

28<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall  
Carefree Fine Art  
& Wine Festival

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## Enjoy the Great Outdoors in Downtown Carefree for the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival

Thunderbird Artists, the leading producer of fine art events in the Southwest, is extremely excited for the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The event will consist of juried fine art, wine tasting, microbrews, festival food and live music. The featured artists for this event are Nancy Lynn and Bob Fleming.



Nancy & Bob are a wife & husband duo based out of Bermuda Dunes, California, and specialize in watercolor and acrylic paintings. Bob was born and raised in Ohio and obtained his formal art training at Miami University, with an emphasis on illustration and graphic design. After beginning his art career at Hallmark Cards, Bob began working as a graphic designer, until he became a full-time artist. Bob's wet-on-wet technique conveys a fresh and spontaneous feeling in each of his paintings. Nancy was born and raised in Burbank, California. She graduated from Cal State Northridge with an emphasis on two-dimensional fine art. Her style ranges from soft contemporary impressionism to abstractions. Her friendly smile and warm spirit welcome patrons into her world of vivid colors and bold patterns.

The festival also combines fine art with an extensive collection of domestic and imported wines for tasting. For an additional fee, patrons receive an engraved souvenir glass with tasting tickets; allowing them to walk the streets of downtown Carefree sipping fine wines, surrounded by phenomenal art.

What would visual art be without its audio counterpart? Music and art have long been the twin engines of history and culture. This year, crowds can delight to the cognac-smooth sounds of contemporary jazz group Afterglow, the haunting strains of Vibhas Kendiza's Native American flute, local musician Henry Molder and the bluesy melodies of guitarist Chuck Hall. Musicians play continuously throughout the three days and are located throughout the event foot print.



Don't miss this award-winning festival, the town of Carefree's 'Signature Event', which highlights the artistic works of renowned artists from throughout the U.S., unparalleled wine tasting, micro-brews, appetizing food and the promise of a first-class festival experience - November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 5pm each day, and experience an event like no other!

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**Jason Napier**



## Carefree Festival's Featured Artists: Robert Fleming and Nancy Lynn

Husband and wife team Robert Fleming and Nancy Lynn are so excited to be featured artists for Thunderbird Artists' 28th Fall Carefree Fine Art and Wine Festival, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, held in downtown Carefree.

Nancy Lynn was a working mother who loved doing "itty-bitty cards" but now prefers the "strength and boldness" of acrylics. Robert A. Fleming, or Bob, was a designer at Hallmark who felt his watercolors, then confined to greeting cards and gift-wrap, deserved bigger canvases. The two have channeled their love of nature into vivid depictions of the world around them, and become full time artists, pursuing their dreams.



**Mona Szabados**

An artist in high school, Nancy Lynn completed her art degree after her second daughter was born and started showing in mall-based art shows. Bob was a graphic designer until he joined the art show circuit, where the two met. What brought them together? Life outside the studio, namely hiking, biking, gardening, tennis—and their greatest passion, kayaking. "We only go to art shows with water nearby," says Bob. "Our car is the one with two kayaks on top."

The 2020 art show lull has curtailed their paddling pursuits, but there's an upside: "I'm painting what I want to paint, not what I think will sell," says Nancy Lynn. She describes her work as contemporary impressionism—an impression of what she sees done in her own style. "I'm a storyteller; I just do it with canvases instead of pages." Bob does transparent (not opaque) watercolors and executes the wet-in-the-wet technique, where the paper is

bathed in water. "It's a neat controlled accident, but you have to work fast—you have about 90 seconds to get in and out of a wash." he says. "It's challenging. There aren't many of us watercolorists left."

How do two artists in the same home keep the peace? For one thing, they don't share the canvas. "Never. Well, we tried...once," says Nancy Lynn. "No one bought it." For another, their studios are on opposite sides of the house, and "never the twain shall meet." Nancy Lynn's is larger because "acrylic is big and messy, and it doesn't come off," and Bob adds that "her TV gets CNN and mine gets the golf channel." But the two often venture out into the "plein air." "We look at things and compose paintings together," says Nancy Lynn, "but they come out totally different." And they wouldn't have it any other way.

Downtown comes alive with the work of 150 other juried, fine artists, in addition to Nancy and Bob. Don't miss Jason Napier's vivid wildlife sculptures in fluid bronze, or painter David Uhl's sensitive oils that bathe Harley-Davidson motorcycles in natural light. Sculptor Kim Seyesnem Obrzut's bronzes depict majestic Native American figures in flowing, liquid lines, and jeweler Mona Szabados' intricate enamels depict faces and color, while potter Randy O'Brien's three-dimensional glazes speak to his love of the natural world.

Whether you're starting or building on an existing collection, or simply looking to enhance a room (or rooms) of your home, the Carefree festival has what you've been looking for—even if you didn't know you needed it.

**Randy O'Brien**





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## 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall CAREFREE FINE ART & WINE FESTIVAL

**WHEN:** November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**HOURS:** 10am to 5pm each day

**WHERE:** Downtown Carefree, Arizona (101 Easy Street, 85377)

**ADMISSION:** \$3 for adults, 18+

**PARKING:** Free

**WHO:** Known in the art world as a ‘Collectors’ Paradise,<sup>TM</sup> Thunderbird prides itself on quality and diversity. The festival boasts over 160 carefully juried artists exhibiting a wide range of oils, pastels, and watercolors, along with breathtaking photography and ink and charcoal drawings. For those with more surface space than empty walls, there’s sculpture of all sizes in stone, bronze, and metal, and numerous works in hand-blown glass, wood, clay, and gourds. And if you prefer to wear your art collection, Thunderbird has a broad range of one-of-a-kind jewelry.

**FEATURED ARTIST:** Nancy Lynn and Robert Fleming. Nancy & Bob are a wife & husband duo based out of Bermuda Dunes, CA, specializing in watercolor and acrylic paintings. Their mission is to connect beautiful works of art with enthusiastic new owners.

**FEATURED ENTERTAINMENT:** AfterGlow specializes in playing high-energy contemporary jazz and funk tunes. The bands instrumentation consists of drums, percussion, keyboards, guitar, bass & sax. All the members have a passion to play exciting, fun and funky jazz that keeps audiences entertained and engaged.

**SURROUNDING AREA:** In addition to the delicious food from participating vendors, patrons will have many dining options with Carefree’s surrounding restaurants and outdoor cafes, such as Athen’s, Black Mountain Café, The Healthy Creek, Pizzicata, Sundial Garden Café, Venues and more.

**WINE TASTING:** A vast array of domestic and imported wines will be available for tasting, as well as ice cold microbrews and flavored spirits. The fee includes an engraved souvenir wine glass and six wine tasting tickets. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$1.

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