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**GO AHEAD, BREAK YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS AT THE
GLENDALE CHOCOLATE AFFAIRE FEBRUARY 9-11**
Glendale's Own Cerreta Candy Company Presents the Sweetest Event in Town

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Everyone knows New Year's resolutions are just meant to be broken! So go ahead and indulge your sweet tooth at the Valley's sweetest event – the 23rd annual Glendale Chocolate Affaire, Feb. 9-11 in Historic Downtown Glendale, where you'll also discover a celebration of arts, culture and romance!

You won't know where to start first as you take in the amazing array of nearly 40 chocolate purveyors, featuring popular standards like chocolate-covered strawberries, fudge, chocolate-covered cheesecake and bananas, and many more new selections for this year's festival. Even if chocolate is not your favorite, you are sure to find a multitude of sweet treats to tempt your taste buds, like rich, buttery caramels, creamy gelato, kettle corn just to name a few.

The Chocolate Affaire is presented by Arizona's famous candy makers, Cerreta Candy Company, and Willy Wonka's got nothing on them! The candy factory will offer tours all weekend and visitors can get a magical behind-the-scenes look at how their confections are made, and not just chocolate; everything from taffy to caramel and nuts and popcorn! Be sure to get your free sample!

Families with children will enjoy a variety of activities, face-painting, carnival rides, a rock-climbing wall and more.

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The Chocolate Affaire is an opportunity for artists – whether professional or amateur – to express themselves on canvas, as well. Two opportunities will take place on Saturday, Feb. 10. Artists are invited to paint outdoor scenes in the downtown area, or anywhere in the city, during the Plein Air Painting Competition, which begins at 8 a.m. Artists must be at least 18 years old to participate, bring their own materials and easels and register with competition officials prior to any work being done. Registration is free, and open until 10:30 a.m. at the Promenade on Palmaire (58th and Palmaire avenues). Judging will take place that afternoon, and winning artists will receive cash awards and the paintings will become part of the city’s permanent art collection. This event is presented by the Glendale Public Art Program. For more information, visit,

www.glendaleaz.com/arts/ArtistOpportunities.cfm.

In addition, budding painters can take part in one of two Paint Nite classes, where you can paint your own version of a masterpiece. A different design is offered for each class, at noon or 4 p.m., both with a romantic theme. Each class is limited to 50 participants and will last about two hours. The cost for this class is \$45 but with Promo Code LOVE18, you will receive a \$15 discount; along with the painting instruction and beautiful canvas to walk away with, participants will receive free parking in the adjacent parking garage, a sweet chocolate treat from Cerreta Candy Company, as well as a ticket for a beverage from the festival beverage vendor. Find more information and register online at (two class options/designs): <https://www.paintnite.com/events/need-more-love-sign-at-glendale-chocolate-affaire-10046178> or <https://www.paintnite.com/events/sunset-heart-tree-at-glendale-chocolate-affaire-10046179>.

Event hours are Friday 5-10 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.- 10 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

The event is located in the heart of Historic Downtown Glendale, in Murphy Park, located at 58th and Glendale avenues.

Parking is available at various locations throughout the downtown area, or preferred parking is offered for \$10 at the two city parking garages, both of which are accessible from 59th Avenue. For more parking information and directions, visit www.visitglendale.com.

The Glendale Chocolate Affaire is presented by Cerreta Candy Company and sponsored by SRP, 3TV-KTVK and KPHO Channel 5, Diamond Resorts, Bud Light, Swire Coca Cola, the Arizona Republic and the Glendale Ambassadors.

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