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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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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 (301 N. Fifth St.; 602/237-5446), an espresso bar/gallery/arts workshop.

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

2. Mixed media
Community activist Kimber Lanning has been deftly mixing up the arts at her performance/gallery space for 10 years. Modified Arts host 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

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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