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Staff report

The West Valley Arts Council celebrated the 23rd Annual Diamond Ball Saturday at The Wigwam in Litchfield Park.

Surprise Mayor Sharon Wolcott was selected in the individual category as the Champion of the Arts. Over the years Wolcott has played a key role in supporting arts and culture in the Surprise area.

Recently, she was instrumental in bringing Arts HQ, a 2,500-square-foot art museum and performance space operated by the West Valley Arts Council into the former home of Heard Museum West in July 2014. The independent WHAM also reached an agreement with the city last year to continue in its Dysart Road gallery and headquarters virtually rent free.

Maryvale Revitalization was the Champion of the Arts in the organization category for its

Maryvale Cre8s Youth Art Program. The Cre8s program was formed as a request from the Maryvale Police Precinct in order to give local youth a positive alternate to graffiti. Today, Cre8s artwork can be found on-display at Abrazo Health Care in Maryvale and the Ak-Chin Concert Pavilion.

Vermillion Productions produces over a dozen signature arts festivals annually, particularly in Litchfield Park. These events are free to the public and attract thousands of festival attendees from across North America. Vermillion Productions was awarded the Champion of the Arts in the business category.

Estrella Mountain Community College received the Lifetime achievement award for their dedication to growing their arts programs for students, their long term support of WVAC's Gallery 37 program and their culminating achievement of opening their state of the art performing arts center in the Southwest Valley.

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The Diamond Ball, the largest arts fund-raising event in the West Valley, began in 1994 and is attended by many corporate, community, and philanthropic leaders committed to enhancing cultural life in the region. The gala not only helps support the West Valley Arts Council's many programs and initiatives, but a portion of the funds raised is awarded to local arts groups, arts projects, and nonprofits in the West Valley.

Since its inception, the event has raised more than \$2 million dollars for the arts.

For information about the West Valley Arts Council, call 623-935-6384 or visit westvalleyarts.org.

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☐ No, do not allow them

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