

Prescott's 28th Empty Bowls 2025

Courthouse Plaza

Sunday, September 14th

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

By JESSE BERTEL

Across the Street

Prescott's most heartwarming culinary tradition returns this fall with handmade art, gourmet soup, and community spirit on full display. The 28th annual Prescott Empty Bowls event will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, at the courthouse plaza, 120 S. Cortez St.

"What I love about this event is people come from all faiths, all backgrounds, even political affiliations,"

Empty Bowls Co-Chair Tracy Augustine said. "Everyone comes together and supports those in need in the community."

For a \$25 donation, participants may select a handcrafted bowl made by local potters and the Prescott Area Woodturners, enjoy their choice of two gourmet soups from 15 area restaurants, and receive locally made bread and a bottle of water. All items are donated so that 100% of proceeds can benefit local food banks.

Live music will be performed by the

Prescott-based, folk-rock band Sucha Ruckus.

"We kept the same band because Sucha Ruckus is so popular at this event," Augustine said. "It seems like the perfect band for this venue because they're folk rock. So, they're back this year."

Additional activities include a silent art auction, art giveaway with chances to win pieces from local artists, demonstrations by the Mud Makers and the

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Prescott Area Woodturners, merchandise sales, and an educational booth focused on food insecurity and composting. All of the activities take place along the food line.

"That line can get a little long, so now people can be looking at the demonstrations, they can be asking questions at the educational booth, they can look at the art or bid on the art," Augustine said.

"Waiting in line is part of your awareness of what it's like to wait in line for food."

The event is co-sponsored by Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation and Prescott Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. It is entirely volunteer-led, with support from more than 80 volunteers from local UU congregations and the wider community.

Sponsors include Platinum Plate Sponsors: Arizona Lodge No. 1, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, El Gato Azul, Torme and Shirley's Urban Eats; and Golden Grain Sponsors: A Dream by Day Salon and Willison Law.

Last year, the event raised a record \$26,000, which was distributed to 11 area food banks.

Participating Restaurants and Chefs:

- Angry Crab Shack - Chef Tori Padilla, Jambalaya
- Catering by Liz - Chef Liz Denny, New England Clam Chowder
- El Gato Azul - Chef Barry Barbe, Creamy Jalapeño
- Eurasia - Chef Michel Cotabarren, Malaysian Chicken
- Ghostaurant - Chef Million Kreitzer, Barbacoa Chili
- Gingerly Catered - Chef Mercy Clark, Broccoli Cheddar
- Limoncello - Chef Gabriel Nunez, Vellutata di Funghi (Velvety Mushroom)
- Meals on Wheels - Chef Joseph Wohl, Vichysoisse with Caramel Leeks and Potato
- Milo's - Chef Gehnesi
- Park Plaza Liquor & Deli - Chef Rick Garcia, Southwest Street Corn
- Red White & Brew - Chef Eli Linscott, Fiesta Chicken
- Shirley's Urban Eats - Chef Barry Barbe, Matza Ball Soup
- The Club at Prescott Lakes (host restaurant) - Chef Peter Padilla, Sopa Azteca de Puerto Rico
- The Raven Café - Chef Vasquez, Loaded Potato



ABOVE: Photo of the volunteers at the bowl selection station in 2024. The Prescott Empty Bowls event will take place on Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025.

(Courtesy photos)



Richard Chinnock, Spinach Egg Drop

■ Torme - Chef Barry Barbe, Spinach Florentine with Pasta Shells

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