

Celebrating the Dells and the Highlands Center, 24 October 2021, by Walt Anderson

We in the Prescott area are so lucky to have outstanding organizations to support and participate with. I could make a long list, but instead of Wild Wednesday, I want to call attention to two upcoming events this week.

The Highlands Center for Natural History (HCNH) is hosting its 2nd annual **Prescott Plein Air Art Festival**. I will be participating along with 15 other artists. We will be in the field painting Thursday - Saturday, and then an art show with our work will happen on Sunday at the FINN at Touchmark at the Ranch. Details are here: <https://highlandscenter.org/prescott-plein-air/>

I will attach a few plein air paintings I did last year and in the past week, and I will out there throughout the three days of painting. The paintings will be for sale, and your purchase will help support the educational programs of HCNH. If you have questions about any of my pieces, just contact me directly. These pieces reflect a day or two of painting in the field and thus are a good buy, as they are not as detailed as most of the larger pieces I do. Image sizes about 8x10". Watercolors are matted and framed. The acrylic piece is on a panel board ready to hang.

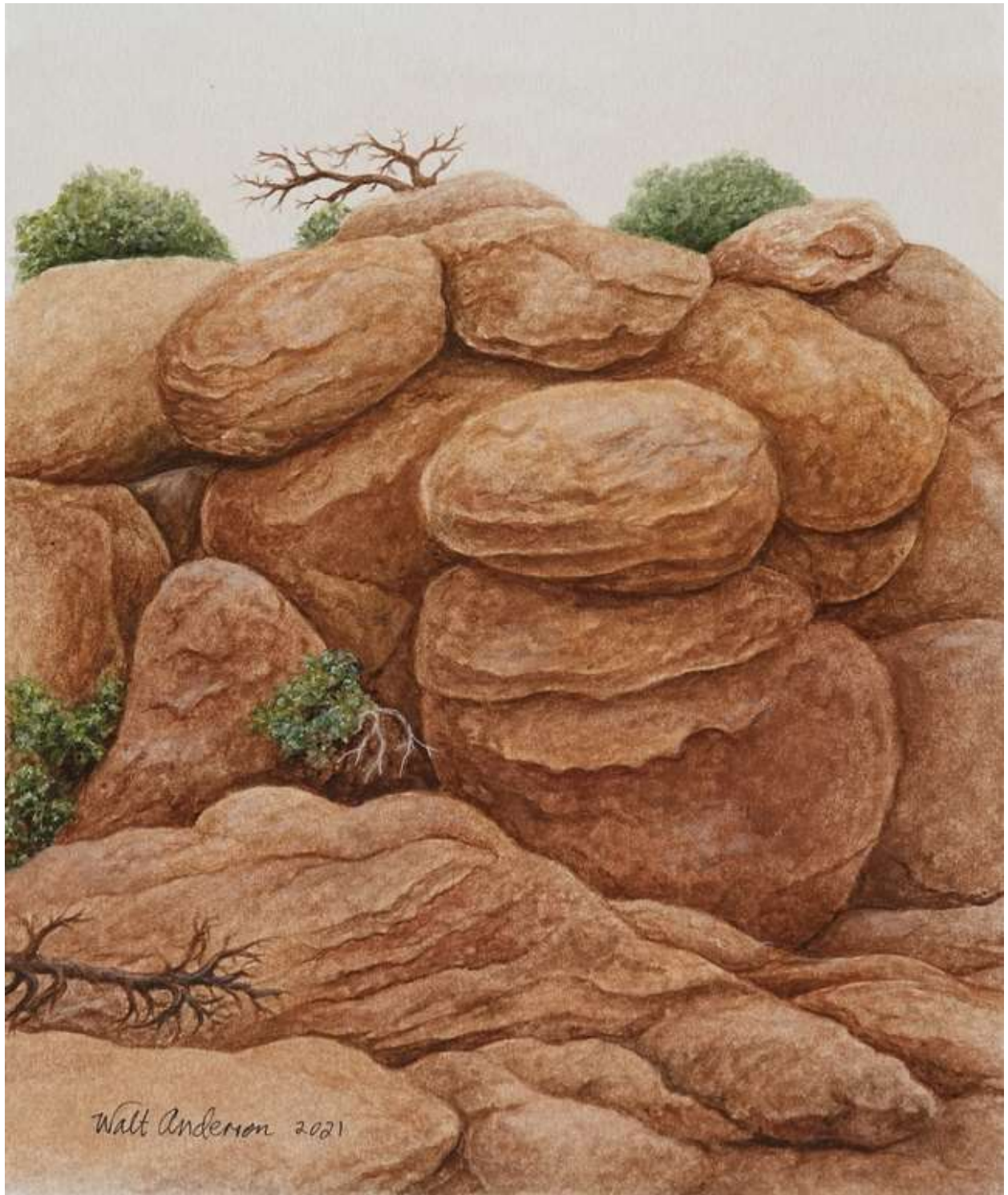
On Sunday the 24th, Save the Dells is hosting **Dells Fest 2021**, a community celebration of all things Granite Dells! It's from 12:00PM-4:30PM at the Watson Lake Park Upper Ramada. The event will celebrate the successful transfer of 473.7 acres of Granite Dells land into public ownership as protected Natural Open Space (NOS). Enjoy a beautiful afternoon in the Dells and learn about what it will take to ensure this Prescott area treasure is protected forever!
<https://www.facebook.com/SaveTheDells/posts/6191748644230603>

Yes, the two events on Sunday are scheduled at the same time, but the celebratory speeches at the Dells event will begin around 3:30PM. That means you could attend the speeches and still sign up (preregistration required) for the 2PM or 5PM slots at the FINN. Artwork will go on display at the Phippen Museum on Oct. 30 - November 28, so you'll have another chance to see some of what we have done.

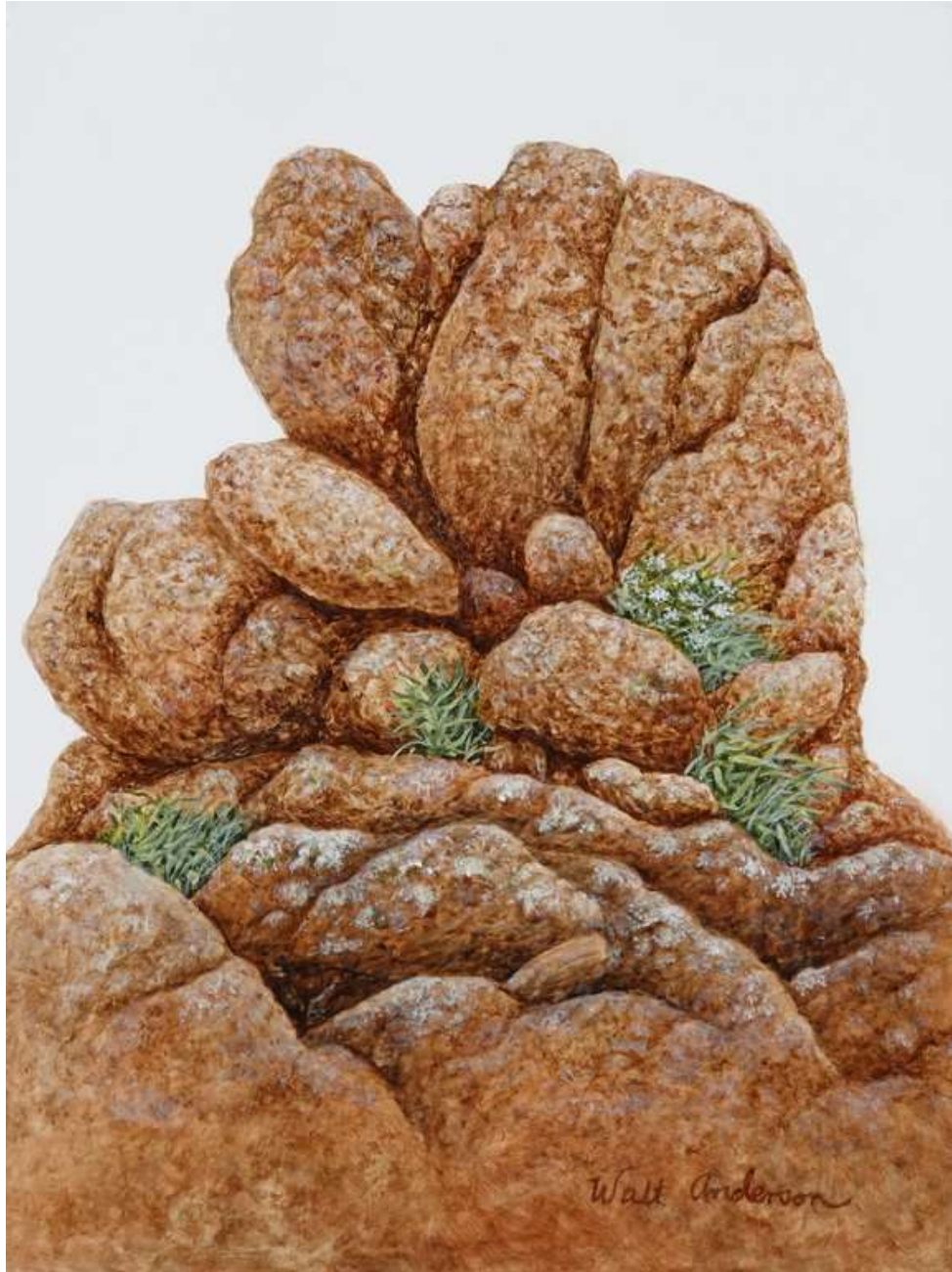
I can't be on both places at once, alas, so I will be at all of the HCNH events if you want to seek me out.



Pygmy Nuthatch on Ponderosa Pine Bark. Watercolor.



"In Balance: Dells Rocks" Watercolor.



"Oldtimer: Dells Rocks" Acrylic on board.



White-breasted Nuthatch on Ponderosa Pine. Watercolor.