

ON VIEW

Arts & Culture

EXHIBITS AND EXPERIENCES THAT INSPIRE

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ASU ART MUSEUM

The ASU Art Museum in Tempe features three floors of exhibitions and an award-winning store. Post-WWII American ceramics are a major focus, as are contemporary, Southwestern and Latino art.

HEARD MUSEUM

The Heard has been telling the stories of the American Indian experience since 1929. Check out *RE:DEFINE*, on view through Sept. 29, 2019, as it counters the idea that American Indian art is something separate from American art.

PHOENIX ART MUSEUM

Phoenix Art Museum represents a wide range of visual arts, from American and European works to fashion and contemporary installations. This summer, *Agnes Pelton: Desert Transcendentalist* brings

the works of this little-known Modernist painter to Phoenix.

ROOSEVELT ROW ARTS DISTRICT (RORO)

While RoRo is home to more than 27 galleries and studios, the district itself feels like an evolving piece of artwork. Stroll along the streets during the monthly First and Third Friday events (6 to 11 p.m.), and encounter murals, markets and glimpses of the district's colorful history.

SCOTTSDALE ARTS DISTRICT

The best way to explore the Scottsdale Arts District in Old Town is during the weekly Artwalk on Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. Don't miss the experience on July 11 when galleries will exhibit international artists and offer refreshments and entertainment.

SCOTTSDALE MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART (SMOCA)

Formerly a movie theater, SMOCA features four galleries that host cutting-edge exhibitions, as well as its SMOCA Lounge, where the community regularly meets for tastings, talks and other events. Check out the Turrell Skyspace to see how architecture can transform nature into art.

WESTERN SPIRIT: SCOTTSDALE'S MUSEUM OF THE WEST

No place captures the essence of the West quite like this Smithsonian affiliate. The museum is home to a selection of exhibits that go well beyond katsina dolls (although you can see those, too). Check out more than 1,400 pieces of cowboy paraphernalia in The Abe Hays Family Spirit of the West Collection.



Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art



Heard Museum, Phoenix