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Homebuilder showcases local and national artists in WWAC program

New homes come with blank walls. Something is always needed to dress up the spaces. Colors of paint can do a good job, but there's nothing like a nice piece of art to hang on the walls to give a room that special touch.

A high-end home dealer in the Southwest Valley is going a little farther in September with the cooperation of the West Valley Arts Council, using its 10 model homes in Litchfield Park as an artists' studio where those visiting can see dramatic interpretations of the sky, vibrant paintings of horses and eye-catching pottery among the work displayed by local artists at the West Valley Arts Council Art Walk at Toll Brothers at Litchfield Park.

"This is a great opportunity to bring West Valley artists together in an event like this," said Julie Richard, executive director of the West Valley Arts Council. "The homes and artists have been paired to complement one another beautifully."

The exhibition features 10 homes at the Toll Brothers at Litchfield Park

community, showcasing paintings, pottery and sculpture. "We're honored to open our doors to the West Valley community as these artists present their work in an event that's unlike any other," said Linda Hanford, Toll Brothers marketing director.

Among the artists transforming the homes into galleries is Gerald Schwartz, a painter specializing in studies of the sky. Schwartz was previously an assistant director for a fashion magazine, but returned to painting full time. Created in his medium of choice, oil, Schwartz's "Sky Scapes" feature scenes from all over the United States, including Arizona, California, Washington and Kansas.

Also participating in the Art Walk is Connie Whitlock, the founder and president of WHAM — What's Happen'n Art Movement — a non-profit group that promotes artistic expression. The work of the group, which includes Bo Anderson, H C Gilmore and Dot Reeve, represents some of the best three-dimensional fine clay and sculptural art in the West Valley. •

IF YOU GO

What: West Valley Arts Council Art Walk at Toll Brothers at Litchfield Park

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 28

Where: 4846 Escondido Place in Litchfield Park.

For information, call 623-535-5531 or visit TollBrothers.com.

OTHER ARTISTS DISPLAYING THEIR WORK IN THE ART WALK INCLUDE:

→ Michael Cunningham, a painter who specializes in bright, textured florals.

→ Bruce Baker, a landscape artist who previously designed pop-up and other inventive greetings for Hallmark Cards

→ Kevin Cox, a photographer who is continually inspired by the scenic landscapes of Arizona.

→ Nancy Christy-Moore, whose abstract watermedia paintings of horses and botanicals have helped her gain international acclaim.

→ Alex Pekala, a watercolorist whose works are inspired by travel and memories.

→ Tim Perkins, a central Arizona native who paints traditional still lifes

→ Red Rohall, who paints images of classic "Main Street" Americana.



West Valley artist Nancy Christy-Moore generally works on two collections at once. Currently, she focuses on paintings of flowers and horses.



Gerald Schwartz specializes in studies of the sky. He will join other West Valley artists in Litchfield Park September 28 through 30.

