

Southwest weekend

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1. She's like the wind

Janet Echelman's luminous net sculpture, inspired by monsoon clouds and cactus blooms, floats above **Downtown Civic Space Park**. The city's newest public artwork is titled, oddly and wonderfully, *Her Secret Is Patience*. It moves with the wind and glows by night. *Central Ave., just south of Fillmore St.; phoenix.gov/arts*

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Phoenix day trip Roosevelt Row

Why go now: Anchored by Phoenix's newest public artwork (left), this downtown neighborhood is hitting its stride. **The coordinates:**

Roosevelt St. between 12th St. and Seventh Ave. **Dress code:**

Think boho chic—jeans, vintage T's, ethnic jewelry.

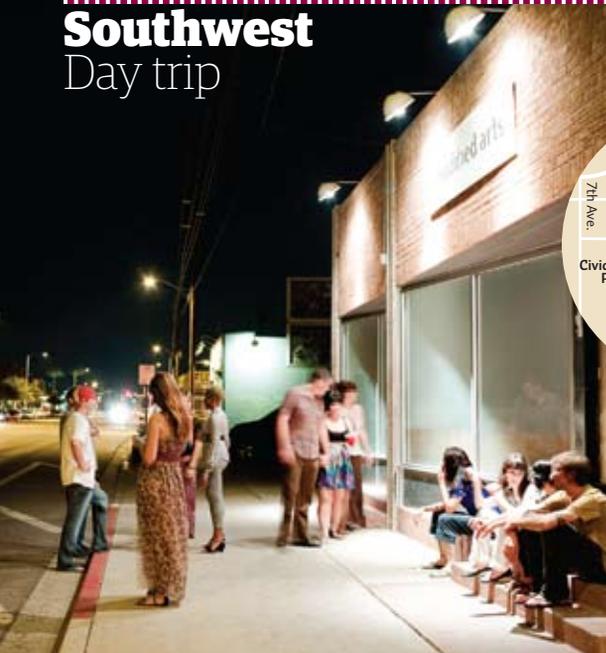
Bring your walking shoes: On foot is the best way to take in the area's galleries, historic bungalows, and indie shops.

Best people-watching: Artlink's monthly First and Third Fridays (artlinkphoenix.com) draw evening crowds for gallery openings, music, and more.

Keep your eyes peeled for: Collectors who troll the galleries looking for the next big thing. **The start of it all:** Alwun House (closed Sat–Sun; 1204 E. Roosevelt St.; 602/253-7887), a landmark 1912 bungalow, hosts art exhibits, performances, and dance parties, just as it's done since 1971. **Spot local artists:** At Carly's Bistro (\$; 128 E. Roosevelt; 602/262-2759). **Caffeine fix:** Savor lattes and local art at Conspire Phoenix (901 N. Fifth St.; 602/237-5446), an espresso bar/gallery/arts workshop.

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2. Mixed media

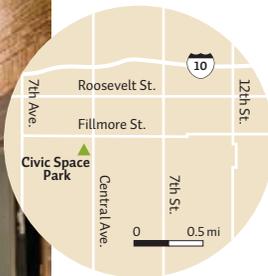
Community activist Kimber Lanning has been deftly mixing up the arts at her performance/gallery space for 10 years.

Modified Arts hosts a rotating program of acoustic music, live theater, and exhibitions. *Check the website for performance dates and gallery hours; gallery free, from \$5 for performances; 407 E. Roosevelt St.; modified.org*



Take it home Made Art Boutique

Almost everything here is made by hand: Go for ceramics and art glass by local and regional artists, funky T's, and metal jewelry. The store also has a newsstand filled with hard-to-find arts publications. *Closed Sun; 922 N. Fifth St.; 602/256-6233.*



Getting there

From I-10, exit at Seventh St. and go south about three blocks to Roosevelt St. For more details, visit rooseveltrow.org

3. Sake and small plates

Chef Johnny Chu's latest creation, **Sens Asian Tapas and Sake Bar**, blends 1960s desert modern and Hong Kong styles with its white furniture and bas-relief walls. The menu is made for sampling: Sip lychee shochu (a Japanese cocktail), then try ginger mint duck salad or quail with rock salt. \$\$; *closed Sun; 705 N. First St., Ste. 120; 602/340-9777.*



4. More than meets the eye

Eye Lounge, a collective artist-run gallery, showcases some of the best up-and-coming talent in the city. This month, look for encaustic paintings by Lisa Marie Sipe and photography by Jason Koster. *Closed Sun; 419 E. Roosevelt St.; 602/430-1490.*

More Roosevelt Row discoveries

LIGHTEN YOUR LOAD

Just Breathe wellness sanctuary offers a little yin to the neighborhood's urban yang. Drop in for a yoga class or a massage: The soothing oasis has two studios for yoga and spinning, as well as six treatment rooms (indulge sidewalk-weary feet with a reflexology session). *Closed Sun; classes \$20, massages from \$80; 828 N. Second St.; 602/256-1400.*



LOCAL BREW

Handcrafted beers, good wines by the glass, and creative, tasty bar food are the hallmarks of **The Roosevelt**, a cozy neighborhood tavern housed in a restored 1904 bungalow. \$; *816 N. Third St.; 602/254-2561.*

URBAN ISLAND

At **The Breadfruit**, you can fill up on fragrant, savory fare like oven-roasted plantains, coconut curried tofu, and dumpling stew. This sunny, modern Jamaican cafe has live music during First Fridays; wine and beer are BYOB. \$; *closed Sun; 108 E. Pierce St.; 602/267-1266.*



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