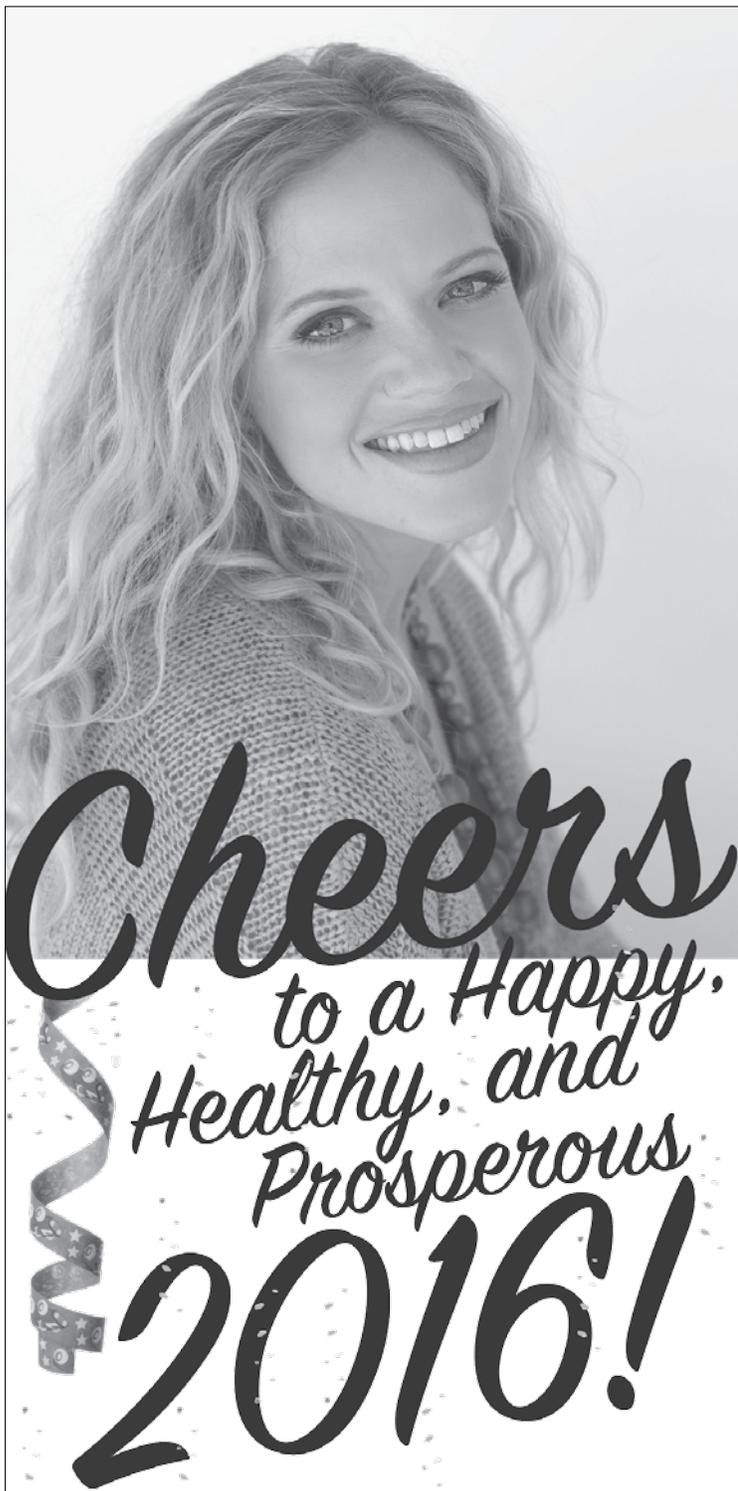
ANDREA KATSENES (VERNON)

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO EACH STREET CAPTAIN that stepped up to make our neighborhood luminary tradition so bright and special this year. The holidays are such a busy time of the year, and the last thing anyone needs is to add one more thing to their list of “to dos”, but each street/block had a team of special neighbors that pitched in and continued this tradition. Please take the time to thank your neighbor for organizing your street/block, and BIG thanks to Jerry Coash who served as the project leader for the whole neighborhood!

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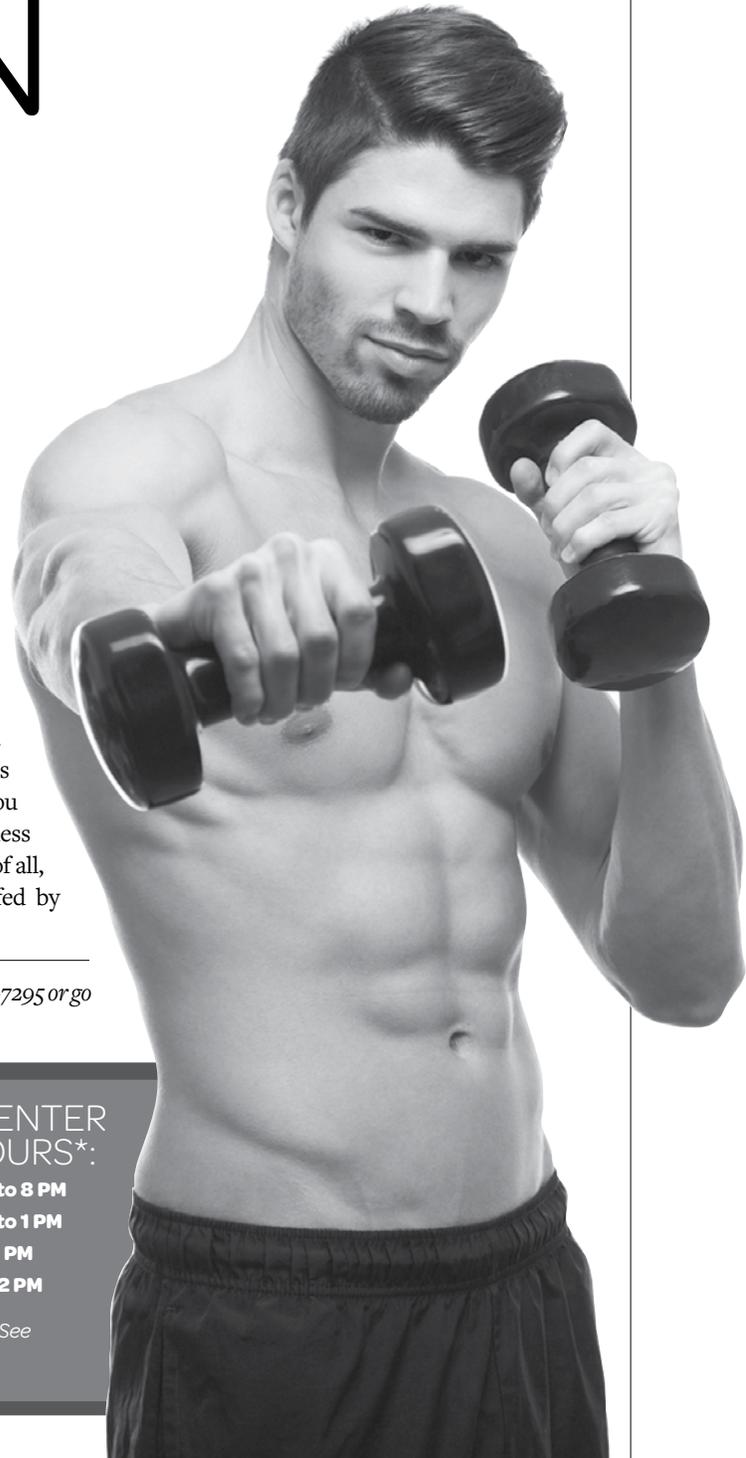
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To protect the condition of the turf and minimize safety concerns, the city's maintenance staff will be checking both dog parks each morning to determine if there is frost. If frost does exist staff will run a special cycle through the sprinkler system which will expedite the melting of the

frost on the turf. This will delay the opening of the dog parks on these days until 9:00am. If there is no frost the dog parks will open at the normal time of 6:30am. This procedure is commonly used among golf courses during the winter months as well delaying early start times to protect the winter rye grass.

We fully understand this will be an inconvenience to those who enjoy visiting the dog parks during the early morning hours. This is a great time to provide us with your thoughts on continuing to overseed (provide winter grass) at the Hance

dog parks. Knowing that having winter grass may involve late morning openings, is this something you feel we should continue to do now having gone through two seasons?

We are also seeking feedback on whether or not you feel the dog park could use additional lighting in the south west corner of the large dog park enclosure. We have heard from residents on both sides of this issue. Please send any feedback to Cate Russo, Phoenix City Parks recreation coordinator at Cathleen.russo@phoenix.gov, or 602-432-1730 



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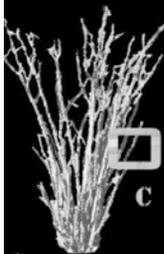
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ENTERTAINMENT



VINYL NOVA
to Perform
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Home
Tour 2016!

T HE BAND VINYL NOVA

will headline the 2016 Willo Home Tour, February 14th from Noon to 4pm. Founding members Mark Weeter and Julie Kossak are long time Willo residents (living on the 100 block of Holly) who have been performing with Vinyl Nova since the mid-1990s. The uniqueness of the group is its rich three-part harmonies, blended with dynamic guitar hooks and melodies. Vinyl Nova's music is an eclectic collection of songs that range from nostalgic to modern with their own signature twist. In short, ROOTS+RETRO+ROCK. Take a listen at www.vinylnova.com and see a list of their upcoming gigs. 

HOME TOUR 2016

WILLO STREET FAIR

BOB HERMAN (MONTE VISTA)



WILLO RESIDENTS – OTHER INSIDE

Willo articles have described some of the amazing houses on the 2016 Will Home Tour. We hope you will attend and see what your neighbors have done with their homes.

The 2016 Willo Home Tour is Sunday, February, 14th from 10:00am – 4:00pm.

Another part of the Home Tour is the Street Fair. The Street Fair is located on the 300 blocks of Holly and Monte Vista and it runs from 10:00am – 4:00pm. The Street Fair is free, and also includes a “not-to-be-missed” classic car show on Holly.

This year’s Street Fair will have a live band, a beer and wine tent, food vendors and a variety of other vendors selling antiques, art, health care and beauty products, jewelry, vintage clothing and a lot more. Most of the items for sale are from local craftsmen and are hand-made.

We have assembled a great line up of food vendors selling donuts and coffee, hot dogs (gourmet and not), burgers, grilled cheese, a variety of Mexican food, pizzas, etc. Some of our food vendors are also selling ice cream and frozen desserts, cookies, cakes and other sweets.

Make plans to attend the Street Fair, buy your lunch there, listen to the band, and hang out with your neighbors – You’ll be glad you did! 



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WHAT'S THE CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM

I'VE BEEN HEARING ABOUT?

THE CITY OF PHOENIX OFFERS, for a fee, a Crime Prevention programs to neighborhoods. Our Vice President, Don Vallejo (who is a member of Phoenix Police Department) has observed the program in other neighborhoods like Biltmore, where crime has been decreased as a result of a greater presence of uniformed, off-duty police officers patrolling in their marked police vehicles.

As you have seen in several *InsideWillo* messages from our president, Marilyn Rendon, the Willo Board voted to fund a small pilot program. You may have heard about it at your BlockWatch meeting as well. From October 17th through November 30th, uniformed, off-duty police officers patrolled Willo at various times. The officers collected data about types of services they provided our neighborhood while they were patrolling. Examples of the types of services include intervening in a burglary, performing traffic stops, speed enforcement, responding to 911 emergency calls, discussions with suspicious persons/vehicles and even arrests.

After considering the data collected from the pilot program, the Board will be seeking input from you – the Willo neighbors – about whether to maintain the program over the long-term. Stay tuned to *InsideWillo* and WilloHistoricDistrict.com for an update about the data collected during our pilot program! With questions, contact Linda Doescher (Treasurer) at doe4749@aol.com. 





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COFFEE TALK

CHANGES IN OUR COMMUNITY



AS MENTIONED IN THE PHOENIX

Business Journal, we will soon have another option for our “coffee fix”. Press Coffee Roasters have leased space in the soon to be, Lennar apartment development at Central Avenue and McDowell Road. In addition, Salon D’Shayn (beauty salon) will also occupy the ground level commercial space at the future, The Muse 367 unit apartment development. The official groundbreaking for The Muse was on December 10th. 

NEW PHOENICIANS



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP WELCOME NEW PHOENICIANS WELCOME TO AMERICA PROJECT (WTAP)

FOUNDED IN 2001 BY Carolyn Manning, a Scottsdale resident, The Welcome to America Project (WTAP) creates community connections and builds bridges of neighborly understanding by providing furniture, basic necessities, education, and additional resources to newly arriving refugees. Carolyn lost her brother-in-law, Terence Manning, in the 9/11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. Seeking to honor Terence's memory, the idea for WTAP was born when Carolyn saw a photograph in the local newspaper of an Afghan refugee family now living in Phoenix. Carolyn and Phil realized this family sought the same things they did – safety, housing, and a future free from fear for their children.

Since that humble beginning WTAP has served over 2,000 refugee families and

distributed over \$2 million worth of community donations. Each year, 1,300 volunteers give of their time to welcome and support refugees through WTAP's various programs.

WTAP has a range of volunteer options, including Saturday morning deliveries to refugee families, Tuesday morning packing events for the upcoming deliveries, and monthly Clothing Closet distributions. WTAP also hosts events, such as the Adopt-a-Family holiday gift program in December, the Culinary Journey cooking class series throughout the year, the Hike to Help hike-a-thon fundraiser in the spring, and more! Volunteers can also host Donation Drives at their schools, churches, or workplace.. Check out our volunteer page for more info: <https://www.wtap.org/ways-to-volunteer/>. We also accept gently

used furniture donations. Visit our donations page for drop-off information or to schedule a pick-up: <https://www.wtap.org/donate/schedule-a-pickup/>

Refugees have fled their countries because of war, or persecution based on race, religion, nationality, social group, or political opinion. Refugees undergo a thorough vetting process that takes 18-24 months to complete, and many refugees remain in camps upward of 6 years awaiting resettlement. The refugees we help are here on a special visa and ultimately become U.S. citizens. They are highly motivated, resourceful and eager to start a new life. They develop strong ties to their communities, make active contributions, work hard, and pay taxes. We want them to know that the USA is a hopeful place of liberty and peace! 



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Sold or Pending	Status	Price
334 W. Lewis	SOLD	\$287,000
62 W. Edgemont	SOLD	\$293,000
65 W. Cypress	SOLD	\$572,500
336 W. Edgemont	PENDING	\$269,900
313 W. Wilshire	PENDING	\$345,000
65 W. Virginia	PENDING	\$360,000
57 W. Edgemont	PENDING	\$395,000
518 W. Palm	PENDING	\$549,000
510 W. Monte Vista	PENDING	\$590,000

For Sale in Willo	Status	Price
56 W. Cypress	ACTIVE	\$299,800
549 W. Cambridge	ACTIVE	\$319,000
91 W. Virginia	ACTIVE	\$355,000
74 W. Wilshire	ACTIVE	\$365,000
345 W. Cambridge	ACTIVE	\$375,000
45 W. Edgemont	ACTIVE	\$379,000
531 W. Edgemont	ACTIVE	\$387,000
70 W. Edgemont	ACTIVE	\$419,900
305 W. Cypress	ACTIVE	\$425,000
105 W. Palm	ACTIVE	\$475,000
306 W. Palm	ACTIVE	\$494,900
301 W. Coronado	ACTIVE	\$560,000
506 W. Granada	ACTIVE	\$579,000
56 W. Windsor	ACTIVE	\$599,000
322 W. Holly	ACTIVE	\$645,000

All figures as of 12/13/2015. Information provided by Arizona Regional Multiple Listing Service and is listed by individual brokers. For more information, please contact the listing agent, one of our advertising realtors or your real estate professional.



KIDS CLUB

WILLO'S WINTER CANDYLAND PARTY!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 FROM 2 PM TO 4 PM

Down colorful pathways, over Rainbow Trails, past Peppermint Forests and Gumdrop Pass, you are invited to the sweetest of adventures! The Willo Kids Club would be honored to meet you at the Candy Castle for some winter fun! The party will be held at Hance Park near the ramada and the playground. Please RSVP to kidsclub@willohistoricdistrict.com. All ages are welcome. Candy cane wishes and sugarplums dreams until then! 



UPCOMING

AT THE HEARD

AMERICAN INDIAN ART AND HISTORY



WATCH MENTOR & MENTEE ARTISTS CREATE ART! **SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JAN. 9-10**

Watch three artists – Kristen Dorsey (Chickasaw), Warren Montoya (Santa Ana/Santa Clara Pueblos) and Dwayne Michael (Tohono O’odham) – and young emerging artists they’re mentoring create projects on site. The art will be displayed in the Lincoln Gallery starting Feb. 6 in the exhibit, *Confluence: Intergenerational Collaborations*. 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Free with museum admission.



SHORT COURSE: OVERVIEW OF SOUTHWESTERN TRIBES **SATURDAYS, JAN. 9, 16, 23 | 9:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.**

Over three successive Saturdays, participants will learn about the Southwest and the first Americans from the prehistoric peoples to their historic descendants to the people today, who continue to blend their ancient traditions with the challenges of the 21st century. A fee is charged; register at heard.org. In the Encanto Room, Dorrance Education Center. Museum admission additional.



PANEL DISCUSSION: ‘ESPÍRITU DE FRIDA’ **SUNDAY, JAN. 31 | 7 P.M. TO 9 P.M.**

Frida Kahlo’s work has left a lasting impression on the work of many women in Latin American art. Join the Heard as we discuss the *espíritu de la Frida* (spirit of Frida) with moderator Betsy Fahlman, an Arizona State University art history professor, and local scholars in the field. Free and open to the public.



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