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## SOCIAL LIFE

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## Nature Film Festival Audubon Arizona

The *Lord God Bird: A Legendary Tale of Hope and Survival* was the feature film presentation at the sixth annual Nature Film Festival hosted by Audubon Arizona. This film is about how an American Bird made front-page news across the country and even around the world. The ivory-billed woodpecker, supposedly extinct, was reported to exist deep in the swamps of Arkansas. The evening began with a silent auction and a picnic supper. After the Southwest premiere of *Lord God Bird*, a discussion was held with director **George Butler**. Audubon's mission is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife and their habitats, for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity. ■

—Claudia Wright



Bernadette DeAngelis, Sam Campana, Lois Savage



"Antique Urn" cake, Angie Van Daele



Katie Veniard  
"Traditional Fairy Tale Tea Party"



Laura and Jeff Katz  
"Pure ... Elegance"



Bob Burg, Scott Corridan



Danielle Servold, Debbie Spencer, Kate Mundy  
"Industrial Revolution In Motion"



Connie Thibault, Kaushik Chowdhury  
"Indian Wedding" cake

## Event Elements Competition NACE – Phoenix Chapter

For 50 years, the National Association of Catering Executives (NACE) has helped provide education, networking and resources to catering and event professionals. The Phoenix Chapter gathered for the second annual Event Elements Competition at JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort and Spa. Competitors in tabletop décor and confectionary creations showed their excellence in four categories. The Valley's best designs in Retro, Contemporary, Traditional and Vintage styles competed for Best of Class Awards. Judging the tabletop décor entries were nationally acclaimed event producer **Scott Corridan**, interior designer **Robert Burg** and *frontdoors* social editor **Linda Herold**. Chefs **Tracy DeWitt** and **Garry Waldie**, both instructors at Scottsdale Culinary Institute, judged the confectionary creations. The event was open for public viewing during the afternoon. Winners were announced at a gala dinner. **Scott Corridan** gave a presentation documenting the development and success of his company, and entertainment by Ray the DJ and The Spin completed the festive affair. **Laura Katz** of Kool Party Rentals received Best of Class for her table "Pure ... Elegance" in the Contemporary category. **Debbie Spencer** and the team at Scottsdale Resort and Conference Center won in the Vintage category for "Industrial Revolution In Motion." The People's Choice Award for outstanding confectionary creations was presented to designer **Andrea Blaut** of Sedona Cake Couture for "Antique Urn," inspired by a rare, antique Meissen floral urn. NACE member and programs chair **Laurie Southwick** said, "We are proud to show you the best creations Valley professionals have to offer." Funds raised benefited Positive Impact, an organization that helps families in crisis whose needs are greater than their resources. ■