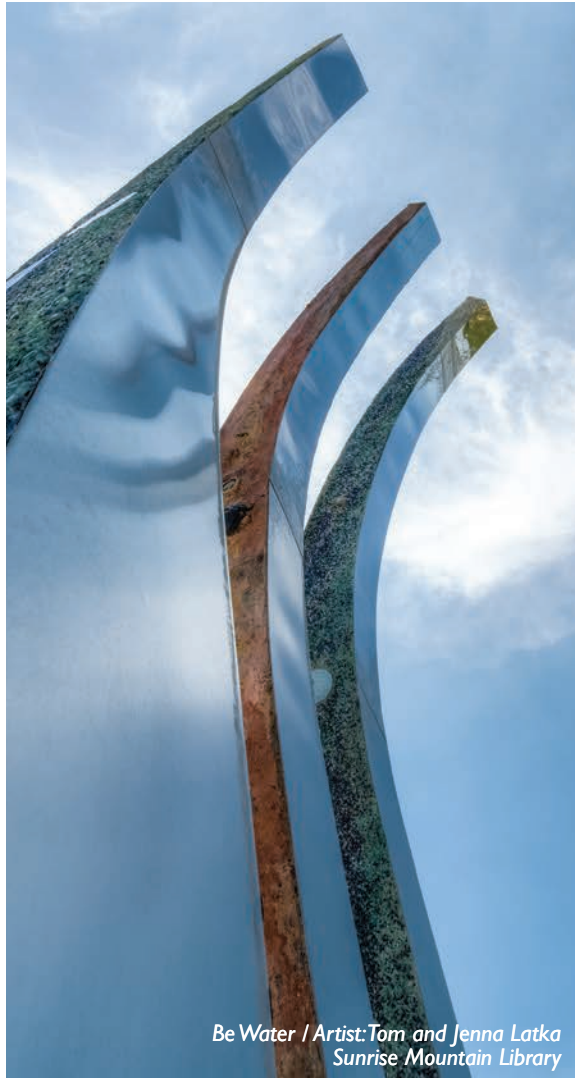


## How the Commission Acquires Art

The arts commission acquires public art through a variety of ways, including open-entry competition, invitational competition, direct selection of an artist and direct purchase of artwork.

Residents are encouraged to offer input into the process by attending arts commission meetings or by providing feedback on the arts commission website at [www.peoriaaz.gov/arts](http://www.peoriaaz.gov/arts).



*Be Water / Artist: Tom and Jenna Latka  
Sunrise Mountain Library*



*Homage to Peoria's Past / Artist: Emanuel Martinez  
Old Town Peoria*

## Art and Community

Public art enriches the quality of life for residents and visitors by creating spaces that are inviting and interesting. Community is strengthened by fostering cultural opportunities to engage artists and the public, through a variety of events, public art, and arts and culture programming. Peoria residents are encouraged to participate in building such a community that reflects the voice and heritage of Peoria.



*Detail of Songbirds / Artist: David Boyer  
Paloma Community Park*



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How Public Art is Chosen



*Blooming Spire / Artist: Jeff Zischke  
Happy Valley Road / Lake Pleasant Pkwy.*

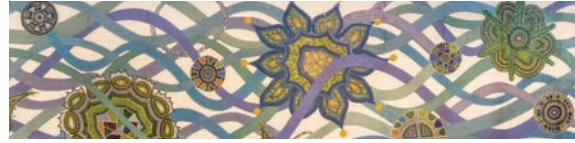
The Peoria Arts Commission was formed in 1987 to assist in fulfilling the arts and cultural needs of the community. Appointed by the mayor and city council, the seven-member board acts in an advisory capacity to the city council on matters pertaining to arts and culture in Peoria.

Aside from building the municipal art collection, the Peoria Arts Commission organizes art exhibits, provides grant funding for local visual and performing arts projects, and works to enhance place making and cultural opportunities in the community. In 2007, the Peoria Center for the Performing Arts opened its doors, hosting a variety of theatrical and musical experiences for all ages.

The direction of the arts commission is informed by the Peoria Arts Master Plan, which was adopted in 2009 by the mayor and city council. The new master plan will influence the upcoming decade in late 2021.

# PEORIA

PEORIA ARTS COMMISSION



The seven-member commission made up of Peoria residents make recommendations to council on a variety of topics in arts and culture that directly benefit the livability initiatives for the city and its residents. The livability goals for the city were adopted by council included in the General Plan 2040. They guide the Peoria Arts Commission in seeking out public art opportunities that enhance the quality of life and create a destination that is uniquely Peoria. The arts commission assists the Peoria Arts and Special Events Team in prioritizing goals and budget allocations each year in the Peoria Arts Action Plan.



*Aureole / Artist: Gordon Huether / City Hall Campus*

## Arts Grant Program

The Peoria Arts Grant Program was developed in 1997 for the purpose of increasing the arts presence in the community for Peoria residents. Under the program, qualified nonprofit organizations can apply for up to \$5,000 in assistance for performing arts or visual arts programming. The projects must take place in Peoria and have a direct benefit to the community. The Peoria Arts Commission reviews grant applications, which are submitted online each January at [www.peoriaaz.gov/arts](http://www.peoriaaz.gov/arts).



*Detail of Flow / Artist: Valerie Thebage / Rio Vista Recreation Center*

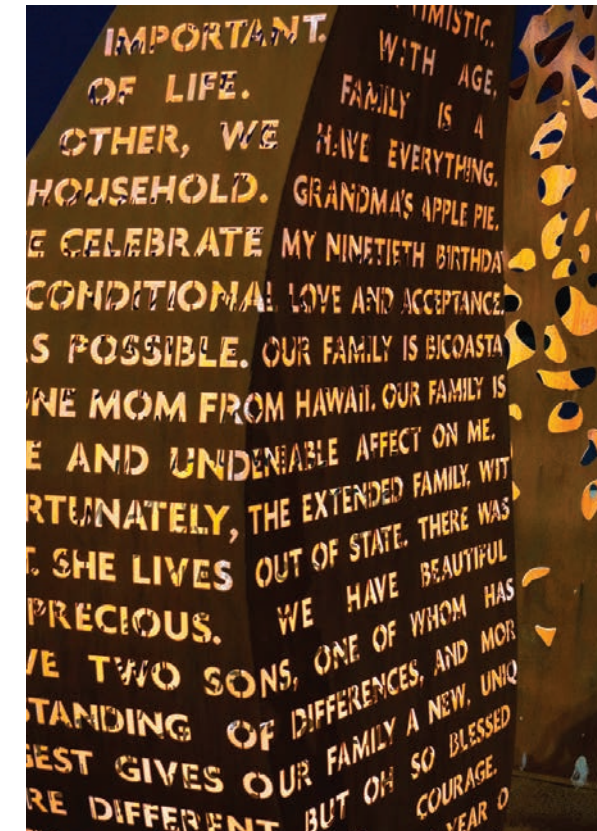
## Percent for the Arts Program

One percent of the total cost of all Peoria capital improvement projects go toward the Percent for the Arts Fund. This fund is restricted to arts and cultural uses and includes the acquisition and programming of public art, visual arts, performing arts, events, and the Peoria Center for the Performing Arts. The fund is also used for the Peoria Arts Grants Program to support nonprofit arts organizations delivering quality programs throughout the city.

The public art collection is on display throughout the city in public parks and other accessible public spaces, municipal buildings, the West Valley Art Museum at city hall and the Peoria Center for the Performing Arts.



*Barrel Cactus / Artist: Gordon Huether / Deer Village Park*



*VIDA / Artist: Beth Nybeck / Paloma Community Park*