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**By Steve Weber** Special to the Nugget

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This spirited and ambitious program will be conducted by SASO Music Director Linus Lerner and features piano virtuoso Pervez Mody.

Born in Mumbai, India,

Mody began playing piano at the age of four. He won a scholarship to study at the Tchaikovsky Conservatory in Moscow, then another for advanced study at Karlsruhe University of Music in Germany. He's known not only for his technical perfection but also his passionate rendering of a wide range of composers.

Pervez Mody performs in Europe, Asia, the United States and South America and has made several CD recordings.

One news report in his native India said that Mody "overwhelmed the music-loving populace of Calcutta with Scriabin and Chopin."

Liszt himself premiered his first piano concerto under the baton of Hector Berlioz. The work evolved for more than two decades, with early thematic notes penned by the composer at age 19. Even after the premiere, Liszt continued to fine tune the concerto known for its lyricism, invention, wit and poetry.

The SASO concert also features teen piano phenom Rebecca Shiao - winner of the 2014 **Dorothy Vanek Youth** Concerto Competition. She will perform the first movement of Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 3. She also won a cash prize of \$1,000 in the fifth annual competition sponsored by SASO. Shiao previously

won the Tucson Symphony Orchestra's 26th annual Young Artists Competition. She's a senior at Catalina Foothills High School and studies piano with Susan

The program opens with Rimsky-Korsakov's lively and richly orchestrated Capriccio Espagnol. Inspired by Spanish folk dances and gypsy songs, the five-section work features cadenzas for various soloists throughout the orchestra.

The program concludes with Tchaikovsky's Romeo and Juliet. John Mangum of the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra once wrote that "Shakespeare's tragedy and Tchaikovsky's tortured personal life collided to produce the first true expression of his genius as a composer - a tautly constructed masterpiece that boils Shakespeare's narrative

down to its essentials in 20 minutes of music that is, by turns, thunderingly dramatic and achingly beautiful.'

The concerts will be presented Saturday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the DesertView Performing Arts Center, 39900 S. Clubhouse Drive in SaddleBrooke and again on Sunday, April 6 at 3 p.m. at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 7575 N. Paseo del Norte in northwest Tucson.

Tickets to the SaddleBrooke concert are \$21 in advance or \$23 at the door. Call 825-2818 or order online at http:// tickets/saddlebrooketwo. com.

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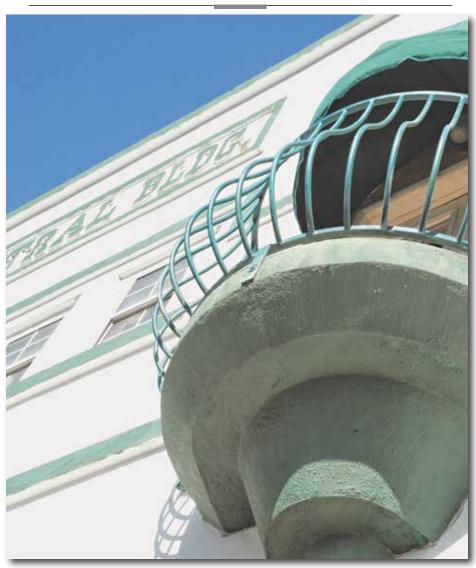
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# Annual Oracle Artist Studio Tour welcomes visitors April 12 and 13

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Follow the purple directional signs to visit the studios, winding through the oaks and hillsides of cool Oracle to see the work of 47 artists and artisans at 20 locations -- their own studios, shared venues and historic ranches and barns.

You will find a wide range of art techniques and media -- paintings in oil, watercolor, acrylic, encaustic and pastels, steel and found-object sculpture, clay figures and functional pottery, custom wood furniture, landscape photographs, artists' handmade books and botanical papers. You will find jewelry with semiprecious stones in sterling silver and vermeil, lace tapestries, quilts, decoupage candles, fabric wall art, glass work and gourd craft.

Three artists will show at the Medley Studio: Alicia Bristow (jewelry), Megan Corder (repurposed crafts), and Karen Medley (clay sculpture and functional pottery).

At Triangle L Ranch, Sharon Holnback will show glass and steel sculptural objects, Patricia Katcher will show photo artwork and Suzie Daigneault will show bee-keeps for native bees.

Four artists will show work at the Creighton Studio -- Judith Walsh in encaustic and jewelry, Diana Creighton in oil painting, Joel Nilsson in pottery and Ned Creighton in whimsical steel sculpture.

At the Cowlin Studio, Barbara Cowlin will show water-reflection and other paintings in acrylic and Jim Cowlin will show his landscape photographs and artist-made books.

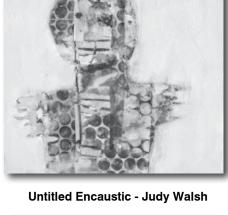
The Wilson Art Barn will feature five watercolorists of the Oracle WEGO group: Margie Buchanan, Nyla Butler, Jill Caid, Pat Hardin and Rachel Opinsky. Also at the barn: Carol Mahoney's clay sculpture, Elvia Acuna Schwenke's decorative arts and Anna-Maria Dickinson's paintings in oil. On the east-side field see the "Peaceful Warriors" installation.

Ouentin and Julie Branches' home is itself a sculpture, a work in rammed earth, and two artists will be showing there as well:

Val Bembenek (handmade paper) and Bunny Bunzel (welded steel).

Other artists showing at group and individual venues include Ethel Amator, Colin Budd, Susie Cochran, Deborah Currier, Joy Fox, Karen Guss, Patty Guertin, Christopher Holleman, Elizabeth Manfredi, Kimberley Mosher, Glennda Neff, Frank Palazzolo, Jerry Parra, Jack Roszko, Laurel Roth, Andrew Rush, Lew Schnellmann, Carolann Small, Laura Stiltner, Linda Tabler, Linda Valder, Valeska Victoria, Rich Vokoun and Judith Zehner.







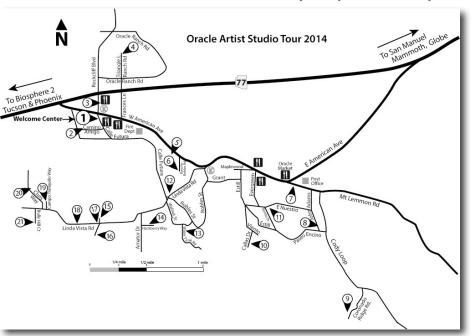
Big Boy and Chickie - Diana Creighton



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# ArtUs Guild plans exhibit April 6 in Kearny

**Bv Vicki Clark** Pinal Nugget

The Copper Basin area ArtUs Guild will be showcasing the group's work with an exhibit in The Little Gallery in Kearny starting with an opening reception Sunday, Apr. 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. The exhibit is hosted by the Church of the Good Shepherd and will remain in The Little Gallery for several weeks. The reception is open to the public and refreshments will be served.

This group, for the most part, has been together 17 years or more, starting with a class offered by Gila Pueblo College. Last fall the organized class was discontinued due to the illness of the instructor, but the artists wanted to stay together and decided to continue to meet and formed the guild. Although this year's show will be the first for the ArtUs Guild on its own, it is also the 10<sup>th</sup> ArtUs show featuring most of the same artists from previous



Frankie Olmos, of Kearny, is known for not being afraid of using lots of vibrant color.



Cobina Martinez, of Hayden, likes to experiment with all sorts of subject matter but is mostly drawn to Southwestern material.

All work on display is new and has been completed within the last vear.

The group is made up of people from Dudleyville to Riverside, and all points in between, including Kearny and Hayden. All the artists started their journey into the creative world in much the same way, a classroom situation and a dream. Several winter visitors are also part of the group. The guild meets once a week from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and new members are always welcome.



Donna Gennicks, of Kearny, works includes beautiful florals and outdoor scenes.

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Artists in the group are free to explore whatever subject matter and medium that interests them and the results are spectacular. The guild experience has proven to be unique as the artists learn from each other offering and asking for advice. Mostly the group works in oils, but oil pastels, acrylics, pencil and charcoal are

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The Spring Run is open to all cars, motorcycles and trucks, and participants must pre-register or come to the registration area on the morning of the event. Generous businesses and individuals donate funds to cover Spring Run t-shirt printing and other expenses. The car parade runs through Oracle at 9:30 a.m. and ends at the Pinal County Court House Park where trophies are awarded at

OHS also sponsors a food booth that is open during the entire event, serving green chile, bean or combo burros, BBO sandwiches and drinks. All proceeds from the Spring Run and food booth benefit the Oracle Historical Society.

The parade and awards ceremony are free to the public, so plan to come see the display of classic, exotic and new vehicles on April 26. If you would like to enter your vehicle in the car show, entry forms are available at CarQuest in Oracle, Dale's Auto Body in San Manuel, Don's Hot Rod in Tucson or on the OHS website at www. oraclehistoricalsociety.org.

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**By John Hernandez** Pinal Nugget

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It would not be until the 1950s and early 60s that the drive-in would reach its peak as a popular form of entertainment. By 1958 there were over 5,000 drive-in theaters in operation around the country;

nearly one in four theaters was a drive-in. In rural areas it would become not only an inexpensive form of entertainment but a place to gather socially especially for teenagers that had access to a car. In Tucson there were 11 drive-in theaters at one time. Now there are none.

There were some advantages for the drive-in over the indoor theaters. A family with a baby could take care of them inside the privacy of their vehicle. If they had kids, they could bring their own food items saving money. Their kids wouldn't bother anyone watching the movie and if they got tired, they fell asleep in the car. Many families brought their young kids to the drive-in dressed in pajamas with a blanket and pillow. In the summer and

spring you could bring lawn chairs and sit outside. Many were known to bring ice chests with their favorite beverages.

The privacy allowed by watching a movie in your automobile also allowed for intimacy while on a date. The drive-in became a popular place to take a date especially in rural areas such as San Manuel and Mammoth. The term "passion pit" would become synonymous with the drive-in the 1950s and 60s. The reputation of the passion pit became so established that some parents would not allow their daughters to go on a date to the drive-in. Truth be told, there are probably some baby boomers alive today that may have been conceived in the back

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From the Miner Archives: Dangling precariously from a rope attached to the top of the San Manuel Drive In Theatre screen, Buddy Long, local painter, gave the boards a new coat of paint last week. An employee of the theatre, Frank Gallego, aids the operation from his rather unsafe seat atop the screen that rises nearly 100 feet. According to Gene Tally, theatre manager, the new paint is extremely durable and is expected to give uniform picture reflections over its entire area. Tally also said a few improvements are being planned for the projection booth equipment.





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# Gold Canyon church to host Interfaith Choral Festival March 30

The combined Choirs of Our Saviors Lutheran Church, directed by Richard Wall, Superstition Foothills Baptist Church, directed by Doug Stevens, and Gold Canyon United Methodist Church, directed by Doug Benton, will again present a concert of great choral music. This year, the Festival Concert will be presented in the Sanctuary of the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church on Sunday, March 30, at 3 p.m. Each choir will sing a couple of anthems by themselves, then combined will sing three large anthems, each directed by one of the church's directors. The choirs will be joined by the Agape Brass Quintet and Canyon Carillon. The concert will close with Handel's famous "Hallelujah Chorus" from Messiah.

There will be a free will offering

received and 100 percent of the proceeds will go to the Apache Junction School District to help their Music Program. This is the third consecutive year of the Festival and has become a very popular event for singers and congregations in the Gold Canyon area.

Gold Canyon United Methodist Church is located at 6640 S Kings Ranch Rd, one block north of Hwy. 60 (Walgreens on the corner), five miles east of Apache Junction. Everyone is asked to please bring at least one non-perishable food item per person for the GCUMC Food Bank.

Bring your family, friends and neighbors for a great afternoon of choral singing!

For more information, please call the church at 480-982-3776.

# Spring Medley Madness features Gershwin, Porter, Mercer and more

TUCSON, AZ – Spring is in the air – just the time for a bouquet of nostalgic songs by George Gershwin, Cole Porter and Johnny Mercer wrapped up with Swing and Big Band favorites.

Come tap your toes down memory lane and enjoy the best of the great songsters when the Southern Arizona Women's Chorus presents Spring Medley Madness on April 11 and 13.

Longtime SAWC Music Director Terrie Ashbaugh conducts this joyful entertainment the whole family can enjoy.

The concerts will be presented Friday, April 11at 7 p.m. at Catalina Foothills High School, 4300 E. Sunrise Dr. and again on Sunday, April 13 at 4 p.m. at Ascension Lutheran Church, 1220 W. Magee Road (just east of La Canada Drive).

Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Children age 10 and under are welcome at no charge. Group discounts are also available. Tickets can be purchased from SAWC members, online at www. southernarizonawomenschorus.org or by calling (520) 404-3148.

SAWC is known for its eclectic and versatile repertoire that spans from classical music to Broadway, folk, jazz, spiritual, seasonal and other popular songs. SAWC

presents two ticketed concerts each year – one in the spring, the other in December – plus numerous sing-out performances at festivals, events, schools and senior communities throughout Southern Arizona. The chorus has entertained the metro area for more than three decades. SAWC is a member of the Arizona Choral Arts Association

Ashbaugh became music director of the chorus in 1998 and conducted its Carnegie Hall debut. She also is director of music at Ascension Lutheran Church and School. Previously she directed the University of Arizona Faculty/Staff Choir. Ashbaugh

completed a master's degree in choral conducting at the UA and a bachelor's degree in piano performance from Seattle Pacific University. She's co-founder of the Women in Song Festival for Women's Choruses, whose inaugural event was in April of 2010 in Seattle. In April 2013, SAWC hosted the second festival here in Tucson. She currently serves as chair of the repertory and standards committee for community choirs at the Arizona chapter of the American Choral Directors Association.

For more information about SAWC, visit www.southernarizonawomenschorus.org or call (520) 404-3148.

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seat of what is now a vintage automobile such as a '57 Chevy or '64 GTO. A popular song in 1957, "Wake Up Little Susie" by the Everly Brothers told the story of two teenagers who had fallen asleep at the drive-in and missed the 10 p.m. curfew the young girl's parents had set for her to be home. They were now worried about how they would tell the girl's parents what happened and how the girl's reputation would be ruined. The song was banned in Boston and other places because it was believed that the lyrics suggested that they may have had sex at the drive-in.

In 1954 the town of San Manuel was still in the mid stages of completion. Five hundred of the planned 1,000 homes were complete and workers and their families as well as businesses were moving in. Townspeople were looking for family entertainment and there wasn't much to do in town. Tucson was over an hour away as most of the business district was in downtown Tucson and the road from the San Manuel Junction to town was a dirt road. A Booster Club was formed and an entertainment committee decided to rent a projector and motion pictures and show them on Friday nights. At first they showed them on a wall at what is now the lower shopping center. They then went indoors and used the town's community center.

In the fall of 1955 construction of the San Manuel Drive-In was completed and the outdoor theater was finally opened. The drive-in included a snack bar with restrooms and an indoor seating area for 30 people. Gene Talley was the manager. The theater was owned by Louis Long. Louis was experienced

working in and managing motion picture theaters. He had worked for the old Griffith Brothers Theaters in Texas and Oklahoma. The Griffith brothers were pioneers in the movie theater business starting around 1919. They at one time had control of over 800 theaters in seven different states. When Long broke away from Griffith, he traveled around showing movies in large tents. Soon he built a successful business owning 32 theaters in Arizona, two radio stations, one in Safford and another in Coolidge (KCKY), a newspaper in Safford, farms, ranches, multiple businesses and real estate around Arizona. Among the theaters owned by Long Theaters, Inc. based in Safford was an indoor theater in Ray, an indoor theater in Hayden, and an indoor and drive-in theater in Superior.

Jim Sherman replaced Gene Talley as manager of the drive-in in January of 1956. Gene left the drive-in to become a Pinal County Deputy Sheriff. Jim had begun working as an assistant manager for Long Theaters in Coolidge in 1951. He transferred to Superior in December 1953 where he worked with Charles Roberts managing the Superior Drive-In and Uptown Theater. When Jim moved into San Manuel, the newly built high school was getting ready to be used for the first time on Jan. 23. The opening would be delayed due to a union issue and would finally open on Feb. 3. There was still no gymnasium or kitchen for the cafeteria. The San Manuel Copper Corporation smelter poured its first copper on Jan. 10. The Jan. 16 issue of *Time* magazine had an article about the construction of San Manuel and how

Magma "proved the nation's biggest copper deposit beneath the San Pedro Valley floor".

Jim moved into a trailer with his wife Ella and 13-month-old

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Ella and Jim Sherman



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"This is promising to be our best tournament ever," said tournament director John Wahlmeier.

The cost is \$75 and includes lunch and a golf cart.

"To raise money for high school scholarships, we will auction off a round of golf for four at the brand new Casino del Sol golf course. We will also auction off a round of golf for four at the renowned Omni golf course," he added.

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Wahlmeier said.

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The Knights will offer two "Hole in One" contests at no cost to players. One is for a golf cart from Golf Cars of Arizona and the second is for three days and two nights in Laughlin, Nevada according to Wahlmeier.

The Knights will award

prizes for First and Second place, closest to the pin, longest drive, longest putt and most accurate drive. They will offer Mulligans too.

"A hallmark of our tournament is our surprise prize," Wahlmeier said.

"One year it went to the worst score, once it went to the exact middle score. Who knows what it will be this year. You don't have to be a great player to win a great prize in our tournament," Wahlmeier added.



# Catalina church to host craft show April 6

Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church will hold its second craft show on Sunday, April 6, beginning immediately after the 10 a.m. service, approximately 11 a.m. and ending at 1 p.m.

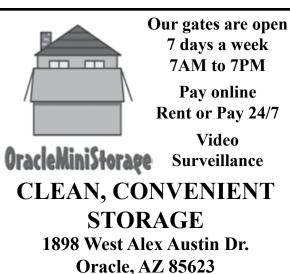
Many people are working diligently to provide items that are knitted, items using fabric, items of photography, tiny gift boxes, luggage tags, jewelry, towels and table accessories, as well as some leather crafted pieces.

A church ministry called Prayers & Squares is using donated fabrics to

create coasters and placemats. This ministry creates lap quilts for special people experiencing challenging times, and there might even be a quilt at the show.

The church is located at 14240 N. Oracle Rd., Catalina. Specific questions can be addressed by Eleanor Geiger 703-919-8418. Think spring holidays, hostess gifts, graduation, or just something hand made for yourself! You are welcome to worship with us at 10 a.m. and then enjoy the talents of the congregants.





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daughter Karen Sue. The trailer was located on the drive-in property behind the snack bar. Jim says that when he took over management of the drive-in admission tickets were 60 cents for adults and 10 cents for children. The snack bar sold popcorn for 10 cents, soda was 10 cents or 20 cents for a large. You could buy a hot dog for a quarter, a small cheese pizza was 50 cents or you could buy the large pizza for 60 cents. Hot

chocolate was a dime and a candy bar was a nickel unless you wanted a large four ounce candy bar for a quarter. Your favorite ice cream bars were a dime.

The San Manuel Drive-In was open seven nights a week. One of its early ads read, "Enjoy a Good Movie Under the Stars." A double feature was always shown. There would be three different sets of movies shown during the week, on Sunday-Monday, Tuesday-

Wednesday-Thursday and Friday-Saturday. Many of the businesses in the Tri-Community and in Tucson paid for advertising at the drive-in. At intermission the business ads would be shown on the screen.

Saturday night became known as "License Plate Night" during a promotion. License Plate Night was a contest where patrons of the drive-in would write the number of their plate

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on a card entry form. At intermission the number would be drawn from a tub of entries and shown on the screen. The winner could then come to the snack bar and collect the cash prize of \$50. The winner had to be present and if not the prize grew by \$50 for the following week. Later other promotional ideas were used such as \$1 a car load night, usually on a week day. Other promotions were a free admission Christmas show in December to thank the drive-in's patrons for their business during the year. A family picture would be shown.

The first movie Jim showed as manager was To Hell and Back starring Audie Murphy. Murphy played himself in the war picture based on his

life and war experiences. Audie Murphy was the most decorated soldier in World War II receiving the Medal of Honor. He would go on to have a successful acting career until he was killed in a plane crash in 1971. Audie had been reported as visiting the area incognito in June 1956. He had just purchased a ranch in Tucson and had been looking at one in Oracle. He had visited with San Manuel businessman Lonnie McFadden at the shopping center. Murphy had traveled to Oracle and San Manuel with two friends of McFadden, John Goodman owner of the El Conquistador and Santa Rita hotels in Tucson and Jack Stilb also of Tucson.

On the Fourth of July in

1956, San Manuel would celebrate with a parade in town followed by a watermelon bust, kid's games, pies and sodas. The theme was San Manuel Marches On. The parade was led by a color guard from Davis Monathan Air Force Base and included over 25 floats which were judged with the best receiving prizes. There would then be a giant fireworks display at the drive-in following the first movie during intermission. The San Manuel Miner reported that 3,400 pounds of iced watermelons were served during the day and that 460 cars had packed in to the drive-in for the fireworks display which lasted about 45 minutes. The event was sponsored by the San Manuel Lions Club which had just formed in March. They were the first service organization to form and elect officers in San Manuel. Sadly the San Manuel Lions Club (Galiuro Mountains) folded this year (2013).

The movies shown that July fourth were Summertime with Katherine Hepburn and Teen Age Crime Wave. The 1956 fireworks at the drive-in was the first ever fireworks in San Manuel. Gene Talley had been the head of the fireworks committee for the event and had set off the fireworks. It would be an annual event for years. Jim Sherman said that Gene Talley continued to shoot off the fireworks for a number of years. He remembers that the Lions and Elks clubs and other organizations and businesses sponsored the fireworks for many years. At the same time a fireworks show was held at the Mammoth Drive-In also owned by Long Theaters Inc. The fireworks were sponsored by Mammoth businessmen. Check next month's issue of the Pinal Nugget to read more about the San Manuel and Mammoth Drive-in Theaters.





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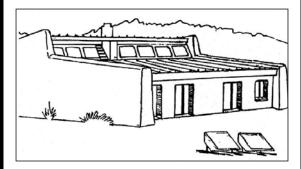
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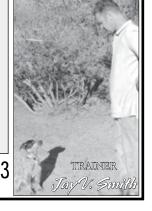


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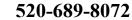
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