



Soleri Bell Foundry Tour
Thursday Nov. 21, 2019
11:00 am
6433 E. Doubletree Ranch Rd.
Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

A visit to the Cosanti Bronze Foundry is a bit like stepping back into the 1960s. According to the [Cosanti](#) website, the foundry, in [Paradise Valley](#), Ariz., is the residence and sculpture studio of Italian-American artist Paolo Soleri and his staff. Soleri (later joined by his students) began work on the experimental buildings in the mid-1950s.

Designated as an Arizona Historic Site, Cosanti presents a unique bio-climatic architectural environment. Its structures feature many imaginative design elements, reflecting innovative construction techniques.

- The word "Cosanti" is made up of two Italian words: *cosa* and *anti*. Translated, the name means "before (or against) things," a reference to Soleri's anti-materialist stance.
- Soleri's unique, experimental, imaginative buildings made in the '50s are fun to visit and add a layer of education and interest to your visit to the foundry.
- Soleri himself was a character, known not just for his art and architecture but also for his philosophy.

Some of the paths are not paved and are uneven so it may be a little hard for people with canes. There is a charge of \$15.00 per person (make the checks out to Helen Dodds.) The deadline is 11/14/19 and needs to be sent to:

Helen Dodds
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If you have any question please contact Helen Dodds at 480-821-4727 or grandmadodds@hotmail.com
Please remember to wear your name badge.