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## *Join Thunderbird Artists and Salt River Fields at Talking Stick on the Largest Shopping Weekend of the Year!*

Thunderbird Artists is excited to announce its partnership with Salt River Fields at Talking Stick; together producing the Talking Stick Fine Art & Wine Festival, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The festival will feature more than 125 fine artists from throughout the nation and abroad, in addition to fine wines for tasting, live musical entertainment, gourmet food from top chef's, children's activities and more!

Thunderbird Artists has selected bronze sculptor, Hal Stewart, as featured artist for this highly anticipated event. Even as a small child, Hal's artistic abilities shone through and he took select art courses at numerous art schools and universities. His talents were put on hold as he matured and joined the U.S. Navy, followed by a career in sales and services. Throughout his working years, Hal owned a small farm and ranch in southeastern Arizona raising show horses. After retirement, he began sculpting again and to date has produced over 30 bronzes with an eclectic subject matter ranging from cowboys and horses, to Native American Indians, birds and animals.

Hal has also spent a significant amount of his life giving back to his community. He was a volunteer art teacher for four years, at a juvenile detention center for incarcerated youths, an instructor of sculpting with the American Healing Arts Foundation (a non-profit offering art classes for veterans of war), as well as a guest speaker for clubs and organizations throughout the valley.

The Talking Stick Fine Art & Wine Festival is uniquely positioned at Pima-Maricopa Indian Community on a 140-acre site featuring vast panoramic views of some of central Arizona's most iconic mountain ranges, such as the visually stunning Camelback Mountain to the west, McDowell Mountains to the north and the majestic Red Mountain to the east. Look past the Red Mountain and see the sacred Four Peaks and Superstition Mountains. It is the perfect, picturesque location for this all-around fabulous event.

Festival hours are 10am to 5pm each day. Admission is \$5.00 and patrons can purchase an engraved souvenir wine glass for \$10 to participate in the wine tasting. Parking is free all weekend and valet parking is available for an additional fee. Bring the family out for a day of fine art, delectable food, live music, wine and children's activities!

