



# Voluntarily Yours

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## Calling All Art Lovers!

**Tempe Center for the Arts Gallery**  
**New Docent Boot Camp**  
**9 am – 4 pm**  
**Friday, Nov. 9**

The gallery at the Tempe Center for the Arts is looking for individuals who enjoy art and talking to others about it. Find out more and reserve your spot by emailing [michelle\\_dock@tempe.gov](mailto:michelle_dock@tempe.gov) or calling 480-350-2867.

Have you visited the Tempe Center for the Arts along the edge of Tempe Town Lake? If not, you are missing out on one of the most beautiful facilities in the Valley. Besides two theatres, the



Center also includes an art gallery. People come from around the county to see a variety of curated, traveling and juried exhibitions with themes of popular and cultural interest from local and internationally-recognized artists.

Helping people enjoy these exhibitions is a group of trained volunteers called *docents*. The

term *docent* is common in the museum and gallery field and describes the individuals, usually volunteers, who provide information and insight about exhibitions to visitors.

They are an important part of the visitor experience and make the difference between wandering the halls of a museum on one's own and being led by a trained peer who can highlight key points and give information beyond what is shown. Because docents are "just regular people," they can make a facility warm and inviting rather than cold and sometimes intimidating.



Volunteer docents don't need to have a background in education or art, but an interest in art certainly helps. **Lenore Fetz** originally started volunteer ushering for Childsplay theatre pro-



ductions at the TCA, but was soon drawn to the gallery as well, in part because her late husband was a talented wood artist. Docent **Gary Boye** works full-time as a pastor, but says, "I have had a life-long love of art and thought this might be what I needed for an outlet and something I

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would find personally gratifying.” In addition, he says, “It’s a lot of fun. I meet different people. And the groups and individuals usually are very grateful for the tours which include input on the unusual building.”

The Tempe Center for the Arts is currently looking for individuals who are interested in serving as docents. Volunteers serve on a set weekly or bi-weekly schedule. They complete a one-day training class, as well as continuing education for new exhibits. The next training class is scheduled for **Friday, November 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** The docent “boot camp” is taught by staff and seasoned volunteers. “Recruits” learn about conversation and inquiry strategies for understanding art and architecture. They tour the facility and learn about its construction. Don’t be intimidated—most who have completed the course describe it as similar to a fun and easy-going college level art appreciation course.

Docents can also assist with outreach programs such as school visits; act as gallery greeters at special events; help run hands-on art workshops; and help with exhibit preparations such as painting, sanding and cleaning. If you can see yourself sharing your love of art or even just your love of Tempe, call **Michelle Dock**, Gallery Coordinator, at 480-350-2867 to reserve your spot at the November 9 New Docent Boot Camp.



## Dust off your baking pans.....

Calling all bakers—we’re having an old-fashioned bake sale for a good cause! Homemade baked goods are needed for the Saturday, November 17, *Music on the Menu: a Foodraiser for Tempe’s Homeless*, a free concert being held at 7 p.m. at the Tempe History Museum. Cookies, cupcakes, brownies, rice crispy treats, etc., are needed (no cream or cheese-based products, please). Items should be wrapped in individual or small group packages that can be sold for \$1. Donations can be dropped off at the Museum at 809 E. Southern Avenue, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday November 16 and 17.

The Tempe History Museum has partnered with Classical Revolution Phx to offer this free

concert and *foodraiser*, with classical string performances, as well as a non-perishable food drive and bake sale to help those in need in our Tempe community.

The concert features students from Arizona School of the Arts and the ASU Herberger String Quartet. The *foodraising* part of the program is money raised by the bake sale and the donation of non-perishable food items by concert-goers. Food and funds raised by the event will benefit Tempe Community Action Agency and the Salvation Army.

Contact **Dan Miller** at 480-350-5115 for more information.



## Volunteering...the great adventure!

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You never know what's going to come up and what you're going to get involved in when you work as a volunteer. In June, it was hauling river rock at the Hayden Mill. Recently, Tempe's Deputy City Manager **Jeff Kulaga** contacted the Volunteer Office saying he had promised to send 25 volunteers to the Phoenix Convention Center on Friday, October 5, to fill conference bags for the 3,000 attendees of the International City Managers Association's annual conference being held October 8-11. It's not always easy to find folks available weekdays and to send them to a location other than Tempe. Plus, these volunteers had to be individuals who could represent Tempe and the City Manager well.

Fortunately, with the help of some of our current volunteers from other city programs, ASU students and some city staff members, the team was pulled together and arrived ready to work. Volunteers ranged from 17

year-old high school student **Jonathan Garza**, who was completing volunteer hours for a school requirement, to 82-year-old Volunteers in Policing volunteer **Don Shafton**. In addition, two of the ASU students were actually working adults from Serbia here as part of the Hubert M. Humphrey Fellowship in Journalism program. Fellows pursue studies, receive leadership training and forge professional affiliations with journalism and public relations organizations through ASU's Cronkite School of Journalism. It was fun to talk with them and learn about their lives in Serbia.

Many thanks to all who helped! For information on the latest volunteer happenings, visit the volunteer website or sign up on the volunteer listserv for the latest breaking news. You'll never know what the next adventure will be!



Some of the volunteers at work.



Buried in bags—3,000 is a lot!



Yay! The 3,000th bag!

## Our volunteers in action



Volunteers from Florence Crittenden Girl's Ranch helped the kids at the Escalante Community Center paint pumpkins and get in the Halloween spirit!



Caught up with this group of Tempe History Museum exhibit hall aides while they were waiting for a fifth grade class to show up. Pictured (l to r) are **Phyllis Ortiz, Al Guzman, Beth King, Amanda Young, Louise Sallquist and Marliese Reeves** (staff).



The volunteer groups of the Pyle Adult Center were hard at work at the Center's annual craft fair on October 19 and 20. Looney Tooners pictured are (l to r) **Lois Brenner, Beverly Byington, Richard Stout, Nancy Walker, Don Ottomeyer, Marilyn conner, Toni dimond, Larry Lay, Harrold Waits, Al DeRosa and Jim Sachs**. Needlewielders pictured at right are (l to r) **Martha Kasapis, Cathy Giancaspro, Judy Pare', Dianne Voisin, Muriel Burney, Jackie Headrick**.



Pictured are the members of Hispanidades North Tempe, a program of the Boys & Girls Club, who volunteered at Tempe's Tardeada 14th Annual Hispanic Festival on October 14. Left: (l to r) **Vanessa Fonseca, Zerlina Mendevil, Aniesia Acevedo, Rosalinda Acevedo, Erika Nava, Andrew Coronado, Luis Abelino, Abel Ocampo, Larry Lattimore**. Right: (l to r) **Wendi Martinez, Erika Nava, Aniesia Acevedo**.



## We are Grateful for...

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We are grateful for the many school, neighborhood, church and corporate groups, Boy Scouts and others, who help run the city's special events and activities. They also work in our parks and habitat areas. Despite the heat and a reduced number of activities, help was still plentiful during July/August/ September/October.

### Special Events

**University of Phoenix Employees**  
**Toys R' Us Employees**  
**East Valley Boys' Service Club**  
**ASU Alpha Phi Omega**  
**Whole Foods Store Employees**  
**McClintock High School National Honor Society**  
**Florence Crittendon Girl's Ranch**

### Eagle Scout Projects

**Bo Adams**  
**Jonathan Arnold**  
**Brandon Sherinian**  
Conducted individual projects to help apply information labels to storm drains through Tempe and register GPS coordinates.

### New Adopt-A-Park Volunteer Groups

**City of Tempe Neighborhood Advisory Commission**—Hayden Flour Mill  
**The Spring Church**—Jaycee Park  
**Hands on Greater Phoenix** —a section of Indian Bend Wash  
**North Tempe Boys & Girls Club** —Papago Park  
**Tempe Centers for Habilitation**  
**Boy Scout Troop 474** —a section of Kiwanis Park  
**ASU McChord Scholars** —Daley Park



### Group Parks Projects

**Coca Cola Corporation**—planted new plants and trees at Playa del Norte Park.  
**ASU Service Group**—60 students did trail maintenance on the Tempe Butte path.  
**ASU Beta Alpha Psi**—58 students trimmed trees to open a habitat area and eliminate homeless camps.  
**ASU Communications-230** —10 students repaired the rock path along the Loma del Rio ruins in the Lo Piano Habitat/Papago Park area.  
**Valley Christian High School**—65 students planted new plants and re-landscaped around a water feature art piece.

## Meet the Coordinators—Marliese Reeves

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**Marliese Reeves** is a part-time employee at the Tempe History Museum and serves as their School Programs Coordinator. In this capacity, she assists with the museum's education programs and coordinates the museum's volunteer history interpreter program. The museum offers programs to Tempe fourth and fifth graders tied to their school curriculum. In addition, Marliese works with

docents during December when the annual Danish Christmas celebration is held at the Petersen House Museum. It's the only time during the year that the house is open to the public and docents are on hand to answer questions about the house, as well as share stories about its former residents.



Marliese Reeves

### **How long have you worked for the City of Tempe?**

My affiliation with the Tempe History Museum began in 1975 when I started volunteering with the Tempe Historical Society. The Society was still a new organization made up of Tempe residents who saw the need to save Tempe's history and began to collect artifacts and information that was then stored in people's garages and other buildings all over Tempe. The City eventually gave the Society a small space for exhibition at the east end of the former library building (809 E. Southern Ave.). The Society turned the artifact collection over to the City in 1991 when the entire building was converted to the museum. As a volunteer, I had worked very closely with the curator of Education, and was hired to assist her (Anna Johnson) in 1995. When she later retired, I was asked if I would fill in as School Programs Coordinator.

### **What is your educational background and work history?**

I have a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education from the University of Missouri. I worked for the Ventura County Planning Department for two years before getting married and moving to Arizona. I did substitute teaching and worked as an aide for the Tempe Elementary District. Then I was a stay-at-home mom and museum volunteer until 1995.

### **What is your favorite part of working with volunteers?**

I get to see the enjoyment on their faces after working with children at the Petersen House and the Tempe History Museum. When we had docent field trips, we all got to experience other museum venues around the Valley together and that was enjoyable, too. Volunteers give back so much to our community and it is very rewarding to see the volunteers making such a contribution to our various (museum) programs and to the kids themselves. Tempe is proud to have so many wonderful, caring people that help out all around the city.

### **What's your favorite thing to do when you aren't working?**

I enjoy gardening, cooking, reading (started a book club 17 years ago), and now have a grandchild in Scottsdale. I love experiencing "grandma-hood."

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## CARE7 Program Manager to Address Statewide Conference

Our own **Kristen Scharlau** has been selected to address the attendees of the *October 24 Building Connections to Justice Conference* being put on by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG).



MAG is a Council of Governments that serves as the regional planning and policy development agency for the metropolitan Phoenix area. Kris is the program manager for the City of Tempe's CARE7 Crisis Response Team. This team is made up of paid staff and volunteers who work in partnership with the city's Police and Fire Departments to respond to the needs of citizens in crisis.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month and Kris feels she was asked to address the conference because of her experience coordinating the city's crisis response team. She says there aren't really that many crisis response teams in the Valley and CARE7 is a successful model that makes a difference in the community. Many of the calls the team responds to are domestic violence (DV) situations. Team members provide transportation to a safe location, infor-

mation on local resources, and on-scene advocacy. Further, Kris says CARE7 has been able to engage people dealing with domestic violence and offer them possible solutions. Unlike first responders who diffuse the situation, make arrests or not, then go; team members are able to form relationships and help victims throughout the entire process, up to and including prosecution.

It is natural then that Kris serves on MAG's Domestic Violence Council which has been working to build a better system to prosecute cases by engaging the victim in the process. It is frightening for a DV victim to leave his or her abuser, who is often the same person he or she is dependent on for financial or other support. "The criminal justice system is difficult to navigate, especially for someone who has already been marginalized," says Kris. The hope is to develop a protocol to work with DV victims in a way that will support them and make them part of the solution rather than further victimize them.

Congratulations, Kris! We know you will represent Tempe well.

The [Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#) is a good resource for more information on this community



CARE 7 staff person **Martha Williams** (foreground) and volunteer **Nadia Hamidi** check out the technology features of the program's new van.



## A newsletter for City of Tempe volunteers

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Helping make Tempe the best place to live, work and play through service to the community!

## Need a New Ringo Starr!

The Looney Tooners Kitchen Band needs a percussionist! If you enjoy playing the drums and entertaining, the Kitchen Band could be for you! Band volunteers play kazoos and other crazy instruments to entertain at nursing homes, senior centers and more. Everyone is welcome, but a drummer/percussionist is especially needed. Even better if you have your own drum set!

Practices are on Mondays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center. Apply at the Center's front desk or contact **Larry Lay** at 480-838-4663.

## Happy Birthday to You!

10/1 Arnulfo Rios, VIP  
10/4 Andrew Barreras, VIP  
10/4 Melissa Becvar  
10/4 Sharon Navarre, Pyle  
10/4 Paula Douse, VIP  
10/5 Pat Cocuzzi, Pyle  
10/5 Gloria Lowe, VIP, CARE7  
10/6 Barbara Sherman, VIP  
10/6 Judy Summers, CERT  
10/9 Isaiah Moore, Fire Prevention  
10/11 Zane Encinas, Library  
10/12 Katherine Wu, Library  
10/13 Anthony Carbajal, VIP  
10/13 Anna Marie Cook, VIP  
10/13 Jerry Justus, Fire Prevention  
10/14 Janice Coons, Pyle  
10/14 Joyce Jones, VIP, CERT  
10/15 Russell Harris, Friends of TPL  
10/16 Abhishek Chettri, Cahill  
10/16 Anne Richardson, VIP  
10/18 Clark Phillips, VIP  
10/19 Sarina Durham, VIP  
10/21 Valeria Chevez, CARE7  
10/21 Brigham Kerr, Events  
10/21 Gail Kukla, VIP  
10/23 Eric Hansen, VIP  
10/26 Dawn Hermanson, CERT  
10/27 Emilio Garcia  
10/31 Dimitri Ossipov  
10/31 Kerry Crosswhite, VIP

11/1 Warren Egmond, Museum  
11/1 Vivian Guffey, Library  
11/2 Jason Smith, Recreation  
11/3 David Huizingh, Museum  
11/3 Marianne Van Auken, VIP  
11/4 Herb Fibel, Museum  
11/4 Charlene Templeton, VIP  
11/6 Simone Ossipov, VIP  
11/6 Shirley Kruger, VIP  
11/9 Brigitte LeSurf, IT  
11/9 David Minick, VIP  
11/9 Laura Hintze, VIP  
11/10 Roxanne Gentry, CARE7  
11/10 Alana Snifka, VIP  
11/12 Becky Hamant, Library  
11/13 Dick Enz, Library  
11/14 Sally Garrison, VIP  
11/14 Jody Littrell, Library  
11/15 Albert Guzman, Museum  
11/18 Silver Crossman, VIP, CARE7  
11/18 David Engelhardt, VIP  
11/20 Bettina Rosenberg, Museum  
11/21 Richard Wolf, Museum  
11/25 Stephen Melheim, Museum  
11/26 Sam Kim, Library  
11/27 Debra Carpenter, VIP  
11/29 Art Shane, VIP  
11/29 Thomas Angstead, VIP  
11/30 Willard Masayestewa, Fire Prevention

12/1 James Billeaux, Museum  
12/2 Julie Zeibak, Museum  
12/5 Colleen Blaylock, Library  
12/9 Jeanne Adam, VIP  
12/9 Martha Kasapis, Pyle  
12/10 Gina Shier, Library  
12/10 Georgio Cocchiarella, Library  
12/13 Betsey Burchard, Library  
12/14 Beth King, Museum  
12/17 Edith Kennedy, Pyle  
12/19 Blanca Fernandez, Accounting  
12/20 Patricia Klimek, Cahill  
12/23 Dean Athmer, VIP  
12/23 Fran Elnicky, Volunteer Office  
12/24 Robert Parke, Jr., Pyle  
12/25 Adriana Rojas, Library  
12/29 Polly turner, M.D., CERT  
12/31 Kelly D. Nelson, TCA

