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ARTISTS PAINT “OPEN AIR” STYLE DURING CITY FESTIVAL

GLENDALE, ARIZ.--- More than 35 artists participated in the Annual Glendale Plein Air Painting Competition held during the 2017 Chocolate Affaire Festival on Saturday, Feb. 4th in Historic Downtown Glendale.

Plein Air (open air) guidelines require that paintings be created outdoors and illustrate real-life scenes. For this event, artists arrived early in the morning to register, then set off to various locations in Glendale to paint. Scenes from Westgate to historic downtown to the Glendale Xeriscape Garden were painted by artists. All competitors were required to return to the Promenade on Paltaire at 4 p.m. and were permitted to enter up to two paintings created during the day, framed and brought back for judging.

Vice Mayor Ian Hugh, Cactus District; Councilmember Jamie Aldama, Ocotillo District; Councilmember Joyce Clark, Yucca District; Councilmember Ray Malnar, Sahuaro District; Councilmember Lauren Tolmachoff, Cholla District and Councilmember Bart Turner, Barrel District judged the Council Choice award. Longtime artist and educator Joan Thompson judged the Best of Show, Second and Third Place Awards.

- Mauriel Morejon - Council Choice, \$1,000 award
- Hristi Wilbur - Best of Show, \$1,000 award
- Mark White - Second Place, \$500 award
- Joseph Rodriguez - Third Place, \$250 award

The Annual Glendale Plein Air Painting Competition is presented by the City of Glendale Public Art Program. 2017 winning artwork will be added to the City of Glendale's Portable Art Collection and will be displayed at public facilities. For more information about the Annual Glendale Plein Air Painting Competition or the Glendale Public Art Program, contact Mojgan, City of Glendale Arts & Culture Program Manager: 623-940-3557, Mvahabzadeh@glendaleaz.com or visit: www.glendaleaz.com/arts.

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