

MSC ART & ARCHITECTURE TOUR: FUN FINALE IN PHOENIX – SCOTTSDALE, SPRING 2018

This year, MSC expanded its successful enrichment tours -- Best of Desert Hot Springs (Cabot's Pueblo Museum-Two Bunch Palms –Roger Hopkins Stone Studio, November 6); Sunnylands-Annenberg Estate, Rancho Mirage (January 30), and as a fabulous finale, Phoenix-Scottsdale, Arizona (April 25-26). SPECIAL THANKS TO CHUCK STEINMAN for his limitless talent, continuing quest for cultural discovery, and consummate professionalism.

PSAM's Museum Service Council invited its members and PSAM docents to our first over-night spring enrichment coach tour to Phoenix and Scottsdale, AZ. The *Arizona Biltmore* was an exciting start – to dine in and tour such a significant Wright-influenced building. For many of us, *Taliesin West* is hallowed ground, and we were rewarded by an extensive docent tour of the campus, seeing student followers of Wright in the design studio, and actually sitting on furniture designed by Wright in the Usonian-style living room! At the *Frank Lloyd Wright Harold Price Sr. House*, we appreciated our tour docent's connection with the owners, his understanding of Frank Lloyd Wright, and his commitment to preserving the house. At *Cosanti*, architect Paolo Soleri's innovative concrete-domed studio, several of us succumbed to purchasing a sand-casted wind-bell. Visiting the *Phoenix Art Museum* and *Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art (SMoCA)* rounded out the tour. The evening reception at the *Gainey Suites Hotel*, where we celebrated Pat Bernardi and Bob Collin's birthdays, was a good opportunity to form bonds between our MSC members and our docents. After the tour Robbie Orme, PSAM docent and former MSC ambassador, reported, "In addition to the fabulous food and lodging, we loved all the tours. Most of us know some or a lot about Frank Lloyd Wright, but this was a master class, giving in a short period of time, of all things FLW."





(Photos starting on previous page at top left.) **Arizona Biltmore** – Lunch and architectural history tour of hotel built in 1929 and designed by Albert Chase McArthur, student of Frank Lloyd Wright, with consultation by Wright. **Phoenix Art Museum** – *Border Crossings, Mexico and the American Southwest*: Paul Pletka *Nuestro Señor el Desollado* (Our Lord, The One Who is Flayed). **Gainey Suites Hotel** – Evening reception and birthday celebration for Pat Bernardi and Bob Collins. **Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin West** – *Insights Tour* led by docent Linda Collins (a former volunteer at PSAM). **Paolo Soleri's Cosanti** – Visit of the designated *Arizona Historic Site*, featuring architect Soleri's experimental earth-formed concrete structures and his bronze and ceramic wind-bell studio. **Frank Lloyd Wright's Harold Price Sr. House** – docent tour of residence designed for Harold and MaryLou Price, which was begun in 1954 and was completed in 1955. **SMoCA** – Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art. -- *Chuck Steinman, Programs/Tour Coordinator*