



Carefree Announces New Event Calendar for 2016-17

Carefree is pleased to announce this upcoming season's event schedule and strategy focusing on high quality, unique themes that are engaging for all ages. An example of this is the return of world renowned artist, Ray Villafane, creating a one-of-a-kind exhibit that can only be seen in Carefree. The overwhelming response in 2015 of the Enchanted Pumpkin Garden was heard across the globe, as far as Japan. It reaffirmed that we chose the right strategy in producing and selecting quality entertainment that has a broad appeal while supporting the Town's brand as it moves forward into the future.

We invite you to mark your calendar and attend these unique and historic events:

October 7: Carefree Farmers Market 8 am – 1 pm every Friday thru May at the Sundial

October 17 – 31: **Enchanted Pumpkin Garden**, Featuring renowned artist Ray Villafane
Rated *Best in the Valley in 2015* by Phoenix Magazine. Ray will again deliver whimsical pumpkin carved creations, featuring NEW scarecrows and a pumpkin village for all ages. **CarefreePumpkinGarden.com, FREE Admission**

November 1: Holiday lights in the Desert Gardens through January

November 4 -6: Thunderbird Artists Carefree Fine Art and Wine Festival

November 11: Veterans Day Celebration

November 25 – 27: Carefree Southwest Art & Indian Market

December 9 – 11: **9th Annual Carefree Christmas Festival**

Santa, Electric Light Parade, a giant snow hill, gift market and more!

CarefreeChristmasFestival.com, FREE Admission

January 20 – 22: Thunderbird Artists Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival

February 10 – 12: Carefree Artisan Gifts and Chocolate Festival

March 17 – 19: Thunderbird Artists Carefree Fine Art & Wine Festival

April: **FREE Sunday Concerts in the Garden** 1 pm to 3 pm (excluding Easter)

For updates on the Town of Carefree event calendar check out **VisitCarefree.com**