

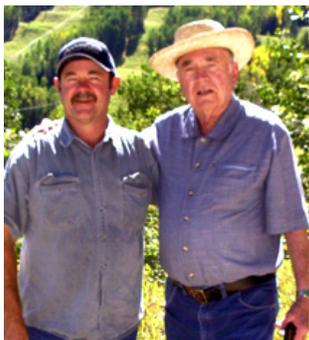
### **President's Outstanding Alumni-Prescott: Tom Robbins, 1974, Graphic Arts**

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**Years Attended:** 1974

**Area of Study:** Graphic Arts

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Tom Robbins was an excellent art student in Dick Marcusen's Yavapai Art classes. He matriculated from Yavapai to Northern Arizona University. He distinguished himself in the Art Department at NAU and graduated. To support his family in the Prescott, He founded Kopavi Construction in Prescott and has built many fine homes and business here.

Robbins serves beautifully as an example of a homegrown Prescott and Yavapai County citizen - a member of a four-generation local family who stayed on in Prescott and supported a rich family tradition of service to Y. C. and our community. An astonishing aspect of this account is that without exception every member of this four-generation family has attended classes at Yavapai College, Tom's grandfather (Fred Phillips), his dad, Tom, his brother Tim, and his two sons, Asa and Jesse. This interesting list also includes most of their wives many who still attend regularly. So... four generations of Robbins family experienced renewed potential by enrolling at Y.C. from its founding until now.

Tom has been involved with several organizations over the past years where he has spent much time doing service to this community.

Tom and his sons are all Eagle Scouts. The boys were inspired to accomplish the level of scouting not by Tom insisting they become Eagles, but by him telling them the stories of the fun times he had and great joy he had in doing the work with scouting in becoming an Eagle. Tom helps with Cub Scouts Den 6, Boy Scouts Troop 7, and Troop 1. He's involved in numerous scout projects such as the annual rain gutter boat race, the annual pine wood derby, sailing on the Argosy, (the Boy Scouts of America Training Ship), ALL the scouting trips in, around, and out of the state and into Mexico, summer scout camp at Camp Raymond, extensive trail work, and assisting with Camp-

a-Ree. He has given financial donations, donations of materials as well as contacting and finding contractors in the city to donate their time and materials for projects for scouts to accomplish their projects.

Tom also assists at the small local charter school, Skyview, on Rush Street where Mrs. Pam Robbins teaches. Skyview is an Arts-based school. Tom helped to build their beautiful outdoor Greek Theater. He also, over the past 12 years, has given numerous hours, significant financial donations, loaned and donated equipment, and is ever available to help the staff, students and their families maintain quality instruction for Skyview's students. Skyview school is has close relations with the educational department at Yavapai College.

Once the Smoki Museum became oriented to becoming a museum to educating and sharing the perspective and preservation of Native Americans, Tom decided to enthusiastically assist within the working of the organization. He has served on the Board, assisted in the annual rug auction, and as usual became involved in several construction and refurbishing projects. The Exterior garden project between the museum and pueblo was headed up by Tom. It was starting as an Eagle Project by having the "hole" dug into the ground. Without someone volunteering to do this part the garden area would not have been able to have been started or reach its present state.

Through a number of years Judge, Bob Keebler had Tom assist with coaching, and doing several volunteer jobs for the Little League/Baseball/Soccer association. Tom contributes to making all our lives in this area better particularly in education and youth related areas. We're proud to have him as an alumnus.