

# Family Fun

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## SOUTHERN ARIZONA'S LARGEST ARTS FESTIVAL RETURNS

The Greater Oro Valley Arts Council's annual Southern Arizona Arts and Cultural Festival is offering up art, food, entertainment and family fun on March 29 and 30.

GOVAC is dedicated to promoting and preserving the arts for everyone, so the Festival will have activities geared towards all age groups. This year's event will debut a children's pavilion with a large jumping castle. The night before the Festival will feature a rock concert especially for teens.

Throughout the weekend, artists and vendors will hold live demonstrations in every medium — pottery, painting, jewelry, interior design, photography, sculpture and more. Other highlights include up to 200 fine arts tents and craft booths, cultural music and dance, international cuisine, emerging artists from around Southern Arizona, and a family farmers' market with fresh, local food and produce. If that isn't enough to keep you busy, there will also be a box car race! You can decorate your own unique car and compete for great prizes for creativity and ingenuity.

Already Southern Arizona's largest arts celebration, this year's event promises twice the exhibitors and double the attendance of previous years. About 20,000 people are anticipated to visit the festival over the course of the weekend.

The event will be held at the Northwest Campus of Pima Community College at 7600 North Shannon Road from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. The Festival is not just for the residents of Oro Valley — GOVAC hopes that people will come from all over to attend the spectacular event. The Festival is free and open to the public. For more information, visit [GOVAC.org](http://GOVAC.org). ■



# Master of the Bath

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## INTERIOR EXPRESSIONS OWNER BETTY JONES

When Interior Expressions owner Betty Jones created a cost-is-no-object design for Bella Palazzo, a \$2.9 million home featured at the 2007 Street of Dreams in Stone Canyon, she combined the quality of old world craftsmanship with today's technology.

One standout room among the 4,500-square-foot home is the luxurious master bath. The centerpiece of the bathroom is an eight-person shower outfitted with a showerhead



BETTY JONES AND HER AWARD WINNING COUNTERTOP

that conserves water by turning on only when it reaches your preferred preset temperature. A large window offers scenic views and the center mirror above the twin sinks doubles as an LCD television screen.

While the details and workmanship of the bathroom cabinets recall those found in an 18th century Italian villa, Jones paired the cabinets with modern Cambria countertops, providing for a winning combination. Cambria's 93 percent quartz surface is harder than granite, is stain and bacteria resistant, and scratchproof — low maintenance features that fit Tucsonan's relaxed lifestyle.

Along with winning the Best Interior Design award at the Street of Dreams, Cambria, the Minnesota-based manufacturer of the natural quartz surface, selected her design as the April winner for its 2008 Cambria Lifestyles Calendar. "We are a Cambria distributor," says Jones. "In this particular job I specified it for both the kitchen and the master bathroom because I wanted to do a solid surface that was antibacterial."

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