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Do not stand at my grave and weep; I am not there. I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow. I am the diamond glints on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain, I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush, I am the swift uplifting rush Of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft stars that shine at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry; I am not there, I did not die.

Mary Frye, American poet





George left us on Saturday, November 16th. He was the man that brought you all of the fantastic history articles on Arizona over the course of the years, culled from his love of history and travel. He was a great man that always had a smile on his face, and was always a pleasure to be around. We will all miss him very much. Although he is gone, he will never be forgotten. He still lives on in our hearts and memories.

## **Celebrate the Holidays**

Throughout the Valley this holiday season we will witness festivals, celebrations, and a general feeling of coming together. This time of year also exhibits the sprit and diversification of the communities that surround us. The 3 major city holidays in this area each focus on different demographic portions of their populace.

In Tolleson there is Luces de Navidad. This festival features an annual "Salsa Contest," a Gingerbread House contest, and even a softball tournament as part of the annual festivities. The festivities begin on December 14 and last through the 15<sup>th</sup>. This event is a much anticipated gathering within the community that always brings families and neighbors together for holiday cheer.

Tempe hosts the Boat Parade/Fantasy of Lights on Mill Avenue. This event begins the day after Thanksgiving with a parade, tree lighting ceremony, and holiday lights all along Mill Avenue. The Boat Parade begins on December 14 and has been ongoing since 1999 with large number of water craft cutting across the dark water, aglow with holiday lights.

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Glendale's holiday series, with the Glendale Glitters, celebrates its 20th year beginning the day after Thanksgiving and boasts being voted as the "Best Kid Event" in the state by AZCentral.com. Last year's event attracted nearly a quarter of a million visitors.

Each event is a reflection of the communities that host them and their conception of holiday togetherness. A sociologist could pull them all apart and analyze them to their hearts content, however the greater and simpler meaning may lay in the concept of togetherness and community. We all accept that other festivities will transpire, we welcome them because of the joy we feel with our own holiday cheer.





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-Trent Loveless

### **Event Calendar** VENUE

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Nov 1-3	Comerica Theatre
Nov 2 & 3	WestWorld
Nov 1-3	Downtown Carefree
Nov 9	US Airways Center
Nov 10	US Airways Center
Nov 14	Comerica Theatre
Nov 16	US Airways Center
Nov 16	Comerica Theatre
Nov 19	Jobing.com Arena
Nov 25	Comerica Theatre
Nov 28	Holiday
Nov 29	Downtown Tempe
Nov 29-30	Downtown Glendale

#### EVENT

**Sesame Street Live Polo Championship Fine Art & Wine Fest** Nine Inch Nails Suns Game Lee Brice Drake Hands Off Our Guns **Pearl Jam** So You Think You Can Dance **Thanksgiving!** Fantasy of Lights Parade **Spirit of Giving** 

# Helping the Community

Who's ready for some decorations on top of A Mountain? We are! At the end of this month we will be making our yearly trek up A Mountain to place the Star of Bethlehem, and the 3 Wise Men. This has been a tradition in Tempe for a very long time, and through volunteer hours, we carry on the tradition. If you would be interested in helping, we do need some strong volunteers to help us put these decorations up. The camels are quite heavy, so the more people we have to carry them, the better.

The plan for setup and teardown is: Setup: Saturday Nov. 30th @ 10 AM Teardown: Saturday, Dec. 28th @ 10 AM

We will meet at the TEAM office both days (1826 W. 4th Street) and then carpool to the mountain.

Please let us know if you would like to help.

You can email me at: Ashleigh@teamsecurity.net.



"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver."-Maya Angelou

