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NEW COMPONENT TO CHOCOLATE AFFAIRE CELEBRATES ARTS, CENTENNIAL

GLENDALE, Ariz. – The Glendale Chocolate Affaire is marking its 15th anniversary with a Centennial-themed art competition that is open to all artists.

The city's Library & Arts Department, in collaboration with the Marketing/Communications Department, is sponsoring the 2010 Glendale Centennial Plein Air Painting Event at the Glendale Chocolate Affaire. The art competition will be held Saturday, Feb. 6, between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

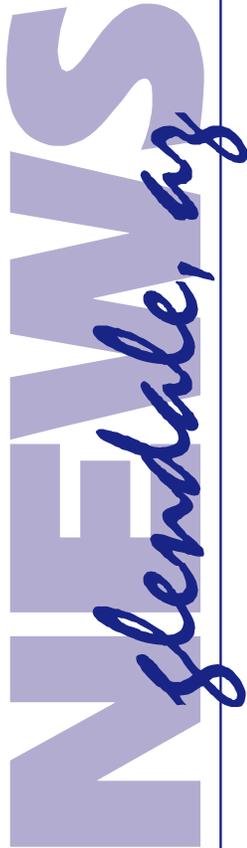
The competition is open to any artist 18 years of age or older, who paints using the Plein (open) air technique in oil, watercolor, acrylic or pastel. Plein air paintings are created outdoors, from real life; both painter and subject must be outdoors and photographs can not be used.

All artists must register and have their canvas, panels or paper stamped prior to any work being done, no exceptions.

Registration will take place from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Promenade on Paltaire, located in downtown Glendale at 5835 W. Paltaire Ave. The awards will be categorized by elements of the city's history, in recognition of the city's centennial, and the winning entries will become part of Glendale's permanent collection upon completion of the event.

Further details on competition parameters and award information can be obtained at www.glendaleaz.com/arts.

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The award-winning 15th annual Glendale Chocolate Affaire will be an affair to remember, with more than 30 delicious chocolate confectioners, entertainment, romance novelists, horse-drawn carriage rides, children's activities and much more. The event will be held Friday, Feb. 5, 5-10 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 6, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 7, noon-5 p.m.

For more information, visit www.glendaleaz.com/events.

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