

Take Flight 2025, an Online Art Auction and Reception

Phoenix Rotary 100



Prickly Flight



Donated by Tonya Shelstad

As a locally born and raised Arizona artist, Tonya finds painting to be a form of meditation that allows her to be present in the moment and mindful of the world around. You can often times find her hiking and painting outdoors next to a cactus.

This metal butterfly sculpture, painted with a prickly pear cactus, highlights the connection between two vibrant desert dwellers. Just as butterflies rely on cacti for nourishment, strong communities thrive through mutual support. This piece reflects the strength found in unity and the importance of caring for one another.