



Arizona Museum for Youth

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News Release

Exploring the Earth's Oceans is an *Underwater FantaSEA* at
Arizona Museum for Youth
March 9 through July 22, 2007

The blue, inviting water of oceans around the world and their colorful marine life have been a source of inspiration for artists throughout history. To celebrate all there is to love about these living waters, the Arizona Museum for Youth presents its newest exhibit, "Underwater FantaSEA," from Friday, March 9 through July 22, 2007.

The exhibit features works by 21 artists who bring together a myriad of colors and mysterious creatures to take you on a journey under the sea. The more than 60 paintings, drawings and multimedia pieces on view all highlight the beauty of oceans.

Items on display include:

- Tropical underwater color photographs by Arizona artist Michael Clivner;
- Hand-made enamel on copper metalwork by Tempe artist Mary Chuduk;
- Oil paintings by Deborah McMillion Nering of Phoenix, depicting sea creatures intermixing with humans within surreal interiors;
- Sculptural steel and glass sculptures by Pennsylvania artist William Wessell, courtesy of the Textures Gallery at Artspace in Scottsdale and
- Glass bead embroidered mermaids by local artist Christy Puetz.

In the Art Gallery, art-based activities will enhance visitors' knowledge about the plants, animals and composition of the ocean.

Young artists and designers can:

- Design a custom ocean-themed collage,
- Hunt for sunken treasure near a shipwreck,
- Sketch an underwater scene,
- Experience these living waters in our virtual ocean video experience and
- Sit in an ocean cave and enjoy a variety of books about the sea.

Swim over to AMY and learn about the fish and marine mammals which we share this planet with and enjoy the fantaSEA. It will be boatloads of fun!

Located at 35 N. Robson in downtown Mesa, the Arizona Museum for Youth is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 12 p.m. through 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for everyone 1 year of age and over. Free for members and those under the age of 1.

The Arizona Museum for Youth is a fine art museum for children and families. A place to introduce your family to art, the museum hosts several changing exhibitions each year and features ArtVille, a special art-town for kids less than 4 years of age. As part of the exhibitions, a dynamic array of art classes, fun workshops and family programs are available to teach art principles and techniques. Please visit www.arizonamuseumforyouth.com or call 480.644.2468 for current information.