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### Art Exhibit Opening at Deer Valley Rock Art Center

The Deer Valley Rock Art Center, an archaeology museum located in northwest Phoenix, is pleased to announce its new exhibit, “Javelinas: Knowing Our Neighbors,” opening **Saturday, October 17**.

“Javelinas: Knowing Our Neighbors” is a collaborative exhibit bringing together neighbors of all sorts. In a lively collection of artwork in many media, artists from the Valley and beyond explore our complex relationship with mischievous and endearing javelinas. A large-scale art project by local youth, made possible through a partnership between Free Arts of Arizona and the Deer Valley Rock Art Center, is also showcased. This fun, family-friendly exhibit features hands-on activities for learning about javelinas, our neighbors in the desert.

The exhibit opening kicks off **October 17 at 2pm** with a lecture about javelinas by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. A reception with light refreshments will follow. All are welcome to attend this free event. Future programming will include javelina storytelling by authors Susan Lowell of “The Three Little Javelinas” and Conrad Storad of “Don't Call Me Pig!”

The Deer Valley Rock Art Center has the largest concentration of Native American petroglyphs in the Phoenix Valley. Visitors hike a ¼-mile trail to view over 1,500 petroglyphs made between 800 and 5,000 years ago. Our museum aims to promote preservation, connection and respect for the site and we are a destination for families to learn about archaeology in their own backyard! The Center is managed by one of the top archaeology programs in the country at Arizona State University and is a Phoenix Point of Pride. We are located at 3711 W. Deer Valley Road, two blocks west of 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

For more details, please call (623) 582-8007 or visit: [dvrac.asu.edu](http://dvrac.asu.edu)

Image 1: “Don’t Let Me Be Misunderstood” by Delos Nokleby.

Image 2: “Javelina Making a PB and J” by Jay Schmetz.