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11TH ANNUAL, *ART FOR LAND'S SAKE*, A SELF-GUIDED ARTISTS' STUDIO TOUR

Apache Junction, ARIZONA – For the past ten years, the Superstition Area Land Trust (SALT) has sponsored a self-guided artists' studio tour to help raise money and awareness for the preservation of land in the Superstition Mountain area. "The areas surrounding the Superstitions, including Apache Junction, Gold Canyon and Queen Creek are full of up-and-coming and well-known artists such as Anne Coe, Jo-Ann Lowney, Howard Post, Joel Coplin, and Joanne West, just to name a few. We're thrilled that year after year these well-known artists continue to participate and that this event continues to grow. It's such a rare and intriguing opportunity for the public to see where these artists work and often get to see the creative process," said Rosemary Shearer, SALT President Emeritus.

"Our Art Studio Tour is one of the oldest in the valley. This season will include studios from the Queen Creek Art League, expanding the geographic area from Power Road, east to the Gold Canyon area. We're delighted to include many new artists this year as well as some of the pillars of our creative community. This is a great chance to pick up unique holiday gifts, enjoy exceptional art, fine crafts, and, to tour the artists' studios. In some cases, you'll even get the chance to see the creative process in action, from painting, throwing clay, casting, sculpting to hot metal work and much more. The historic artist community, East Side Art (ESA) will host a number of artists and their work throughout the garden area. ESA is also one of the locations to buy tickets and pick up maps," said Jo-Ann Lowney, event chairperson.

This year's event will be on Saturday, November 4th from 9am to 5pm, and, select studios will also be open on Sunday, November 5th from noon to 5pm. Ticket prices for maps will be

\$15 and can be purchased online at www.azsalt.org or at any of these fine retailers after September 1st.

Lonnie's Jewelry Supply, 7155 E. Main Street (just east of Power Rd.)

East Side Art, 9919 E. Apache Trail (between Ellsworth & Crimson)

Thunder Mountain Mercantile, 300 W. Apache Trail

Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce, 567 W. Apache Trail

Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman Museum, 4087 N. Apache Trail

Ladies Love Outlaws, in Goldfield Ghost Town 4650 N. Mammoth Mine Road

MountainBrook Activities Center, (only at the 9 am, Tues Morning Coffees in October)

Thunder Mountain Mercantile, 6517 South Kings Ranch Road, Gold Canyon

Canyon Rose Storage, Kings Ranch Road, Gold Canyon

The Frame Station, 5321 S Superstition Mountain Dr., Gold Canyon

Santan Art Gallery, 6550 W. Hunt Hwy., Queen Creek (just west of Ellsworth Rd.)

Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce, 20435 S. Ellsworth Rd, (southeast corner of Ellsworth & Queen Creek)

About Superstition Area Land Trust (SALT): SALT, which began in 1993 is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the communities and settlements bordering the Superstition Wilderness Area, and to preserving the riparian areas, native vegetation and wildlife of the vanishing Sonoran Desert.

About East Side Art (ESA): ESA was founded in the 1930s and still functions as a multifaceted art resource, offering a bronze foundry, painting classes, a custom framing department, and art materials store. ESA offers nine artist studios situated among lush desert landscape and gardens with colorful garden sculpture. Guest artists and craftspeople will show their work in the garden areas, and the resident artists will open their studios to the public for the tour.

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