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Intricate Etchings on Gourds by Award-winning Artist Denny Wainscott in Carefree, Arizona



Thunderbird Artists' upcoming Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival, March 4th, 5th & 6th, is happy to announce gourd sculptor and painter, Denny Wainscott, as our featured artist. The festival will be held in the heart of downtown Carefree, by the famous Sundial.

Although Denny's passion for art started at an early age, he didn't pursue his art on a full-time basis until 1999. He graduated from Ball State University with an elementary education degree and worked with his father at their family business in Indiana for 18 years. He was then given an opportunity he couldn't resist with Subaru Isuzu. After working his way up the corporate ladder, he became the manager of the paint department and eventually was a supervisor of engineering.

When Denny celebrated his 50th Birthday, he decided he had worked his share of notoriously long hours/work weeks and became a full-time artist. He started working with gourds because, as a child, he and his grandfather made gourds into birdhouses and the work brought back fond childhood memories. After a year of painting gourds, Denny discovered a high-speed carving tool that opened up a new medium for him. His mission is to show people that art can come from many different mediums. He wants to educate and share his knowledge and the beauty he sees in gourds. "The process is started by planting the seed, harvesting, drying and seeing the design in each gourd", Denny states.

In addition to Denny Wainscott, the March festival features more than 165 juried world-class artists, displaying over 5,000 original pieces of artwork in a variety of mediums. Wine tasting is also offered, with a vast array of wines to taste from around the world. Live musical entertainment completes the trio, while delicious food and delectable chocolate supply the final touches to the unparalleled ambience this festival holds.

This event will take place in downtown Carefree, near the corner of Easy and Ho Hum streets. Hours are 10am to 5pm each day. Admission is \$3.00 and free to Carefree residents. Parking is free all weekend. **Join Thunderbird Artists, Denny Wainscott and numerous other talented artists at the Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival, March 4th, 5th & 6th!**

