

## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE ARTS IN 2008!



Historic Art Barn Circa 1962

Bob Bradshaw - Photographer

*The Sedona Arts Center celebrates its 50th Anniversary in 2008 with special exhibitions and events all year long!*

The Arts Center has benefited from outstanding, energetic leadership for fifty years, allowing the organization to evolve, change and flourish as community and members' needs change and grow.

It started with a vision...and led to a long-time union of the Sedona landscape and the arts. In 1958, a group of local leaders and visionaries led by Egyptian-born sculptor, Nassan Gobran, were inspired by the natural beauty of Sedona and saw the need for a center where artists could work and teach together. They realized their dream at

Canyon Kiva Arts Center, later renamed the Sedona Arts Center, which has become a rich legacy of the founders' original vision. Not only is it a gathering place where artists and those who love art can explore, teach and exhibit, but it has grown into an organization with national presence, providing outstanding education programming and nationally recognized events.

The Sedona Arts Center offers a full palette of artistic experiences for all ages. The Fine Art Gallery, housed in a new building erected in 1994, features the largest selection of local member-artists' work and hosts exhibitions and special events. The Nassan Gobran School of the Arts offers a wide variety of art classes and workshops in its four studio classrooms. A new Community Exhibition Gallery was built on campus with input from many groups in 2006, providing a second venue for local

artists to present their work. The newly dedicated "Poets Corner" located in the Arts Centers' sculpture garden is the site for the monthly invitational poetry readings - showcasing some of Northern Arizona's most talented poets.

The world of art comes vividly to life through nationally acclaimed faculty and workshop leaders who teach at the Center's Nassan Gobran School of the Arts. The Center brings the unique artistic flair of Sedona to the world with its regional, national, and international field expeditions.



1971 - Nassan Gobran, founder of Sedona Arts Center completes a bust of Cecil Lockhart-Smith, one of the original Board Members

Save the Date! Sept 9, 2008!  
5:30 Meeting - 6:00 Party



50th Anniversary Annual Meeting  
Community Potluck & Barbeque

***Everyone Is Invited!***