



## **CAREFREE DESERT GARDEN PHOTO AWARDS SELECTED**

**CAREFREE, AZ., (March 21, 2015)** - The 2015 Carefree Desert Garden Photo Contest awards were presented in the Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion on Saturday morning, March 21st, during the Sonoran Arts League show. Alan Lowy, Marie Peck, and Jerry Sieve, our three professional photographer judges, choose Hazel Vaughn's photo for 1st place, Carrie Kahus placed 2nd, and Tom Baker took 3rd. Honorable Mentions went to Paige Brinkley, Mike Eveland, Herbert Hitchon, Karen Keilt, Sherri Knutson, Betsy Lynn, Henry Nye, Charlie Osburn, James Thomas, and Melissa White. Their photos went on display for public favorite voting at the Magic Bird Fine Chocolate and Fine Art Festival, then at the Desert Foothills Library. Henry Nye, whose photo was the public favorite, won the Juanita and Mark Wdowiak Award.

Later that evening, during the Sonoran Art League's 40th Anniversary celebration, the 2015 "Spirit of Carefree" Award was presented. Mayor David Schwan was honored this year, but was out of town. The award was presented to him in person during the party held in his honor at the Carefree Resort and Conference Center earlier in the month.

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Once again, Sonoran Art League glass artist Peggy Pettigrew Stewart, owner of the Desert Glasshopper Studio, created the award. Ms. Pettigrew Stewart's signature works incorporate human faces into a combination of optical crystal and scientific glass. Sanderson Lincoln, donors of the lighting, sound system, misters, and additional shade structures and sails in the Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion, also underwrite the beautiful "Spirit of Carefree" Award first prize each year.

The Spirit of Carefree Award is an annual award given to an individual who has shown above and beyond dedication to our community and our residents. Mayor David Schwan, this year's recipient, has been an intricate part of the Town of Carefree family for well over 12 years, having served on the Subdivision Committee, Planning and Zoning Commission, Town Council, and as our Mayor.

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