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Letter From The Publisher



With the change of the weather comes the sun's warmth, the blooming of the flowers and trees, and the opportunity to once again enjoy the beauty of our arts and shopping village under the light of the Sedona blue skies. With each new season also comes new artists, new artwork, new products to be discovered, and new happenings and events to be enjoyed.

As featured on the cover of this issue, join us on Saturday, May 4, for our vibrant Cinco de Mayo celebration. Experience Mexico's pulsating sounds, savory flavors, and colorful dances in a fun-filled daylong festival to honor Mexico's independence and share its artful culture with you. There will be mariachis playing, folkloric and Flamenco dancers performing, and opportunities for you to sing along or dance in our courtyards.

In this issue, we also turn to our curators and shop owners to highlight a selection of up-and-coming artists and share with you the work of some of their favorite artisans and brands in our feature articles and Shop Around on page 42. What is more delightful than a view into this season's bests from some of its most informed local tastemakers?

A visit to the area would also only be complete with the sighting of a cacti or two. You can't be anything but awed as you drive through the area's Sonora Desert or climb its

Red Rocks dotted with rows of candelabra-like Saguaro. Their bright flowers begin to bloom in late April, so keep your eyes open for these beautiful blossoms. Artists find inspiration in this too. See the works of art these desert-scapes and cacti inspire and bring one home for your year-round enjoyment.

Tlaquepaque's uniqueness and our history can be felt as you walk down our cobblestone streets and discover our shops, restaurants, and galleries filled with enticing art, unique items, delicious foods, and welcoming people. This was the experience that our founder Abe Miller, whom you can learn more about on page 7, wanted to create—a place where artists could thrive and visitors would get lost in discovery. My team and I work hard to keep the magic of Tlaquepaque alive.



We invite you to join us for an hour or an afternoon to experience it yourself. You won't regret having stopped by.

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Wendy Lippman

PUBLISHER, DISCOVER TLAQUEPAQUE
AND RESIDENT PARTNER & GENERAL MANAGER

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TLAQUEPAQUE
THIS SPRING AND SUMMER 2024.
ALL EVENTS ARE FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.



1ST FRIDAY IN THE GALLERIES

WHEN FRIDAY FEB 2, MAR 1, APR 5, MAY 3, JUN 7, JUL 5, AUG 2, 4:00-7:00 P.M.

WHERE PARTICIPATING GALLERIES THROUGHOUT TLAQUEPAQUE

For a great night on the town visit our galleries the first Friday of every month. Enjoy artist receptions, music, wine tastings and treats as you immerse yourself in the work of renowned artists from Sedona, Arizona and around the world.



FLAMENCO IN THE COURTYARD WITH GAETANO & FRIENDS

WHEN SUNDAYS THROUGH TUESDAY EVERY WEEK FROM MARCH 31 UNTIL NOVEMBER 6, 5:30-7:30 P.M.

WHERE PATIO DE LAS CAMPAÑAS

Join master guitarist, Gaetano, and his fellow artists for spirited musical performances. Presented by Tlaquepaque's El Rincon Restaurante Mexicano, enjoy your favorite beverage from the restaurant's outside bar.

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WHEN TUESDAY, MARCH 5, APRIL 2, MAY 7, JUNE 4, JULY 2, AUGUST 6, SEPTEMBER 3, OCTOBER 1 11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

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In collaboration with Sonoran Reptiles, Tlaquepaque is offering free, hands-on educational presentations open to the public. A variety of native and non-native lizards, snakes, and tortoises will be on display. Visitors will have opportunities to ask questions, learn about these animals, and take great photographs with the unique art and architecture in the background.

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WHEN SATURDAY, MAY 4, 11:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

WHERE THROUGHOUT TLAQUEPAQUE

Celebrate spring at Tlaquepaque as the festival season is kicked off with Cinco de Mayo. Enjoy the pulsating sounds, savory flavors, and colorful dances of Mexico in a fun-filled South of the Border bash. Family fun doesn't get any better with traditional high-energy Spanish flamenco dances to roaring applause and a get-up-and-dance Latin music. For the kids, there will be an arts and crafts table and imaginative face painting. Admission is free and everyone is invited.



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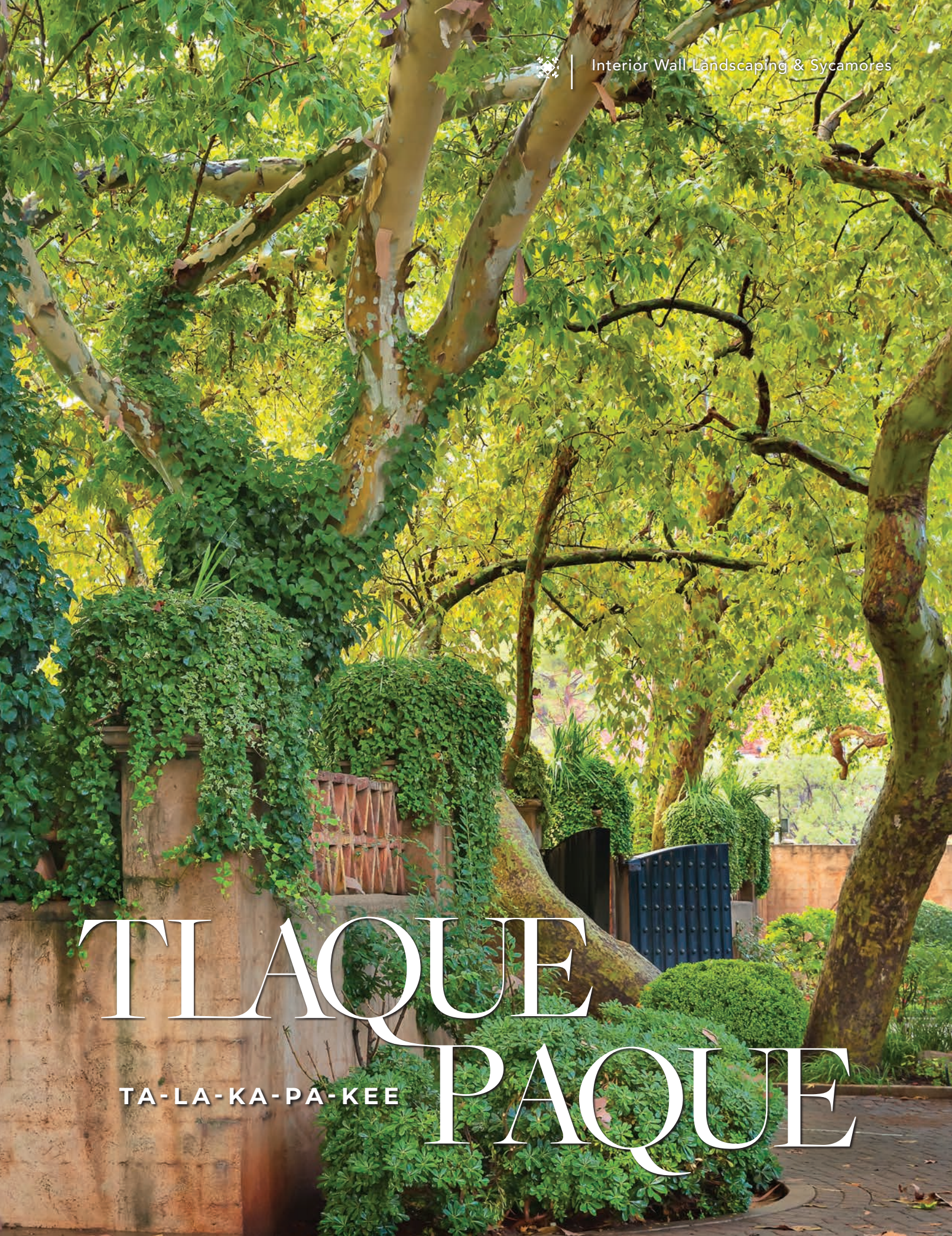
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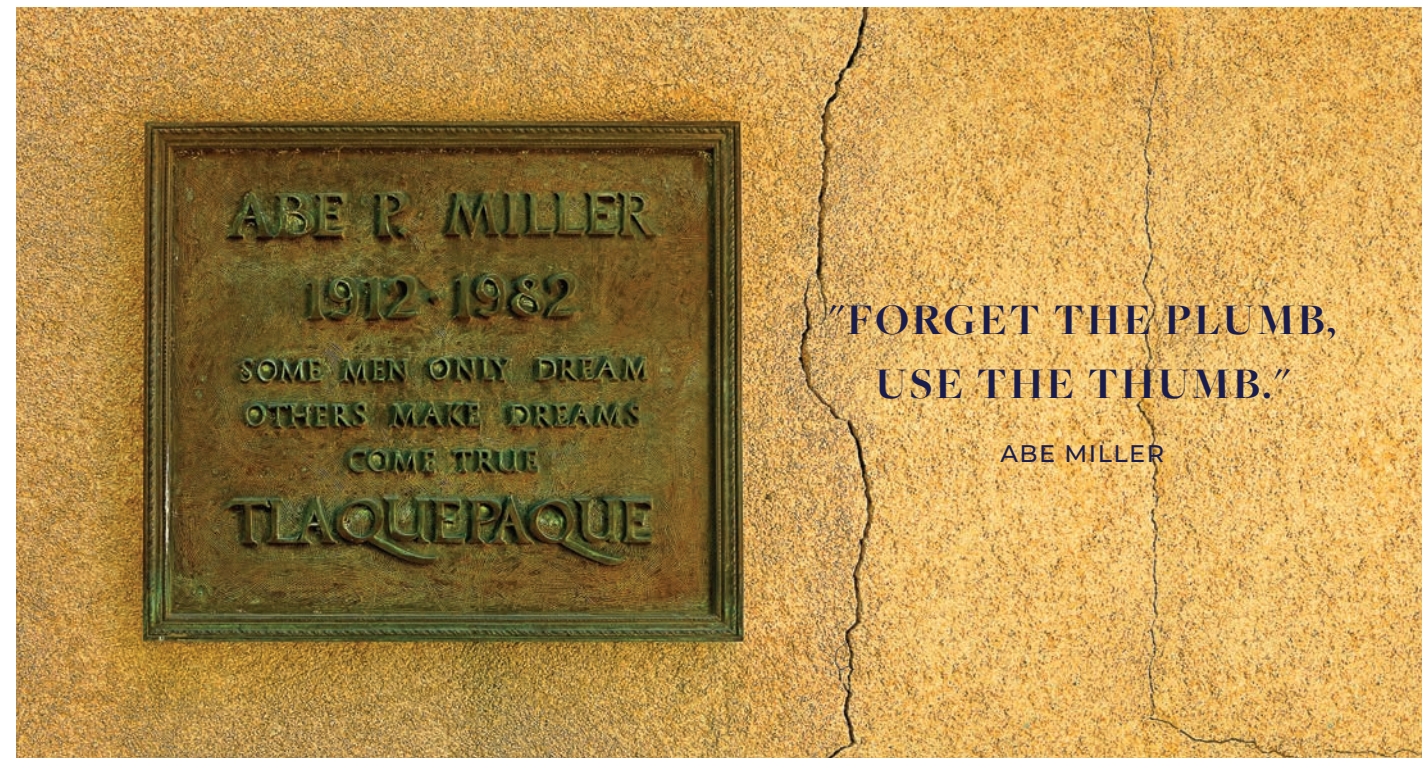
Interior Wall Landscaping & Sycamores

TLAQUEPAQUE

TA-LA-KA-PA-KEE

The Abe Miller Story

VISIONARY, DEVELOPER, LOVER OF THE ARTS



In the 1970s Sedona had only one stoplight and the area was mostly an open range, but visionary businessman Abe Miller saw the potential for more. A traveler, Abe had spent time in Mexico where he became enthralled with its vibrant arts scene—in particular, that of a small arts and crafts village outside of Guadalajara that would become our village’s namesake, Tlaquepaque (Ta-la-ka-pa-kee). It was Abe’s dream to establish a place for artists where they could collectively create and sell their work.

At that time, Abe also fell in love with Sedona. In particular a unique piece of property on Oak Creek with a distinctive 100-year-old sycamore grove. He knew he had found the place to bring his arts and crafts village to life. It took two years of being persistent, but Abe finally acquired this piece of land from its owners Harry and Ruby Girard, assuring them that their

beloved sycamores would remain untouched (a promise he kept and that we continue to honor today).

To express his vision, Abe collaborated with a gifted and unconventional local architect, Bob McIntyre. As the story goes, Bob, Abe, and Bill Herrick, the contractor, flew Abe’s plane all over Mexico and ventured into small villages to photograph, sketch, and document their look and feel. They studied how they were constructed—the materials, their structural components, detailing and flow—with a goal to build Tlaquepaque as authentically as possible. They photographed thousands of scenes from rural villages and sketched dozens of vignettes of Spanish Colonial architecture.

When Bob and Abe came upon a small village, they would sit and watch for hours, coming to know the importance of how people, gardens, fountains, and trees shaped social interaction in a public space. They carefully studied the architecture. They were soul searching, discovering what life really looked like in rural Mexico and what architectural elements they should embrace, taking particular note of how the patios,

courtyards, tiled walls, and plazas created natural gathering places for the villagers to sell their crafts and mingle together. They began to bring artifacts reflecting Mexican culture back to Sedona—iron grillwork, huge carved doors, handmade lanterns, clay pots, and benches were incorporated into the architecture to create the genuine feel and spirit of Tlaquepaque.

In keeping with his unconventional ways, Bob McIntyre purposely hired only amateur artisans and self-trained plasterers, chosen for their heart and enthusiasm for the project. No professional stonemasons were on the crew. He gave tremendous artistic freedom to the workers who “loved to be turned loose on a wall and watch it grow under their hands.” If they weren’t happy with their day’s work, Abe allowed them to tear it down and start over. “Forget the plumb, use the thumb,” was a favorite saying on the construction site. Very little of Tlaquepaque was sketched out on paper. Everything was eyeballed, keeping the basic orders of columns and capitals, but allowing for variables. It was all part of what gave Tlaquepaque its authenticity and unique charm.

"BUILDINGS MUST BE BUILT TO
ECHO LAUGHTER, DANCING,
AND SINGING. CANDLES,
BARRELS, FLICKERING FIRES,
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Patio de Las Campanas



THE LEGACY CONTINUES

In 2017 Tlaquepaque North opened its doors. The addition, located on the north side of Sedona's highway 179, was artfully developed to maintain Abe and Bob's original spirit and authentic design.

Here too, no detail was overlooked. Visitors enter the space through large elegant archways where niches are filled with Tlaquepaque's signature blue ceramic tile work and hand-painted murals. The roofs are covered with terracotta tiles. Walkways are created with stone pavers that lead you from shop to shop and meet at the center, where you find a graceful stone fountain with its cooling waters and bubbling sounds. Tlaquepaque's giant Sycamore trees and colorful flower beds are

interwoven into the space, adding to its inimitable style.

The architect and builders took pains to ensure that Tlaquepaque North gives the impression that it too has elegantly stood here for decades. The result is that visiting is a complete sensory experience while also offering a chance to explore and discover unique artwork, handcrafted and well-curated products, jewelry, and tasty foods and treats. A beautifully renovated former cobblestone home is now the Pump House Station Urban Eatery, one of Sedona's most beloved restaurants. Around the plaza, you will also find the Artists Kitchen, filled with treasures for the kitchen and home, Renee Taylor Jewelry, with more of its exquisite jewelry and art, and Bow Wow Sedona, the finest in fashion, accessories, health,

and nutrition for the quad pet set. Look for Cream & Cake Couture too. Located down the steps by the parking area, here you can enjoy homemade ice cream, shakes, sweets, and cake by the slice.

These carefully curated shops and galleries are not to be missed. So head north from our other location, visit us and see for yourself.

LOCATED AT THE HEART OF SEDONA, TLAQUEPAQUE OFFERS A PLACE FOR ART COLLECTORS, DISCERNING SHOPPERS, AND GUESTS TO EXPERIENCE A RARE TREASURE AS THEY CELEBRATE ART, ENTERTAINMENT, BEAUTY, AND COMMUNITY.

A DIRECTORY IS AVAILABLE ON PAGE 76, OR YOU CAN VISIT TLAQ.COM.



WEAVING DREAMS: FROM WOOL TRADING TO PREMIER RUG IMPORTING

THE LEGACY OF DAVID NEISHABORI AND AZADI FINE RUGS



In the heart of Sedona, Arizona, surrounded by the red rocks, David Neishabori has woven his family's rich heritage in wool trading into a legacy of luxury rugs and fine goods.

More than 200 years after his great-great-great-grandfather traded wool in what is now Azerbaijan, Neishabori's passion for rugs has blossomed into AZADI Fine Rugs, one of the nation's premier importers of fine contemporary and antique rugs and, more recently, Bella Fine Goods (an upscale gallery featuring fine jewelry, home furnishings, and fine art). Let's explore how this family legacy has translated into David's vision for celebrating art, beauty, and community.

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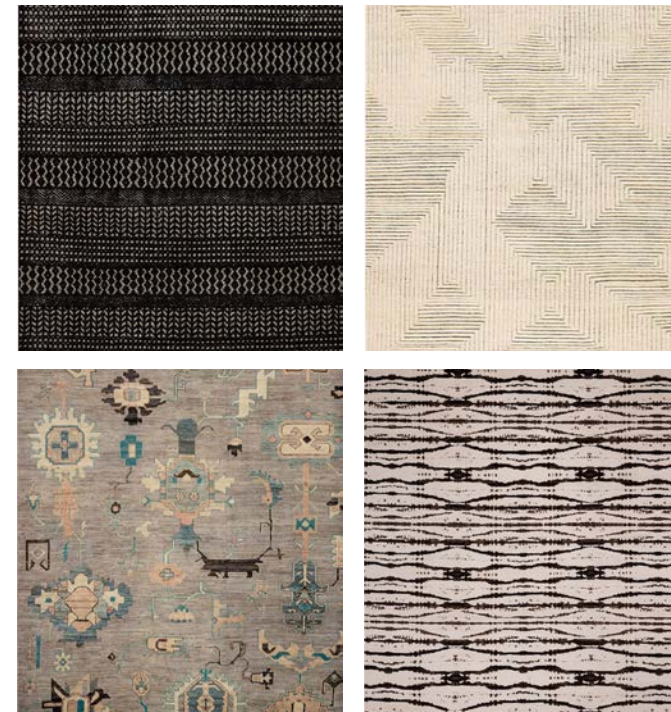
The roots of AZADI Fine Rugs trace back to 1790 when Neishabori's ancestors, farmers in what was then part of Russia, engaged in wool trading. Over six generations, the family transitioned from trading to weaving and, ultimately, to the importing business. Growing up in Iran, Neishabori moved with his family and the burgeoning company to California as a teenager. His fascination with collectible floor coverings sparked in his youth and set the stage for the evolution of the family business into AZADI Fine Rugs.

Neishabori's fascination with rugs as more than just utilitarian items became the driving force behind the company. He understood that as rugs age, they become better, and their artistic value intensifies. This led to a profound passion for antique rugs, which he considers not just functional items but works of art. The Persian word "AZADI," meaning "freedom," was chosen as the company name, reflecting the artistic liberation and aesthetic freedom that the rugs represent.

Since the establishment of AZADI Fine Rugs in 1995, the company has expanded its presence to five locations in four states, serving clients globally. Neishabori's vision for showcasing handcrafted fine rugs led him to initially consider Jackson Hole as the prime location. However, a detour to Scottsdale became the

place where the first showroom was opened, with the location in Tlaquepaque Arts & Shopping Village following soon after. Each retail space caters to clients seeking to add beauty to their homes beyond traditional works of art.

Azadi rugs are more than decorative pieces; they are tangible assets that hold and increase in value over time. The quality of wool, dye, and workmanship adds to their rarity and appeal. Aggressive collectors, viewing these rugs as an alternative to traditional investments, find solace in the fact that these pieces are not subject to market fluctuations. Neishabori emphasizes that these rugs are "art that keeps giving," providing daily enjoyment and financial returns. But his and his team's commitment to clients extends beyond mere transactions; it's about building relationships and making a lasting impact on their homes and lives.



Neishabori also values establishing a deep connection to the community. This is evident in his philanthropic efforts, supporting local charities and initiatives. AZADI Fine Rugs actively engages in charitable endeavors, from sponsoring events at the National Museum of Wildlife Art to supporting schools with the AZADI American Dream program. The belief that "Living is about Giving" is embedded in the company's ethos.

David Neishabori's journey from the family's wool trading roots to the pinnacle of luxury rug importing is a testament to the enduring power of passion, artistry, and commitment. His establishments are a celebration of beauty, relationships, and the profound impact that art can have on our lives and legacy.

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All are welcome at our annual festival celebrating Mexico's rich culture and heritage. Enjoy the rhythm of Flamenco and Latin beats, the sounds of the mariachi, and the swirls of dancers performing throughout our village.

Cinco de Mayo—which translates to the Fifth of May—marks Mexico's surprise 1862 victory over the French at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican war and its eventual independence.

Come celebrate with us! A free event for the whole family. Get ready for enthralling Flamenco music and dancing performed by Gaetano Mosaico Flamenco. Be wowed by the talented dancers of Ballet Folklórico de Colores, a dance troupe of all ages, twirling and swirling in vibrantly colorful, time honored costumes. When they dance they tell stories of the rituals and dramatic events from Mexico's past. Enjoy the voices of traditional vocalists ringing out throughout the village, and stroll alongside the roaming Mariachi. Activities for children include face painting and the highly anticipated breaking of the piñata. Traditional Mexican dishes and treats will also be available for purchase from local vendors.

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Cinco De Mayo

TRADITIONAL DANCES

The eye-catching beauty of Mexican folk dancing is enmeshed with Mexican history and culture. And there is no holiday where this is more apparent than Cinco de Mayo. Celebrations and parades across Mexico and the United States are filled with the uplifting spirit, colorful costumes, and intoxicating movements of traditional Mexican dances.



The roots of traditional Mexican dance come from a mix of important influences, including Aztec rituals and European culture from the Spanish Conquistadors and colonial times. This has evolved into three distinct, yet equally mesmerizing genres of Mexican Folk dance:

BALLET REGIONALES regional dances performed by the various Mexican communities and areas.

DANZA native ritual religious dances.

MESTIZO that is a mix of indigenous and Western dance forms.



These folkloric dances, beautiful on their own, also highlight Mexico's rich culture of music, decoration, handcrafts, and apparel design displaying the colorful themes central to the area, its culture, religion — past and present — ties to nature and the beauty that is all around us, and politics.

Although traditional Mexican dances date back in time, they only entered the national stage during the early 1800s during the Mexican War of Independence. At that time, Spain saw them as a means for inspiring Mexican nationalism and banished them on the grounds of “moral inappropriateness.” In particular, Spanish Rulers outlawed the dancing of El Jarabe Tapatio, the Mexican Hat Dance. However, Instead of abiding, this expressive dance and others became symbols of freedom and revolution. They are now symbols of celebration, commemorating the enlivened spirit of past and present-day Mexico.

During Tlaquepaque's Cinco de Mayo festivities, these traditional dances are masterfully shared with you by Ballet Folklórico de Colores, a local dance troupe from Flagstaff, Arizona, started by Sergio Padilla in 2005.



Ballet Folklórico de Colores is a community, non-profit organization dedicated to preserving, teaching, and performing traditional Mexican folk dances, focusing on providing quality dance experiences to children in the Flagstaff community at an affordable rate. In addition, they travel across the region and country, sharing this vital art form with others. Donations can be made at their website balletfolkloricoflagstaff.org.

Come experience them from a safe distance at this year's Tlaquepaque Cinco de Mayo celebration and watch as they twirl and flow by you in colorful costumes that you won't soon forget.



PROMISES MADE & KEPT

BY KATHY LOUDERBACK OWNER OF ARTIST KITCHEN AND BOW WOW



Kathy Louderback and her husband made a promise to each other that when their youngest daughter graduated college, they would move to the town that had captured their hearts, Sedona.

In October of 2018, their promise was kept. Kathy, who loved cooking and entertaining, saw that The Artist Kitchen was for sale and knew, with its well-curated and quality collection, that it was the shop for her. She has never regretted it and, in fact, opened BowWow a few years later to serve the underserved four-legged local demographic. “My goal is to bring smiles to the faces of those who enter my shops. That’s important to me.” And she succeeds in doing that and more.

Kathy’s customers are looking for products that are unique and high quality. She brings in items that can’t be easily found in other shops in the area. Her favorite products are those she calls “quintessential,” like the terra cotta bakeware she carries in The Artist’s Kitchen from the Italian Company La Gabbianella. “Wonderful products,” she notes, “so Italian.”

Her staff is well-educated on each of the items they sell. “We are

matchmakers,” Kathy says, and they take this job very seriously, working hard to find the items that are best suited for their customers (and, in many cases, their pets, too!)

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Beyond selling, Kathy is dedicated to giving back to the local community. With BowWow, she partners with The Humane Society of Sedona to host annual fundraising events and to raise awareness for pets in need of adoption. With The Artist’s Kitchen, Kathy partners with local organizations, including The Community Food Bank, which is dedicated to providing food and adequate nutrition to those in need. “I believe it is incumbent upon us all to do our best toward the betterment of our community,” Kathy notes, “so I just try to do what I can.”

Two of her favorite events are BowWow’s Paws Rockin’ the Runway and Howl-O-Ween Costume Parade, where the dogs and their owners have a blast, including an unscripted dip in the pool and a shy Saint Bernard needing to be carried down the runway.

These events do good while having fun with lots of pets adopted and the proceeds raised helping each organization work towards its individual mission.

Her advice to those interested in getting involved in philanthropy or hosting an event is to help with missions that are close to your heart. “Make it fun and purposeful,” she says. “There is so much negativity out there today. I want to be a positive force and hopefully know that I helped to some degree.”



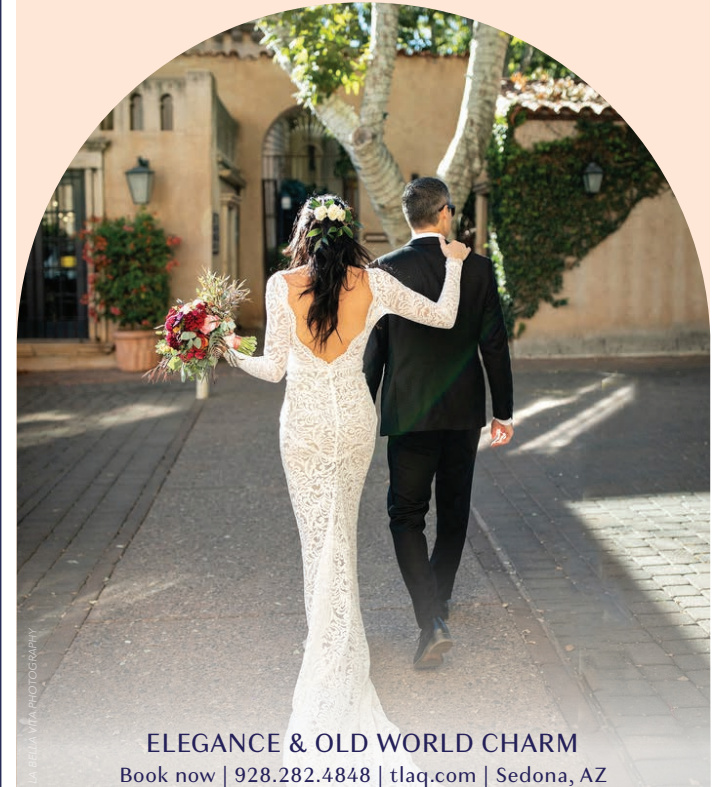
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The first Friday of every month welcomes visitors into Tlaquepaque's galleries from 4:00-7:00 P.M. to enjoy receptions, presentations, music, wine tastings, and treats, as visitors are immersed in the work of renowned artists from Sedona and around the world.

These free monthly events offer visitors and locals a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the local art scene. Come to Tlaquepaque to socialize with local artists, gallery owners, art lovers, and collectors at these inspirational events.



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MUSIC

PATIO DEL NORTE

MARCH - JONATHAN LEVINGSTON, VIOLINIST
APRIL - PALOMA, BOB AND TERI BACKES, FLAMENCO GUITARISTS
MAY - DAVID MILLS, KEYBOARDIST
JUNE - PALOMA, BOB AND TERI BACKES, FLAMENCO GUITARISTS
JULY - MICHAEL KOLLWITZ, SOLO CHAPMAN STICK ARTIST
AUGUST - JOSH MOORE, GUITARIST

PATIO DEL LAS CAMPAÑAS

MARCH - MICHAEL KOLLWITZ, SOLO CHAPMAN STICK
APRIL - ROSEMARY CHAVEZ JAZZ DUO
MAY - PATRICK KI, GUITARIST
JUNE - JOSH MOORE, GUITARIST
JULY - DREW RICCARDI, VIOLINIST
AUGUST - DAVID MILLS, KEYBOARDIST

MARCH



TOP, SIMPLY ELEMENTAL, 22" X 24"
BOTTOM, WHIMSICAL POSIES, 24"X24"

QUILTS LTD GALLERY, SUITE B105, presents the Work of Lori Feine. Lori Feine is a local Sedona resident and quilter. She is a member of the Red Rock Quilters Guild and the Manager of the Annual Quilt Show at the Sedona Library, which is held from January to March 2024. She began her Quilting Journey at the age of 16. She does traditional piecing and art quilts. Lori’s sense of Color and Design is unmatched. The Sedona landscape is the inspiration for her work. Join us and meet Lori from 4-6 pm.

JUNE

HONSHIN FINE ART GALLERY, SUITE A117, presents Embracing the Path of Peace. A gallery of Peace in a city of Peace featuring art that brings Peace into your sacred space, featuring paintings, jewelry, ceramics, and origami art that emanate the energy of peace. Join us for poetry and music in the gallery starting at 6:30 pm, “Words Falling from The Sky in The Present Moment the Good News from Sedona.”



ASCENDING JOURNEY OF THE COMPASSIONATE HEARTS, ACRYLIC, 24" X 19"

APRIL



ETHOS (BEAR), LIMITED EDITION BRONZE, 11.5"X 4.5"X 6"

Joshua Tobey Returns to ROWE GALLERY, SUITES A102-103. Impressionistic wildlife sculptor Joshua Tobey comes back to town for his highly anticipated annual one-man show. Join as the artist reveals his newest work and takes the time to meet with local art lovers to talk shop. “Sedona is such a special place with a wonderful group of people and collectors. I can’t wait to get out of the studio and see everyone again,” says Joshua. His new pieces will join those already in the gallery, such as his wonderfully expressive *Bottom Heavy* and *Ethos* bears.

JULY

MOUNTAIN TRAILS GALLERY, SUITE A201, is proud to celebrate its 40+ years as a destination fine art gallery with its Summer Group Show, which includes more than 40 award-winning artists who present compelling pieces that shine a light on the variety of work that is available during this festive month of July. With an emphasis on traditional as well as contemporary painting, sculpture, and mixed media work, the gallery’s offerings continue to draw visitors from the region and from all over the globe. The exhibition will include a variety of subjects and mediums as each artist offers their talents and unique ways of expressing themselves in this sparkling and compelling lineup of work.



A RICH ARTISTRY BY SUE KRZYSTON, 9"X12"

MAY



ELLA, AVAILABLE IN VARIOUS COLORS, GLASS TYPES, AND SIZES

Featuring one of the world’s most renowned artists, Tom Marosz will be in the **KUIVATO ART GALLERY, SUITE B125**, for everyone to meet and speak to. Learn about his intricate process of creating spectacular glass artwork and why he is passionate about his field. Complementary champagne and wine will be served. Take this chance to enjoy a lovely evening in Sedona in and around the gallery with music and fellow art enthusiasts. This party is crafted to be an event to socialize as well as learn while enjoying stunning masterworks.

AUGUST



MELANIE LEPPLA, CAIRN

Join **KUIVATO ART GALLERY, SUITE B125**, in celebrating over 50 years of inspiring art at our Kuivato art gallery. Throughout the years, our gallery has seen many world changes, but our love and passion for enlightening art have remained consistent. Celebrate with us while sipping bubbly champagne or delicious wines as we spend the night socializing and enjoying art. Meet one of our special artists, Pilisa Rainbow Lady, discover her passion for art, and observe some of her newest art pieces.

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In 2021, Quilts LTD Gallery made the move from Tlaquepaque North to its new location on the first floor of Patio Azul near the Tlaquepaque Chapel.

This two-story space offers owner Trisha Ambrose and her team the chance to utilize one floor exclusively as a gallery. Here, visitors can find clothing, baby quilts, wall hangings, and a large selection of full-size quilts made mostly by local Arizona and Sedona quilters whose work is available only at this unique shop.

Trisha began her career as a fashion designer and an avid quilt collector. The idea for Quilts LTD Gallery came to her from a project she worked on repurposing vintage quilts into elegant

garments, “I wanted to create a quilts gallery that featured everything from blankets to apparel as approachable works of art.”

At that time and now, Trisha deeply understands the care, craftsmanship, and artistry that is put into each item in her shop. As she notes, “Quilts often carry symbolic meaning and serve as tangible reminders of family history. Each one tells a story through its design, construction, and materials. Continuing the quilting tradition ensures family and cultural heritage live on.”

One of the most recent additions to the quilt collection is the work of local Sedona resident and quilter Lori Feine. A member of the Red Rock Quilter Guild and manager of the annual quilt show at the Sedona Library on display from January through March 2024, her work includes traditional piecing and art quilts.

Trisha and her staff invite you to meet Lori on Friday, March 1, at their First Friday Gallery Opening.

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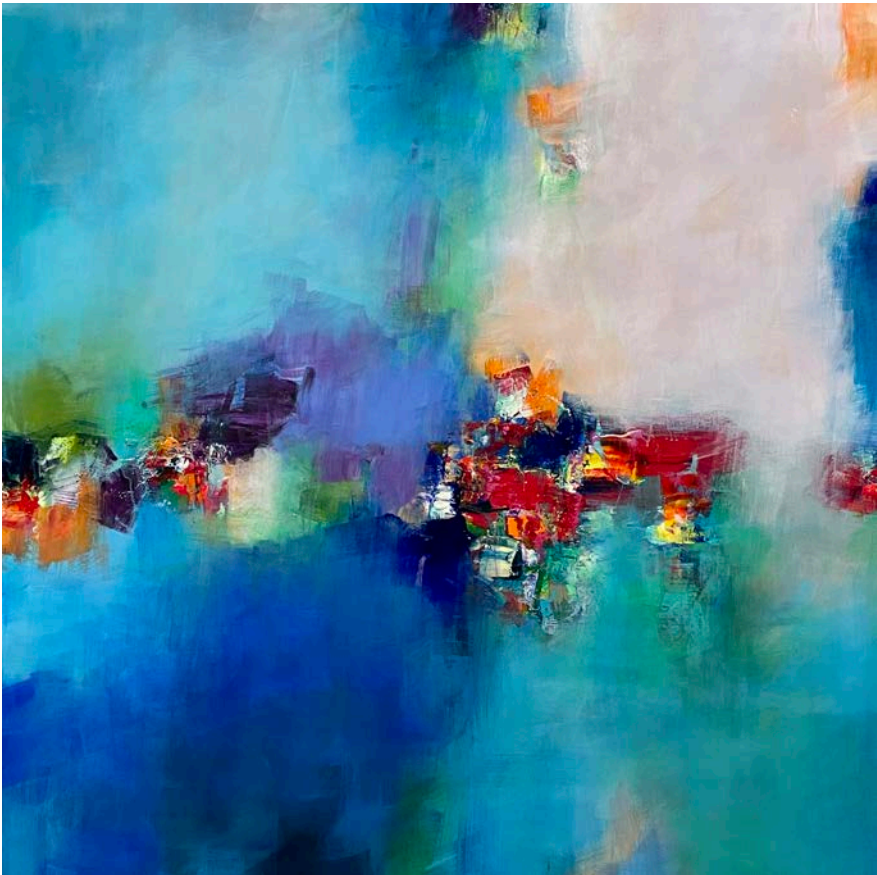
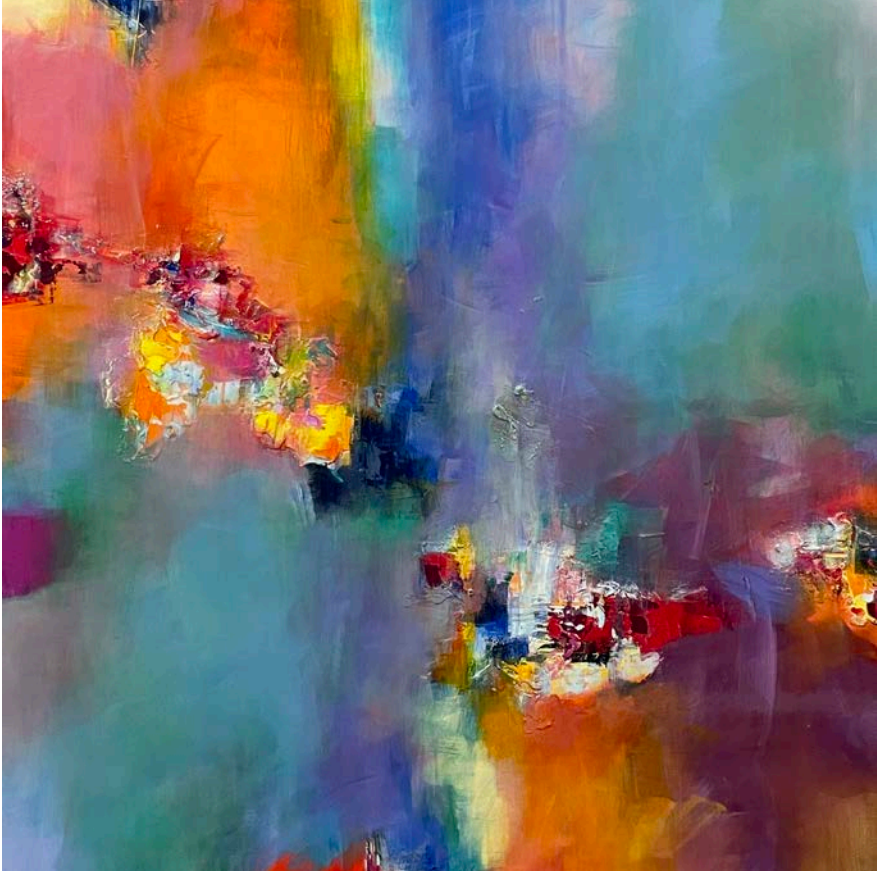
This eye-catching artisanal seating is from **The Modern Furniture Collection from Bella Fine Goods**. It uses sustainably sourced and processed Palmwood and other natural materials. Inspired by the world’s indigenous people, each piece carries traces of their culture, traditional techniques, and motifs and shares them with you.



Javier Lopez Barbosa's paintings feature singularly glossy surfaces that draw the viewer in and urge them to focus on the dynamic compositions, which seem to spread out beyond the edges of the canvas. His unique mixed media technique enables him to project a lucidity that will brighten and energize any room.

TOP
CREATING HARMONY
60”H X 58”W

BOTTOM
GENEROUS DREAMS
60”H X 58”W





Growing up in Northern Maine, local painter **Jen Farnsworth** was inspired by the nature and wildlife around her. Now an internationally collected artist, her striking canvases showcase the extraordinary wildlife of the Southwest in arresting hues that captivate and delight.

TOP
FOXY LADY
11.5"H X 8.5"W, MIXED MEDIA - GRAPHITE, INK, ALCOHOL, WATERCOLOR, AND GOUACHE ON ARCHIVAL PAPER

BOTTOM
I WILL WAIT FOR YOU (BOBCAT)
18"H X 24"W, OIL PAINTING

RIGHT
DIANA THE DESERT COYOTE
22"H X 28" W, OIL PAINTING





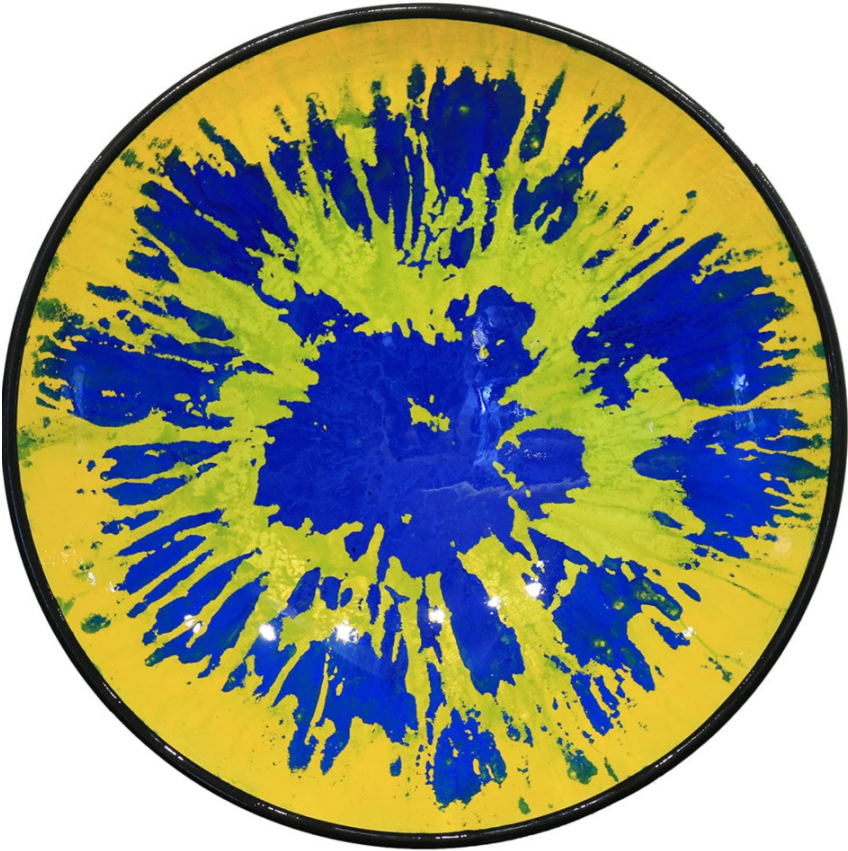
John Benedict uses reclaimed materials to create his signature steampunk paintings, murals, furniture, and metal sculptures, such as this awe-inspiring bust of a horse made from steel, pipes, gears, chains, and other found engine parts. The result is a formidable work of art whose regal presence can work indoors and out.

HORSEPOWER
61.5" X 18" X 12", RECLAIMED STEEL & AUTO PARTS

As the artist **Peter Skidd** notes, his work is half painting and half sculpture, and we can't take our eyes off of it. Specializing in original paintings on steel and aluminum, he transforms raw sheets of metal into what he calls "Contemporary Dimensional Metal Wall Art." These seemingly simple pieces pull the viewer in and mesmerize them.

TOP
BLOOM
21" DIAMETER, PAINTED ALUMINUM

BOTTOM
EMBLAZONED
21" DIAMETER, PAINTED ALUMINUM





The love that **Jim Hagstrom** has for his hometown of Cody, Wyoming, is evident in his work. His depiction of desert scenes, wildlife, Indian ruins, and other locally-inspired subjects has a narrative quality that tells the story of their interplay with the local landscape and external conditions. As he notes, the changing light, cold and heat, blowing dirt, leaves, and flying bugs all add to the emotion, energy, and texture of his paintings and his ability to command our attention fully.

LEFT
TURQUOISE GLOW
18"H X 18"W, OIL

Phoenix-based painter **Jerry Salinas** captivates us with his contemporary take on classic Western subjects. The artist's abstract realism uses bold colored backgrounds to offset and illuminate his subjects, whom he depicts with deep empathy and emotion while almost popping them off the canvas. The beautiful contrast can stop you in your tracks.

RIGHT
RED CLOUD
30"H X 20"W, OIL



CARRE D'ARTISTES



Anne Di Crescenzo, known as **Cressanne**, is a multidisciplinary artist fascinated by expressing dynamic movement and color in her work. Drawing upon her many years of dance training, she looks to express pure joy in her paintings, often through exploration of the body's wondrous curves and gestures.

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31.5" X 31.5", ACRYLIC



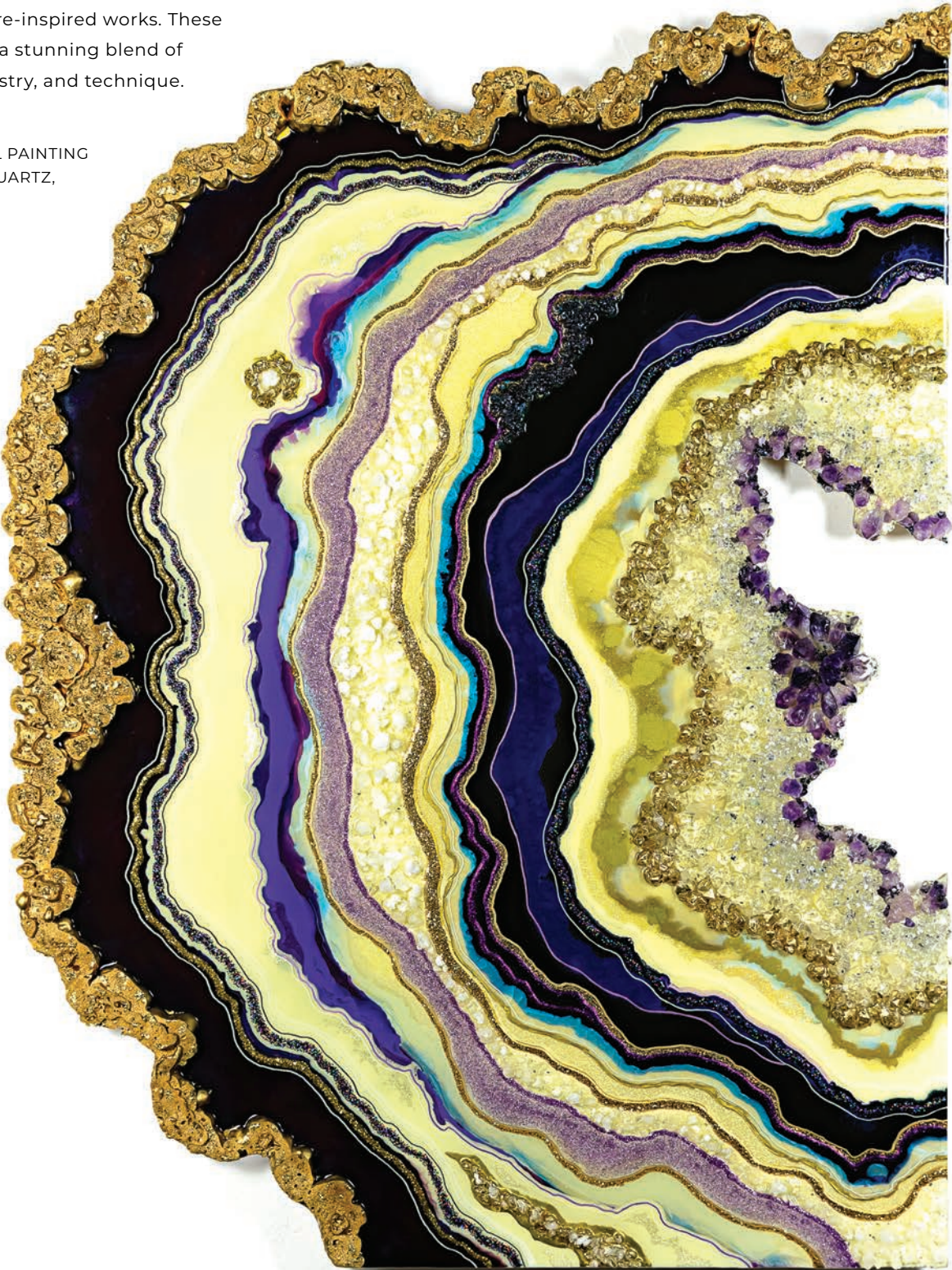
One of Carre d'Artistes' best-selling artists, **Naen** continually seeks perfection in the harmony of her colors and composition with her powerfully juxtaposed colored pictorial layers. Her abstract works of art offer the viewer the opportunity to claim and project themselves into each canvas through their imagination.

C2040
14.18" X 14.18", ACRYLIC

KUIVATO ART GALLERY

Varsha Bhujang's wondrous abstract geode wall art appears ancient and futuristic at the same time. This Arizona-based artist uses resin, paints, and stones to create texture and movement in her nature-inspired works. These spectacular pieces are a stunning blend of color, composition, artistry, and technique.

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NATURE'S RESILIENT SCULPTURES

ARIZONA'S CACTI AND THEIR REPRESENTATION IN ART & OTHER OBJECTS

Arizona's vast and arid landscapes are adorned with an array of unique plant life, with one particular group standing out as its iconic symbol of the desert and the state—the cacti. These resilient and distinctive succulents have adapted to the harsh conditions of the Arizona desert, turning it into a canvas for these most intriguing sculptures.

From the towering Saguaro cactus, with its heights of up to 60 feet and its majestic arms reaching towards the sky, to the petite Hedgehog cactus, which forms compact, spiny clusters close to the ground—the diverse species and shapes of these plants contribute to the visual allure of Arizona's desert landscapes. From the barrel cactus with its stout and ribbed form to the prickly pear, cholla, and organ pipe cacti, the variety of cacti in Arizona adds significantly to the state's visual allure and natural beauty. Not merely plants but living sculptures that can thrive in some of the world's harshest conditions, cacti have long served as a muse for artists.

From paintings and sculptures to photography, mixed media artwork, and unique products, these resilient desert plants have inspired a rich tapestry of creative expression. In this article, we explore how, in the hands of creatives, cacti have transcended their prickly exteriors and become admired symbols of the beauty and spirit of Arizona and its arid but fruitful landscapes.



ON OPPOSITE PAGE
FINE ART PHOTOGRAPH
BY DUANE MORGAN
ECLECTIC IMAGE GALLERY

SEGUAROS
PRICKLY PEARS



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Artist **CAROLINE KWAN** has always loved bold splashes of color and strong lines reflecting the mathematical patterns found throughout nature. She richly layers oil on her canvas, reflecting her emotional response to nature with a style that is geometric contemporary realism.

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- 1 **THREE'S COMPANY**, 24 X 24 HAND EMBELLISHED GICLEE
- 2 **WALKING ON SUNSHINE**, 24 X 24 HAND EMBELLISHED GICLEE
- 3 **INNER GLOW**, 24 X 24 HAND EMBELLISHED GICLEE
- 4 **BREATHLESS**, 24 X 16 HAND EMBELLISHED GICLEE
- 5 **FIESTA**, 40 X 20 HAND EMBELLISHED GICLEE



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LAILA VÁZQUEZ KURI'S cacti combine techniques and mediums to give her work depth and texture. Her integration of watercolors with embroidery on cotton paper creates a unique dialogue between contemporary and classical aesthetics.

1 **BLOOMING CHOLLA**, 9.8"H X 9.8"W, OIL

2 **ECHINOCEREUS FENDLERI**, 9.8"H X 9.8"W, OIL

Carre d'Artistes artist **ELENA LUNETSKAYA'S** Neo-impressionistic cacti are painted to create a sense of drama as if seen under the bright desert light. Their abstract geometry and bright color palette create a dream-like sense of reality.

3 **SOLITARY ELEGANCE**, 9.8"H X 9.8"W, WATERCOLOR, TEXTILE, PAPER

4 **DESERT RED FRUITS**, 9.8"H X 9.8"W, WATERCOLOR, TEXTILE, PAPER

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ELAINE and **DUANE MORGAN** of Eclectic Image Gallery are the photographers of these fine-art desert and cacti images. Taken in Tucson's Saguaro National Park, they capture the awe-inspiring beauty of the cacti in situ. Standing tall or as a proud collective against the cloud-swept skies, these majestic cacti command the land.

1 **THE SUNSET AT DESERT STAR**, VARIOUS SIZES AVAILABLE

2 **THE THREE AMIGOS**, VARIOUS SIZES AVAILABLE

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SUSANNE NYBERG, a resident of the aptly named Carefree, Arizona, loves to paint the dramatic desert light on the mountains at sunrise and sunset—the moment when the sun can just barely be seen as it brings a glow to the sky as the saguaros stand like observers as this magic happens.

1 **MAGIC MOMENT**, 20”H X 26”W, OIL

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JENNIFER O’CUALAIN is a prolific painter of all things natural. A wildlife artist, in these paintings, she conveys, with humor, the unique beauty and symbiotic relationship that exists between hummingbirds and cacti flowers.

1 **THE BIRDS AND THE BEES**, 11”H X 14”W, OIL

2 **LET’S DO LUNCH**, 14”H X 11”W, OIL

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1 **TEQUILA SUNRISE**, 24" X 40", GRIND ALUMINUM C/W ACRYLIC FOREGROUND

2 **AGAVE SOFT SCAPE**, TRIPTYCH 79"W X 30"H, METAL PIECE

CURTIS PATCHIN creates one-of-a-kind original grind metal pieces that combine airbrushed vivid hues with captivating metal textures. Using contrast, depth, and movement, the artist brilliantly brings these Arizona landscapes and their cacti to life.



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The Guardian II

By Matthew Smith, limited edition of 100, signed, numbered, and enhanced 22x30"



These charming cacti shot glasses are created by glass artist Eli Mazet, owner of Mazet Studios. Using a multi-step process, Mazet has a unique, multi-dimensional aesthetic that is the perfect addition to any barware collection.

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Up & Coming Artists

FROM TLAQUEPAQUE'S GALLERIES

The spring and summer bring sunny, clear skies and warm days to Sedona and the Verde Valley. It also brings new works of art to our galleries, breathing a renewed energy and excitement into these spaces. Collectors and visitors always want to discover something new, so we asked our gallery owners to highlight the up-and-coming artists they admire. Their selection's diversity in age, location, medium, and subject matter is as enlightening as the art itself. From the youngest local sculptor to a potter, an impressionistic watercolorist, and a jeweler who bridges tradition with modernity, their work takes us on a diverse journey through the Southwest.

Nick Blaisdell: Crafting Timeless Elegance in Clay

With a Master's in Ceramics earned from U.C.L.A., Nick Blaisdell's journey into the world of pottery has been a lifelong odyssey marked by dedication, passion, and an unwavering commitment to his craft. Transitioning to being a full-time potter in 1972, Nick's artistic evolution has spanned over five decades.

For forty-three years, Nick served as a full-time production potter, honing his skills and perfecting his artistry. Now, in semi-retirement, he finds himself creating the pieces he has always dreamed of making.

In 2008, Nick and his wife, Sandy, started "Dalton Ranch Pottery," their studio in Durango, Colorado. Nick's creations, found in galleries across Arizona, Colorado, California, and Utah, are a testament to his enduring passion for working with clay.

Nick specializes in creating high-quality functional pieces. His extensive portfolio includes microwavable and dishwasher-safe mugs, bowls, serving pieces, canisters, and dinnerware. Each creation serves as "sentinels" of his life's purpose to infuse



COLLECTION OF ASSORTED VASES

these vessels with personal meaning and artistic expression.

His ceramic vessels reflect his intent to craft pots of lasting value that transcend temporal and geographical boundaries. They serve as mirrors to his life's journey, embodying his identity and beliefs in tangible form.

"I feel truly honored to do this as my life's

work. I hope you enjoy them as much as I do." Nick invites others to share in the beauty and significance of his creations. With each piece, he continues to shape the landscape of contemporary pottery, leaving an indelible mark on the world of functional art.

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Bryan Mcleod: Capturing Moments in Color and Light

Sedona's artistic landscape is graced by the exquisite watercolors of Bryan McLeod, a local artist renowned for his rare impressionistic approach. Specializing in fine art watercolors, Bryan's technique stands out for its unique focus on a loose, expressive style that captures the essence of the moment.

His watercolors reflect a marriage of fresh, vibrant colors and an emotional response to his subject matter, creating a visual symphony that resonates with viewers. Bryan's work transcends the conventional, offering a glimpse into the intricate dance between color, light, and emotion.

Watercolor, often considered the most challenging medium in painting, becomes a playground for Bryan's artistic expression. The immediacy of the painting process and the rapid drying time of water demand an unwavering focus on the present moment.

For Bryan, watercolor is not just a medium; it's a conduit for pure emotion, a direct channel to the artist's state of mind.



SEDONA SNOW (BELL ROCK) 15"H X 22"W, WATERCOLOR

As you immerse yourself in the world of Bryan's watercolors, you embark on a visual journey where every stroke speaks the language of emotion, making his art a captivating and intimate experience for art enthusiasts and collectors alike.

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CHAPEL AT TLAQUEPAQUE, 11"H X 15"W, WATERCOLOR

Rodney Coriz: Bridging Heritage and Modernity in Jewelry

In the heart of Santo Domingo Pueblo, New Mexico, jewelry artist Rodney Coriz stands as a testament to the seamless fusion of ancestral heritage and modern artistry. A member of the Santo Domingo Pueblo, Rodney's journey as a world-class artist is a profound exploration of his history, beliefs, and cultural experiences.

One of Valentino and Nestoria Coriz's two artist sons, Rodney, represents the fourth generation in his family dedicated to crafting fine jewelry. Highly influenced by his mother and grandfather, Lupe Pena, Rodney's designs are rooted in their teachings and techniques—jewelry artfully created using rudimentary tools and stones ground on without the aid of motors and machines. And just like his mother, who learned her craft in Albuquerque in the 1960s, working alongside her father, Rodney was inspired by his grandfather's history and began his artistic journey by experimenting with seashells and stones.

Motivated to evolve as an artist, he enrolled in metal smithing classes at the Poeh Cultural Center in January 2002.

This was a pivotal moment in his career. It provided him with the skills to elevate and modernize his artistic vision without abandoning his heritage.

Rodney's exceptional skill in inlay work transforms natural stones into wearable pieces of art, showcasing technical mastery and embodying the spirit of Santo Domingo Pueblo's cultural heritage. Each piece tells a story—a narrative of history, belief systems, and cultural experience, but with a modern twist.

Rodney is dedicated to preserving and perpetuating his people's legacy. His art is not merely ornamental; it is a living expression of history and a commitment to keeping his family and the cultural flame alive. Through his jewelry, Rodney invites us to witness the harmonious marriage of past and present, a testament to him and the enduring spirit of Santo Domingo craftsmanship.



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Natalie Diedrick: A Prodigy Sculptor With A Passion For Bronze

It is rare that Mountain Trails Gallery has the opportunity to present such a young talent as prodigy sculpture artist Natalie Diedrick. As a protégé of artist and patina master Erik Petersen, Natalie, who is only seventeen years old, has developed her own techniques and style in bronze sculpture, carving an early yet distinct niche in the art world.

Her passion for wildlife and deep appreciation for the expressive qualities of bronze has set her on an artistic journey that captivates the attention of renowned sculptors from the West. Mentored at a leading Arizona bronze fine art foundry, Natalie has honed her skills, creating a body of work that reflects both her artistic prowess and a genuine love for her craft.

Mountain Trails Gallery is honored to showcase the latest creations by this delightful talent. Natalie's sculptures go beyond mere representation; they embody the spirit of the subjects she chooses to immortalize in bronze. Her ability to capture the essence of wildlife with grace



PUSHING DAISIES, 8"H X 9"W X 7"D, BRONZE, LIMITED ED. 33

and precision has garnered admiration from artists and art enthusiasts alike.

Each piece of Natalie's work tells a story. Her artistic journey unfolds in each carefully crafted form, inviting viewers to witness the beauty and skill of an artist on



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THE NATURE OF LOVE

JANE IN THE WOODS: A WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY COMPANY



"The art of capturing light raced through my head day and night," explains Jane Ferrell, owner and lead photographer of Jane In The Woods. This unrelenting need to create is what drove Jane, a self-proclaimed overachiever, to turn her passion for photography into her profession, "My mission in starting my company was to capture people in love in the cathedrals of nature."

Jane came to Sedona from Oregon in search of a place where she could find the warmth of the earth with the majesty of pine trees. "When I arrived," she says, "I was inspired and awe-struck... I just wanted to run into the mysterious beauty of the woods and never come back."

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But she did come back, and now, 12 years later, she has a thriving wedding photography business that includes working with Tlaquepaque and its brides and grooms. With its cascading ivy, adobe walls, landscaping, and details, Jane notes that the arts and shopping village is a photographer's dream, "It is so far from a typical venue, and the unique photos we are able to achieve here are on par with any other world-class destination."



When planning an event at Tlaquepaque, Jane always encourages the wedding couple to allow plenty of time for photographs and notes that the best time of year is in June, when the days are the longest, and there is plenty of light. She also advises that the couple pick a qualified company like hers that knows the location well, can prioritize the shots to be done, and has plenty of team members there to help. "You can expect us to care about your day and about all the moments in between just as much as you do," notes Jane, and who wouldn't want that, especially on your wedding day?



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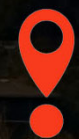
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RECIPE:

1. Start with organic whole milk, as they find it tastes better than conventional milk, or use your favorite alternative milk.
2. In a medium-sized pot, combine two parts of your preferred milk and one part of water, along with your choice of spices, such as ginger, cinnamon, clove, turmeric, jaggery, and even pepper! The Chai Spot's signature Pakistani Traditional Cardamom chai features cardamom, fennel, and organic cane sugar. But as Khalida and David note, "There are so many delicious versions that reflect the many regions and cultures that enjoy a great cup of chai—from Asia to the Middle East to Europe." You have lots of choices!
3. Bring the elixir to a gentle boil. The longer it boils, the more spice infuses. If you can smell your spices, then they have sufficiently simmered.
4. Add approximately half a teaspoon of loose black tea for each 8 oz serving. Different brands steep at different rates; you can always add more if you want stronger chai. You can find a variety of brands at your local South Asian food store. Take the opportunity to search for the best tea leaves while exploring new culinary worlds in your own backyard!
5. Boil the tea and spices for an additional 2-5 minutes. Use the color of your tea as a guide. When it's reached a rich caramel color, it's done.
6. Strain and enjoy some Peace, Love, and Chai, courtesy of The Chai Spot.

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Chai holds a special place in the hearts of David and Khalida, the owners of The Chai Spot, a social enterprise focused on peace-building between the East and West, as well as the socio-economic empowerment of women and the education of children in Pakistan.

As they explain in "Our Story" on their website, theirs was an epic, seemingly impossible love story. David is an Italian-American from Los Angeles, and Khalida is from a small tribal village in Pakistan. It was the sharing of chai (which literally means "tea") that ultimately brought this couple and their families together and inspired them to start The Chai Spot in Sedona, Arizona, and now with a second location in Manhattan.

In this issue of *Discover Tlaquepaque*, they share their bridge-building Chai recipe with you because, as they note, "Great chai is easy to make!"

THE JOY OF EATING AL FRESCO

OUTDOOR DINING AT TLAQUEPAQUE



PATIO OF RENÉ RESTAURANT

As the weather warms, in addition to getting outside and hitting the trails, we are called to take our culinary adventures outdoors, too. The joys of eating under the canopy of the sycamore trees or the gentle warmth of the sun become even more irresistible, offering benefits for the health of our bodies, our minds, and our souls.

Outdoor dining, especially in a setting like Tlaquepaque Arts & Shopping Village, offers a feast for all one's senses. From the sounds of the birds and the fountains flowing water to the colors of the newly blooming flowers and the fresh air all around you, nature becomes your backdrop, both soothing and invigorating you. In fact, studies show that eating outdoors in green spaces and in natural light actually makes people happier and reduces anxiety.

And there's something magical about sharing a meal under the blue or the starry nights of the Sedona sky—it fosters a sense of connection to the area and the community. The absence of walls and the freedom of space can encourage deeper conversations, more laughter, and openness. It's a reminder that the joy of eating is not only about the food but the location, the company, and the experiences shared.

In addition to all of this, eating outside can offer health benefits. Exposure to natural sunlight boosts vitamin D levels, promoting overall well-being. The fresh air and open space can contribute to a more relaxed and enjoyable dining atmosphere, reducing stress and enhancing the overall dining experience. In turn, this can aid in eating less, properly digesting and processing your food, and even sleeping better.

Tlaquepaque offers the following outdoor dining opportunities. So, embrace the open air and take a moment to enjoy a meal as you revel in the beauty of the architecture, art, and landscaping around you.

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THE SECRET GARDEN CAFE

Enter the patio of the Secret Garden Café and find yourself in a setting that envelops you in lush greenery. Sit alongside fragrant flower beds under the shade from towering pines. If just sitting there is quite therapeutic, then the healthy fresh cuisine is beyond nurturing. Offering a menu of creatively prepared fresh ingredients, with gluten-free and vegan selections, the Secret Garden Café is the perfect choice for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Specializing in soups, salads, sandwiches, and their famous Quesa "Divas," be sure to consider a sinful dessert item, specialty Kona coffees, teas, juices, wines, and beer.

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It is highly recommended to make reservations on Friday and Saturday evenings and during special events. All of Tlaquepaque's restaurants are pet-friendly. Management does require that all furry friends remain on a leash and close by their owners at all times. No matter what you are in the mood for, there is always something delicious to discover at Tlaquepaque.



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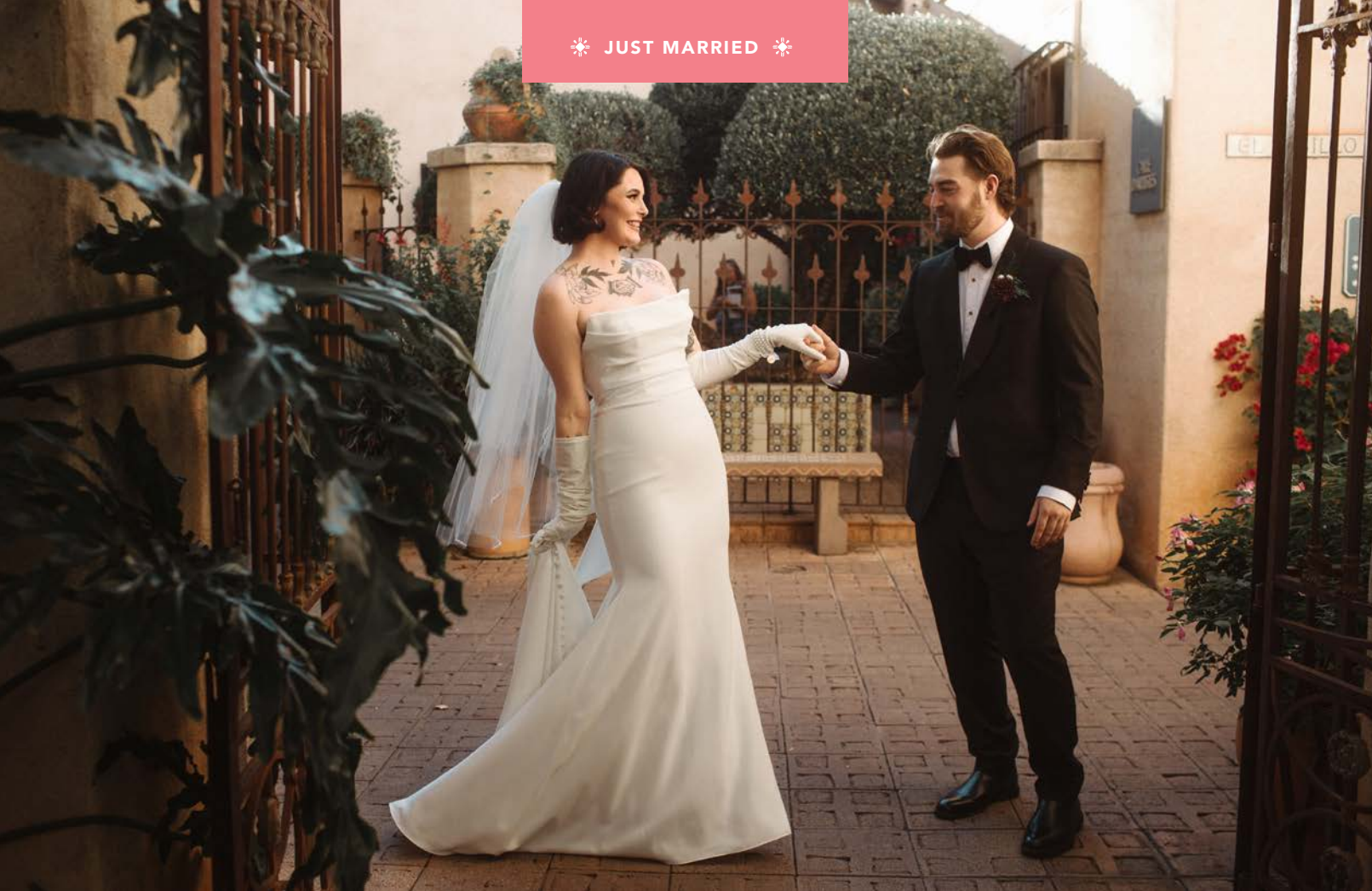


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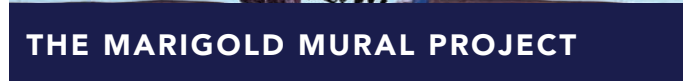
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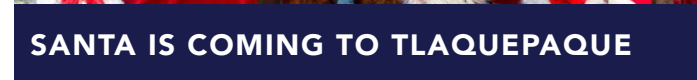
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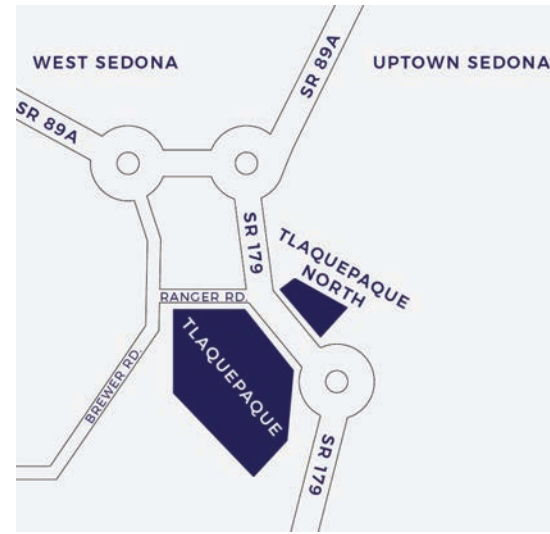
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