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### **Tubac AZ Art Colony—A One-of-A-Kind Place and Best Small Town Art Scene—Planning 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

Tubac AZ—“*Tubac: Where Art & history Meet*” is planning celebrations for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the artist colony with a series of special events and programming for the upcoming season.

Recently named the Best Small Town Art Scene by USA Today (for the third year in a row) Tubac artists and gallery, restaurant and shop owners will be showcasing one-of-a-kind offerings that have distinguished the Tubac Artist Colony for 75 years.

Tubac’s working artists will be welcoming the public into their studios and galleries will be featuring the work of favorite regional and national artists and introducing work of new creatives. Some restaurant and shop owners are planning special offerings to celebrate the occasion.

The Tubac Center of the Arts is featuring an exhibit about artist Dale Nichols, who in 1948, established an art school in today’s Old Town Tubac, marking the beginning of the Tubac Artist Colony.

Exhibits, presentations and guided walking tours will take place throughout the village including historic buildings in Old Town Tubac’s National Historic District where the village’s modern history as an artist colony began.

The 75-Anniversary of the establishment of the Tubac Artist Colony is a celebration of the village’s “Modern History” as *Tubac: Where Art and History Meet*. It is a recent era in the long history of Tubac known to have been a thriving community on the banks of the Santa Cruz River thousands of years ago. With the establishment of a Spanish *presidio* (fort) here in 1752, Tubac is recognized as Arizona’s first permanent European settlement. Today, the Tubac Presidio State Historic Park and Museum, (Arizona’s first state park) in Old Town Tubac’s National Historic District, celebrates this history in its museum, three historic adobe buildings, heritage garden and programming. Nineteen miles north of today’s U.S./ Mexico border, Tubac’s rich cultural heritage continues contributing to the Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area as a living history location along the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail.

For more information about Tubac Artist Colony events, view the Tubac Chamber of Commerce website at [tubacaz.com](http://tubacaz.com) and the Tubac Center of the Arts at [tubacarts.org](http://tubacarts.org). For more information about Tubac’s history, see Tubac Presidio State Historic Park and Museum at [tubacpresidio.org](http://tubacpresidio.org), Tubac Historical Society at [ths-tubac.org](http://ths-tubac.org). and Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area at [santacruzheritage.org](http://santacruzheritage.org).

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**Tubac Wins  
BEST SMALL  
TOWN ARTS  
SCENE**

**Three Years  
in a Row**

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**75 YEARS  
TUBAC  
ARTIST  
COLONY**  
EST. 1948

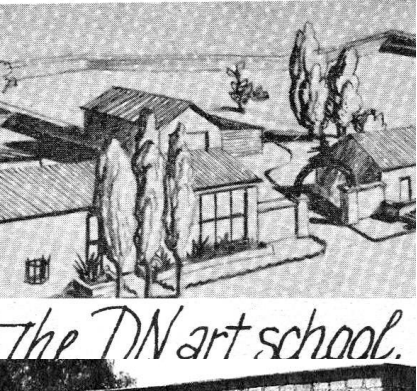
**Tubac Celebrates  
75 Years  
as an  
Art Colony**

**Tubac Chamber of Commerce**

The Arizona Daily Star 10-C  
Sunday, April 4, 1948, Tucson, Arizona

### TUBAC ARTISTS' COLONY PLANNED

NOGALES, April 3.—(P)—The next phase in the historic existence of Tubac, first capital of Arizona, is to be that of an artists' colony. Dale Nichols, Tucson artist, said here he is moving his apprentice school of art to Tubac. The town's rich background, scenery and nearness to Mexico make it a natural setting for an artists' colony, Nichols said. Tubac is 21 miles north of here on the highway to Tucson.



## 2023 FALL ART WALK

A Walking Map

JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

# TUBAC

WHERE ART AND HISTORY MEET

Tubac Art Walk

Nov. 10th-12th, 2023  
March 22th-24th, 2024  
10-5pm Daily



Village of  
**TUBAC**  
1752

Where Art and History Meet

Celebrating 75 years as an Artist Colony, Tubac is a charming, vibrant walking village filled with galleries, studios, boutiques, artisan shops, cafes, and restaurants. Situated about 45 miles south of Tucson, Tubac blends natural beauty in a picturesque atmosphere characterized by Territorial and Spanish Colonial architecture.

**Event Calendar**

2023	Oct. 21 Allas Day
	Nov. 4 Dia de los Muertos Procession
	Nov. 10-12 Tubac Fall Art Walk
	Dec. 1-2 Luminaria Nights
2024	Jan. 13 Home Tour
	Feb. 7-11 65th Annual Tubac Festival of the Arts
	Mar. 1-31 Hawk Watch
	Mar. 6-10 Open Studio Tour
	Mar. 22-24 Tubac Spring Art Walk
	Apr. 19-20 Bonanza Days
	Apr. 21 Taste of Tubac

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