



Recommended Phoenix/Scottsdale Art Venues

Phoenix Art Museum has been a favorite destination of local residents and visitors to Arizona since 1959. It is the largest art museum in the Southwest and features American, Asian, European, Western American, modern and contemporary art, and fashion design from its collection of more than 18,000 works. The museum is located about 20 minutes from Sanctuary near downtown Phoenix. It is open Wed 10-9, Thur-Sat 10-5, and Sun 12-5. Closed Mon-Tues.

Heard Museum is a world class destination known for its fine collections celebrating American Indian cultures and art. Originally founded by philanthropists Dwight and Maie Heard in 1929 the museum has grown in size and stature over the years. Their mission is to educate visitors and promote a greater understanding of the indigenous peoples of the Americas with an emphasis on the Southwest. The Heard Museum is open Mon-Sat 9:30-5 and Sun 11-5 and is located about 20 minutes from Sanctuary near downtown Phoenix.

Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art (SMoCA) is located 10 minutes away in Old Town Scottsdale. Exhibits at this museum focus on contemporary and modern art, architecture, and design. The museum is open Sun, Tues-Wed 12-5 and Thur-Fri 12-9. Closed Mondays. Admission is free on Thursdays and after 5pm on Fridays and Saturdays.

Scottsdale's Museum of the West: Western Spirit is the newest museum in the Valley. The museum celebrates the West and its importance through art, interactive experiences, and events. Western Spirit anchors the arts and cultural district of downtown Scottsdale and is just a short 10 minute drive from Sanctuary. It is open Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat 9:30-5, Thur 9:30-9, and Sun 11-5. Closed Mondays.

Scottsdale Art Walk has been a tradition in the Valley for 40 years and is known as "America's Original ArtWalk". It is held primarily along Marshall Way and Main Street in downtown Scottsdale. Art galleries open up their doors every Thursday between 7pm and 9pm. Visitors proceed at their own pace and check out galleries that may be of interest to them.

Scottsdale is home to home more 100 art galleries and is considered a mecca for art collectors. Galleries are dedicated to exhibiting the finest visual art from all over the world. A favorite gallery for art enthusiasts is The Calvin Charles Gallery, Scottsdale's premier contemporary art gallery. This gallery brings together an eclectic mix of international artists.

Museum hours and entry costs are subject to change seasonally. Please check with the concierge desk prior to visiting for up to date hours or costs.