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# IF IT'S FEBRUARY, IT MUST BE WILLO HOME TOUR!

**THIS YEAR, I AM NOT ONLY** the editor of this magazine, I am the Co-Chair of the Home Tour Committee along with Linda Doescher.

We are very excited that after months of planning, everything is coming together for a fantastic Home Tour! We will feature 14 properties, including, as always, Willo's Historic Firehouse. Twilight Tour & An

*Evening in Willo* will have some new additions: an exclusive trolley tour with Marshall Shore, The Hip Historian, and a terrific Silent Auction with a tremendous selection of items to bid on. All proceeds will benefit Willo directly! (see page 14). Miguel Melgoza will be playing on the stage, and Little O's will be serving in the beer and wine tent.

As of this writing, Twilight Tour tickets for Saturday evening are still available but limited. This is your chance to avoid the crowds and visit the homes on tour with only your neighbors from Willo for company.

Of course, you will want to attend the Street Fair on Sunday; with almost 100 vendors, you are bound to find an item or two to buy. The food trucks, classic car show, and Brian Chartrand Trio on our main stage will round out the day. Please join us for the 34th Annual Willo Home Tour, we are excited to show off our neighborhood to the Valley of the Sun, and our neighbors are a big part of it! ■

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Established in 1986, the WNA Board consists of 13 volunteer positions elected biennially by the membership. WNA is not a Homeowners' Association (HOA); It does not collect dues; Its mission is to preserve Willo's historic designation and community quality. WNA meetings are open, all Willo residents may attend. Bylaws, registration, and agendas are available on [WILLOPHX.COM](http://WILLOPHX.COM).

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# MARCH 2023 WILLO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS

BY ANN BOMMERSBACH (WINDSOR)

## THE WNA BOARD MEMBER

Election will be held electronically 3/5/2023. To be eligible to vote in the election, residents must have a current opt-in form which must be renewed annually. The form may be submitted electronically through the Willo website at <https://willophx.com/residents/>

[membership-opt-in-form/](#), and the submission deadline is 2/15/2023. On 2/26/2023, notification to vote with a link to the ballot will be sent via email and text to all members who have opted in. Voting closes at midnight, 3/5/2023, so please cast your vote by 3/5/2023. Results will

be announced at the 3/9/2023 Board Meeting.

Candidate bios and photos will be published in the March edition of Inside Willo. If you have questions or need assistance with voting, email the Election Chair at [bommer1948@gmail.com](mailto:bommer1948@gmail.com), or call 623-330-3203. ■

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# Musical Lineups for Willo Home Tour Weekend You will not Want to Miss!



## SATURDAY, FEB 18: “AN EVENING IN WILLO” FEATURING MIGUEL MELGOZA

By popular demand, Miguel Melgoza returns to Willo! He performed at last year’s WHT Homeowners cocktail party and won over many new fans. Originally from the San Francisco Bay area, singer/songwriter, drummer, and percussionist, Miguel Melgoza began playing music professionally after moving to Phoenix, AZ. Feel free to check out his latest album “Fordham Road” <http://www.miguelmelgoza.com/new-album>, with his narrative, introspective lyrics and smooth, soulful vocal delivery. ■

## The following musicians will be performing by Tour homes:

- Dan Sell\*\*
- Darl Chryst\*\*
- Glen Gardner\*\*
- Joe Feldman
- The Frequency Principle\*\*
- Hugh O’Connor Pipe Band
- Kimberly Weston
- Mark Bishop Evans
- Naomi Robert\*\*
- Quinn Jolly\*\*
- Ron Hoyos
- Sunrise to Indigo\*\*

\*\* returning musicians.

*Note: The musicians have graciously volunteered their time and talents to perform. Please be sure to tip your favorite bands!*



## SUNDAY, FEB 19: MAIN STAGE ROCKS WITH “BRIAN CHARTRAND TRIO”

The members of the Brian Chartrand Trio include Brian Chartrand (vox/guitar), Todd Chuba (percussion), and Lamar Gaines (keys). They have been playing together since 2009. Brian’s original music can best be described as James Taylor meets Steely Dan, and you will certainly hear both of those artists during their performance. Their performances are deeply rooted in the classic singer/songwriter with splashes of jazz and soul. This trio has toured the country and in Europe and is excited to perform on the Main Stage for the Willo Home Tour. ■



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# Willo Kids Club Update

BY VALERIE LANE (LEWIS)

**WE HAD AN EXCELLENT TURNOUT** for our WKC planning meeting on January 8th. Thank you to everyone who attended in person and on the phone. We have several fun events planned for the Winter and Spring. Please make a note of the following dates: February 19th and April 2nd, 2023. ■ The Willo Home Tour is on February 19th, and we will host a booth at the Street Fair. Please stop by for the WKC Book Drive and leave your gently used books at the WKC booth. Books will be donated to the Phoenix Public Library and help stock the Little Free Libraries in the neighborhood. You will soon receive an Evite with instructions to sign up for volunteering at the Home Tour booth. **WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS EVENT.** ■ Looking forward to the Spring event, Save the Date! April 2nd at 3:30 pm for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. ■



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# Luminaria 2022 Wrap!

BY CHRIS NORTON (LEWIS)



**CHRISTMAS 2023 IS IN** the books, and so is another Luminaria!

The Friday before Christmas, 200+ people gathered for a group ride, bicycles adorned with Christmas lights and wearing costumes/ugly sweaters. There was free

coffee and hot chocolate, cheap bike lights available, and someone made balloon animals for the kids. Thank you, PhoenixSpokesPeople.org!

This year we asked for more help and changed how supplies are handled. Five awesome volunteers helped us

assemble supply boxes, turning 6 days of work into 1.5. We are soooooo thankful! For supplies, each block now gets the same lights every year. **ONE SET OF BATTERIES IS USED MULTIPLE YEARS, SO IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO TURN OFF THE LIGHTS AFTERSWARDS!** ■

## 2022 LUMINARIA VOLUNTEERS:

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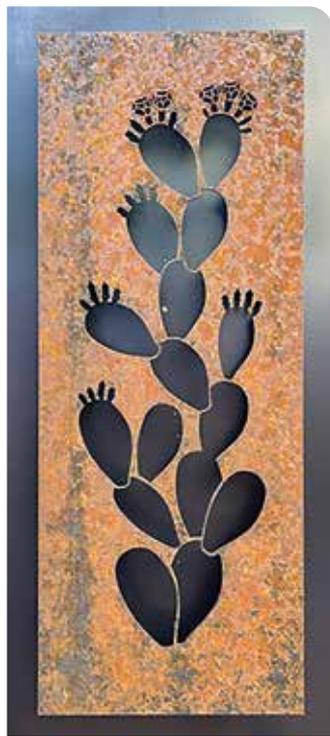
# TWILIGHT TOUR

## SILENT AUCTION

BY JENNIFER BOONLORN (CORONADO)

### WE HAVE BEEN ADDING

many wonderful items to be sold during the Willo Home Tour Silent Auction on Saturday, February 18th from 3pm to 8pm. You will be able to bid on a variety of items that local designers, artists, restaurants, and entrepreneurs have generously donated for our exclusive event. We have gathered framed art, leather handbags, jewelry, golf club covers, baskets full of skincare, plants, and restaurant gift cards for this fun auction. Get ready to shop because there will be something fun for everyone! All purchases must be paid for and collected on the night. **GOOD LUCK!** ■



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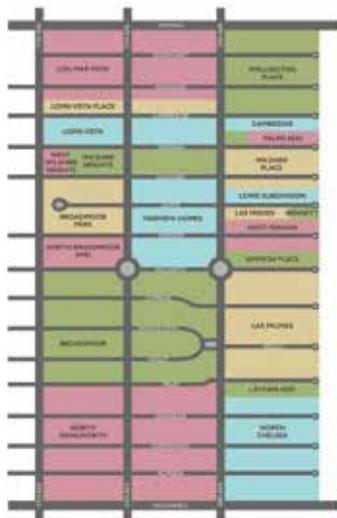


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# Forget SoHo, We've Got SoWi!

BY TRICIA AMATO (LEWIS)



**A LITTLE WHILE AGO, A** conversation started on the Willo Facebook page about “South” Willo. As the conversation got sillier, there was talk about living in SoWi or NoWi or even SoEaWi (Southeast Willo) as if our neighborhood was divided into distinct sections, each with its own characteristics. Historically, however, the neighborhood we call Willo was built and sold as 22 separate subdivisions, shown on this map.

Most of the oldest homes were built in the southernmost subdivisions like North Chelsea, Latham Addition, and Las Palmas (SoEaWi), but there were also many homes built early on in the northern part of the neighborhood too. This 1930 aerial photo (the earliest available) shows a number of homes dotting the northern areas of Willo, while most of the area north of Vernon and

west of 5th Ave. was still farmland at this time. If you look closely at the photo, you can see the houses of “Millionaires’ Row” lining Central Ave. Most of these large lots extended west all the way to 1st Ave!

At the time these subdivisions were laid out and sold, they were well outside the city limits and were known as “streetcar suburbs” because a streetcar line ran up 5th Avenue to Encanto Blvd. Known as the #3 Kenilworth Line, it took residents back and forth to town before most people had

(Left) Aerial image of Willo in 1930;

cars. Some routes ran until 1948, when the city stopped offering electrified trolley service in lieu of buses.

The Willo Historic District inventory sheet states that, while the area was developed as separate subdivisions, the layout of streets, size/orientation of lots, and scale of housing are relatively consistent throughout, “giving the image of a unified historic neighborhood.” Isn’t it interesting and telling that Willo is also unified and cohesive in spirit?! ■



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## COME AND GET YOUR LOVE AT HAPPY HOUR

BY JONATHAN ROBERTS (GRANADA)

**IN FEBRUARY THERE'S A** lot of talk about romantic love but what about love for your neighbors? We often move too fast to notice that others right around us need a good neighbor (or that we need one). We may not pass by an accident and have an opportunity to be a paramedic, but we can accommodate the needs of those nearby—if we know them.

Willo is a special community prized not only for its charming

houses but also for the interactive, caring residents. I regularly witness neighbors greeting each other during walks and visiting on front patios. Keith and I have personally benefited from neighbors caring for our dog, picking up mail, sharing garden produce, and joining up for an evening on the town. We've also had neighbors deliver flowers and meals when times have challenged us.

Many of our neighborhood relationships are due to Willo Happy Hour. Perhaps the needs of our neighborhood can be met beginning with opening our homes, making some food or drinks, and spending a couple hours together each month.

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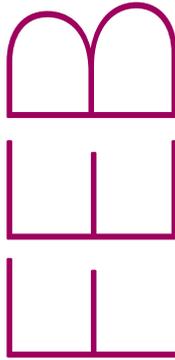


**THURSDAY,  
FEBRUARY 2ND**  
Home Tour Planning Meeting - 6:00 social, 6:30, meeting Willo Historic Firehouse Encanto at 7th Avenue

**THURSDAY,  
FEBRUARY 9TH**  
Willo Neighborhood Association Board Meeting - 6:30pm - 8:00pm \*\*New location\*\* BMO Building - 1850 N Central Avenue - Sedona Room - Level C

**FRIDAY,  
FEBRUARY 10TH**  
Willo Happy Hour

- 5:30pm - 7:30pm  
THEME: "I Love Willo," Hosts: Patrice Wappel & Decker Williams \*Food will be provided. Bring a drink. Location: 103 W. Windsor \*Ages 21+



**SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY 18TH**  
Willo Home Tour -

Twilight Tour & An Evening in Willo - 4:00 - 10:00 pm. Please visit [WILLOPHX.COM](http://WILLOPHX.COM) for the latest details, Walton Park. Food & Beverages by Little O's

**SUNDAY,  
FEBRUARY 19TH**  
Willo Home Tour & Street Fair - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Please visit [WILLOPHX.COM](http://WILLOPHX.COM) for the latest details, Walton Park and a full list of vendors and food trucks

\*Walton Park is at Monte Vista & 3rd Avenue for more info: [streetfoodfinder.com/](http://streetfoodfinder.com/) WilloWednesdays ■

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# THE ART OF DON GRAY

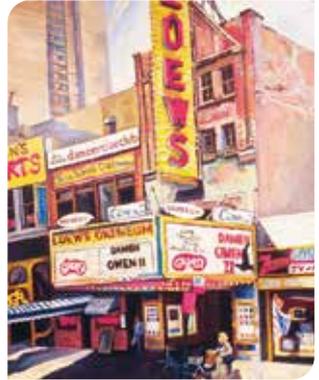
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order, the control needed to create a sense of reality, and the emotion of the artist responding to the world. This concern was reflected in Gray’s activities as an art critic, educator, and producer-moderator of Manhattan Cable Television’s “Artist and Critic.”

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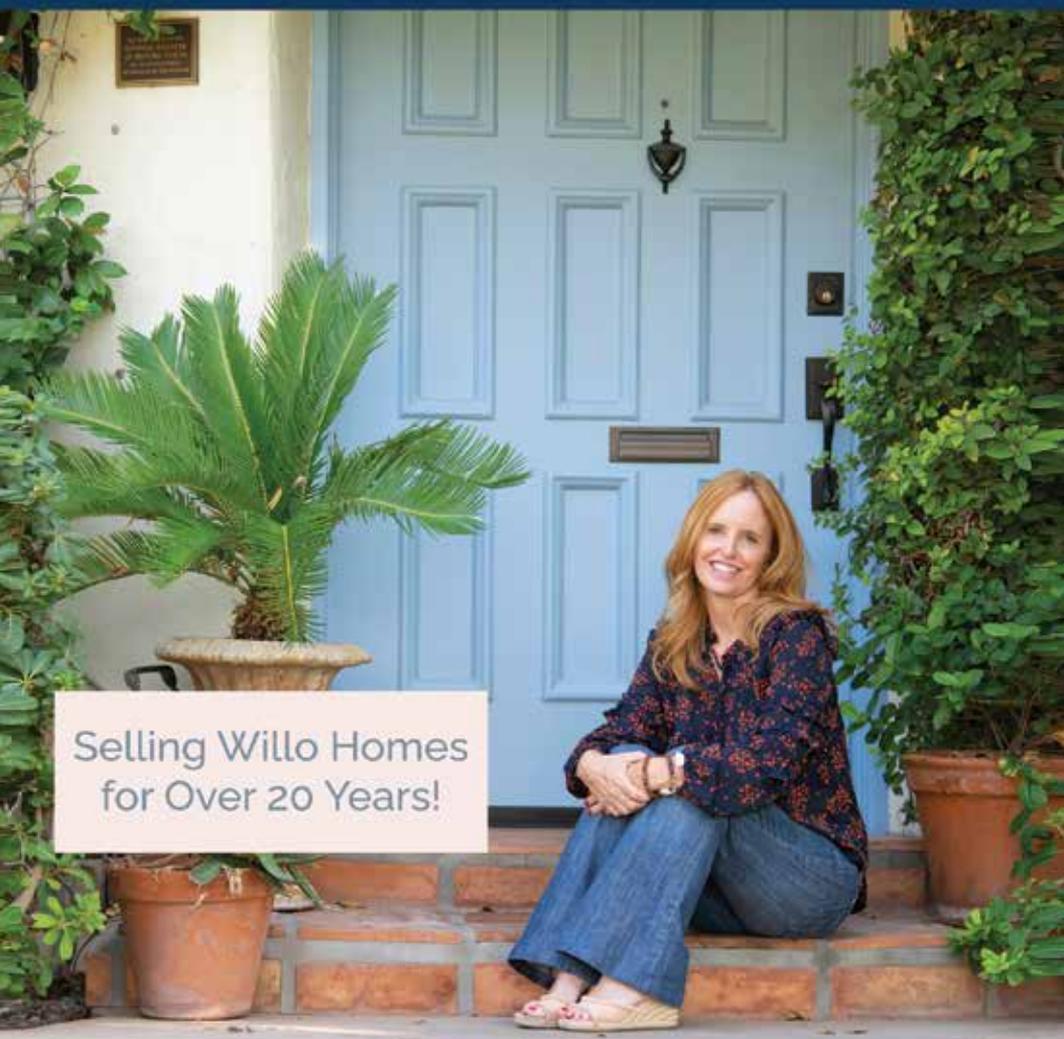
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