Call for 2023 Grand Canyon Celebration of Art Hosts

Dear Grand Canyon community members,

The 2023 Celebration of Art is approaching and we are looking for host families for our artists. Hosting an artist is an excellent opportunity for community members to meet individuals from all over the country who appreciate the canyon as we do. Living with a host family during the Celebration of Art is preferred by some artists as they enjoy spending time with those of us that live at Grand Canyon. This is a special opportunity we have not been able to offer the last few years due to COVID.

Celebration of Art (CoA) is a wonderful tradition at Grand Canyon National Park, providing a vibrant experience for visitors, a venue for artists inspired by the canyon, and a successful fundraiser to benefit a dedicated art venue at the park.

Founded in 2009, CoA invites participating artists to paint "en plein air" (outside on location) for a week at the South Rim of Grand Canyon. Artists are tasked with capturing the ever-changing colors and light as the sun moves across the intricate layers of the canyon. Paintings produced during this special event are shared with the public during a four-month sale and exhibition online and at Historic Kolb Studio.

This year's event will kick off with an online auction on September 1, an on-site component September 9-15, and an exhibition and sale September 17, 2023, through January 15, 2024. We will be welcoming back some of our veteran artists and several new additional artists this year.

The plein air painters will need accommodations from **September 8th- 18th** in order to participate in the event. Artists are typically out of the home before sunrise and gone for the bulk of the day, busy painting the canyon, they may return around lunchtime and after sunset. Hosts are not obliged to provide dinner but may do so if they wish. If you have a spare bedroom and would like to volunteer to be a host, you will be rewarded with the experience of a lifetime. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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