Your mission is to find at least one activity below to enjoy!

This Edition’s Spotlight is on –

Waterfall Canyon Trail—
Two miles. That’s the modest distance one hikes to reach a hidden waterfall secreted away in the White Tank Mountains. Depending on recent rain, the falls can be a meager trickle or a thunderous roar of water. Chance it. Waterfall Canyon Trail is easy to traverse and lined with Hohokam petroglyphs. White Tank Mountain Regional Park, 20304 W. White Tank Mountain Rd., Waddell, 623-935-2505, www.maricopacountyparks.net.

Ongoing  WalkPHX Wednesdays
Step out and activate your local park, community, and fitness journey by joining FitPHX’s Walk PHX program. Enjoy getting outdoors, being physically active, spending time with family, and meeting new friends by taking a walk in one of our beautiful local parks. Each park location has a mapped walking path with signage that lets you know exactly where to start and just how far you go! You also have the opportunity to earn a City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation pass that will give you and/or your family access to multiple City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation programs, activities, and resources to stay healthy and active. Free. Throughout the City of Phoenix, AZ, www.phoenix.gov/parks/fitphx/walkphx.

Ongoing  First Fridays
What started as a small event with no more than a handful of participating galleries in 1993 has since grown into a staple on the Phoenix nightlife and events scene. First Friday in downtown Phoenix has more than 80 galleries and art-friendly businesses that stay open later to peruse at no cost. Join 10,000 of your closest friends and take in the sights and sounds of street vendors, live music and exhibit openings. First Friday of the month from 6-10 p.m., Downtown Phoenix (check website for participating businesses), (602) 256-7539, http://artlinkphoenix.com/.
Ongoing   **Tovrea Castle Tour**
Go back in time and learn about the man inspired to build the castle and the people who made it their home. Tours last approximately 2 hours and include the historic Castle's main floor and basement, extensive grounds and cactus garden surrounding the Castle. Book tours early. Tour price: Adults $15, children 2 and under free. Tours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday; January-April, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; May, 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.; June, 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.; September, 7:30 a.m.; October-December, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; closed in July and August. Tovrea Castle at Carraro Heights Visitor Center, 5025 E. Van Buren, Phoenix, AZ, 85008, 1-800-838-3006, [www.tovreacastletours.com](http://www.tovreacastletours.com).

Ongoing   **Bisbee After 5**
Bisbee already famous for its rich history, vibrant art scene, wonderful amenities and friendly people, has a town-wide Art Walk the second Saturday of the month. Enjoy more than 30 shops and galleries, special sales and promotions, live entertainment and refreshments. Second Saturday of the month. Bisbee, AZ, [www.bisbeeafter5.com](http://www.bisbeeafter5.com).

**Through March 26**   **Cactus League Spring Training**
Each spring the teams (Arizona Diamondbacks, Chicago Cubs, Chicago White Sox, Cincinnati Reds, Cleveland Indians, Colorado Rockies, Kansas City Royals, Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, Los Angeles Dodgers, Milwaukee Brewers, Oakland Athletics, San Diego Padres, San Francisco Giants, Seattle Mariners, Texas Rangers) of the Cactus League play about a month of Spring Training Baseball. This is where the managers take a look at the players and determine the final roster based on their performance. The great thing about Spring Training games is that you'll get to see many of your favorite teams' players during one game. [www.cactusleague.com](http://www.cactusleague.com).

**Through March 31**   **Arizona Renaissance Festival & Artisan Marketplace**
A medieval amusement park, a 12-stage theater, a 30-acre circus, an arts and crafts fair, a jousting tournament and a feast - all rolled into one non-stop, day-long family adventure! Tickets: Adult $26, Seniors/Military $25, Children (5-12) $16, check Fry’s Food Stores for discounts and website for additional discounts. Free parking. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Renaissance Festival Grounds, 12601 East Highway 60, Gold Canyon, AZ, (520) 463-2600, [http://arizona.renfestinfo.com/](http://arizona.renfestinfo.com/).

**Through April 22**   **Mamma Mia!**
A mother. A daughter. Three possible dads! A wedding you'll never forget! ABBA’s timeless songs, including “Take a Chance on Me”, “Chiquitita” and “Dancing Queen”, tell this enchanting saga of a free-spirited mother, her daughter, and the three men who may be Dad. This Broadway-blockbuster international sensation is an unforgettable show filled with love, laughter, and friendship that will leave you dancing in the aisles! Arizona Broadway Theatre, 7701 W. Paradise Lane, Peoria, AZ 85382, (623) 776-8400, [www.azbroadway.org](http://www.azbroadway.org).

**Through April 28**   **Bugs. BIG BUGS!**
Something is buzzing at the Phoenix Zoo. And it’s big. Really big. The Zoo’s latest can’t – miss animatronic exhibit. Twenty-one gigantic bugs that you really need to see to believe, and tons of activities for the entire family. Beautifully detailed, the bugs are made from a combination of steel, fiberglass and skin material made from a special urethane compound that protects them against sun, rain and snow, making them perfect to display in their natural environment. In addition to Zoo admission – Members $4 and General $5. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Phoenix Zoo, 455 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ, 85008, [www.phoenixzoo.org](http://www.phoenixzoo.org).

**Through May 12**   **Spring Butterfly Exhibit**
Hundreds of butterflies native to the Southwest are waiting to greet you at the Garden’s Spring Butterfly Exhibit. Get an up-close look at painted ladies, zebra longwings and more, with new butterflies added to the exhibit weekly. Plus, don’t miss the caterpillar nursery and emergence chamber to see hungry caterpillars and watch butterflies emerge from their chrysalises. Included with membership or paid admission. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Desert Botanical Garden, 1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ, (480) 481-8188, www.dbg.org.

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**Through May 18**  **Spark! After Dark**
Fade the lights and turn up the music. Step outside and spark up your Saturday night. Mesa Arts Center is now hosting a free night out on the campus on the third Saturday of the month. The grown-up’s playground, complete with live art, live music, great eats, tasty adult drinks and all in the shadow of our stunning campus. Free. 8-11 p.m., Mesa Arts Center, One East Main St, Mesa, AZ 85201, www.mesaartscenter.com.

**Through May 27**  **Josef Albers in Mexico**
*Josef Albers in Mexico* is an exhibition which elucidates the influence and connectivity between the work of Albers (German, 1888-1976), and the abstracted geometric vocabulary of pre-Columbian art, architecture, and material culture. Albers and his wife, Anni Albers (1899–1994), took frequent trips to Latin America, with particular interest in Mexico – visiting the country more than a dozen times from the 1930s to the 1960s. Albers’ fascination with the visual culture of Mexico left an indelible mark on his own artistic production and methodology, with sites like Teotihuacán, Chichén Itzá, Monte Albán, and Mitla infiltrating the visual framework of his work. Included in the exhibition are rarely seen early paintings by Albers, seminal works like Homage to the Square and Variant/Adobeseries, works on paper, and a selection of rich photographic and photocollage work, many of which have never before been on view. Heard Museum, 2301 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ, (602) 252-8840, www.heard.org.

**Through September 15**  **The Electric Guitar: Inventing an American Icon**
The Electric Guitar: Inventing an American Icon, shares the untold story of the invention of the electric guitar, an instrument that revolutionized music and popular culture forever. This exclusive exhibition showcases more than eighty of the rarest electric guitars and amplifiers in the world—from some of the first ever heard to those played by the most famous electric guitarists known today. Decades before rock and roll, these instruments jolted, energized, and even confused the eardrums of the nation. Admission: $7 with paid admission, $10 special exhibition only. Musical Instrument Museum, 4725 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85050, (480) 478-6000, www.mim.org.

**March 28-June 6**  **Bike Night**
The biggest Bike Night in the Valley is back! In association with Cyclerides.com, the much-anticipated Westgate Bike Night returns to WaterDance Plaza. See hundreds of bikes line Coyotes Boulevard and Westgate Boulevard. Plus, enjoy rockin’ live music and screamin’ deals and discounts from Westgate bars and restaurants. All riders are welcome, but you don’t have to have a bike to enjoy the show. Select Thursdays. 5-9 p.m., Westgate Entertainment District, 6751 N. Sunset Blvd., Glendale, AZ, www.westgateaz.com/bikenight/.

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March 29-31   Spring Tempe Festival of the Arts
The Tempe Festival of the Arts is a well-loved community event that showcases more than 300 artists from around the country. Entertainment stages on 5th St. East of Mill Avenue and in Hayden Amphitheater have been added. You won't want to miss Kids Block, where kids can see works by their peers and do some projects of their own. Admission is free. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Mill Avenue District (between 3rd St. and University Dr.), Tempe, AZ, www.tempefestivalofthearts.com.

March 30-31   Arizona Game & Fish Department Outdoor Expo
This is a great event to experience or learn more about the amazing outdoor recreational opportunities in Arizona. Activities such as camping, fishing, hunting, wildlife viewing, shooting sports, off-highway vehicle recreation and boating recreation are great ways to spend quality time with family and friends. Free parking and admission. Ben Avery Shooting Facility, 4044 W. Black Canyon Blvd., Phoenix, AZ, 623-236-7222, https://www.azgfd.com/expo/.

March 30-April 14   Spring Music in the Garden
Desert Botanical Garden once again offers an exciting and diverse lineup of talented performers at the Spring Music in the Garden concert series. Enjoy performances from local bands in the stunning surroundings of Desert Botanical Garden. These shows sell out quickly so buy your tickets soon!

- March 30 – Blaine Long & Rosas Del Rey | Country, Rock, R&B
- April 7 – Sahnas Borhters Band | Contemporary
- April 14 – Pete Pancrazi | Latin


March 30-December 15   Transcendent Transcendentalists

March 31   Glendale Family Bike Ride
Join hundreds of riders for wonderful weather and great exercise at the annual Glendale Family Bike Ride. Helmets required for the 6, 15 or 23-mile routes. Free admission. Register online or on-site registration is at 7 a.m. and ride begins at 8 a.m., Sahuaro Ranch Park, 9802 N. 59th Ave., Glendale, AZ, (623) 930-2940, http://www.glendaleaz.com/transportation/GlendaleFamilyBikeRide.cfm.
April 3  Red Dress Cocktail Party
The Red Dress Cocktail Party applauds a decade of heart disease prevention, support and awareness. Master of Ceremonies and ABC 15 Anchor Steve Irvin and keynote speaker Dr. Martha Gulati, Division Chief of Cardiology at the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix and Physician Executive Director for the Banner – University Medicine Heart Institute, will take the stage for a message of empowerment and showcase an evening of fashion! Tickets: $50. Proceeds benefit Dr. Gulati's heart disease prevention initiatives at the UA College of Medicine – Phoenix. 6-8 p.m., University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix, Biomedical Sciences Partnership Building, 475 N. 5th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004, http://phoenixmed.arizona.edu/reddress.

When asked why you live in Arizona, share Phoenix At Its Finest and Tucson is Tops.

April 6  Grand Tour of Gardens
Phoenix Home & Garden magazine invites you to celebrate spring by attending the 21st Garden Tour. Tour exclusive gardens and meet landscape design professionals, magazine editors as well as gardeners and plant enthusiasts. This is a rain or shine event. No refunds. The self-guided tour costs $50 per person, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Desert Botanical Garden. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., https://www.phgmag.com/event/phoenix-home-garden-2019-garden-tour/.

April 6  15th Annual Gilbert Global Village Festival
Celebrate and share the rich cultural traditions of countries from around the world in Gilbert, with music, dance, costumes, exhibits and fun. The festival brings neighbors together in a friendly, educational way to learn more about each other. This family event highlights some of the traditional and contemporary forms of dance, music, children's activities, arts & crafts and ethnic foods from countries far away. As part of Valley Bike month, "Bike Around the World", the Town of Gilbert and Valley Metro are encouraging families to ride your bike to the festival. Plenty of bicycle parking will be available and those who participate will receive some great "Bike Around the World" prizes. Free. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Gilbert Civic Center North Campus, 50 E. Civic Center Dr., Gilbert, AZ, 85262, (480) 503-6229, www.gilbertaz.gov.

April 6-7  17th Annual Desert Dog K-9 Trials
During the weekend events, you will be able to observe many active Police, Military, and Government canine teams from around the nation competing in various field exercises. Many of these teams will also be competing in various building exercises. Because the building, narcotics and explosives searches must take place in a controlled environment, we are unable to showcase this part of the competition. However, demonstrations will be performed during some of the intermissions. Vendors will be on site selling shirts, hats and other canine and police related products. Canine, SWAT and Fire Vehicles will be on display, as well as a Police Helicopter. Check website for event schedule and times. Scottsdale Stadium, 7408 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85251, https://www.alecapolicek9.com/trials.
April 6-May 4  OdySea in the Desert Cultural Connections Concert Series
OdySea in the Desert and the Southern Arizona Arts and Cultural Alliance have partnered to bring live cultural music and dance to the desert. The Cultural Connections Concert Series supports local performers with the opportunity to educate the community with their unique cultural styles of music and dance. The series will feature a range of performance types, from folklorico and mariachi to taiko drumming and tap dance.

- April 6 - Rhythms of the World - Jam out to the rhythmic pulse of drums from across the world. Combining highly physical, large-scale drumming with contemporary costumes, precise choreography and innovative visuals, Rhythms of the World will offer an energetic and unforgettable production as the crowd’s energy helps fuel the groups’ performances.
- May 4 - Beat the Feet - Connect with the Valley's hottest hip-hop dance and capoeira crews in one furious night of footwork. An unforgettable artistic journey around the world through dance, Beat the Feet will highlight the legacy of dance and the storytelling power it embodies.

Free admission. First Saturday of the month. 1-5 p.m., OdySea in the Desert, 9500 East Via de Ventura, Scottsdale, AZ 85256, www.saaca.org

April 10-May 1  Mini-Medical School Series
The University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix proudly organizes Mini-Medical School, a fascinating community lecture series open to the public.

- April 10 – “The Brain - Assessment and Treatment of Concussions” - The last decade has seen an explosion of research and concern over concussions in children, athletes, soldiers and the general public. Come learn the current state of understanding about concussions — the testing, symptoms and recovery — and bring your questions for our college’s experts.
- May 1 – “Reclaim Your Body - Heart Healthy and Cancer Free” - Come learn how you can simultaneously reduce your risk for these two chronic diseases through exercise, diet and screenings. Let us introduce you to simple and fun strategies to help you become heart healthy and cancer free.

High school students may attend with a parent. Paramedics, EMTs, firefighters and first responders will earn six continuing education (CE) hours. Free registration. 5:30-7:00 p.m., UA College of Medicine – Phoenix, Health Sciences Education Building, C104, 435 N. 5th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004, (602) 827-2234, http://phoenixmed.arizona.edu/minimed.

April 11-14  Country Thunder Music Festival

April 12  Darby SmartScramble
Enjoy breakfast, 18 holes of golf, and lunch along with a terrific raffle and silent auction items while raising funds for Give Kids a Smile. Golfer fees: $125 individual and $500 foursome. Shotgun starts at 6:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Contact Catherine Mancuso at (516) 688-6835 or Catherine.Mancuso@Darby.com to register. JW Marriott Camelback Golf Club, 7847 N. Mockingbird Ln., Scottsdale, AZ, 85258, https://birdieasepro.com/darbysmartscramble/.
April 13

**Phoenix Zoo Earth Day**
Get hands on with fun, earth-friendly activities that will help save our environment and all of its creatures from extinction. Make an impact by learning to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle! Phoenix Zoo’s Party for the Planet features activities, crafts and music among some of the planet’s most intriguing and inspiring wildlife. Included with Zoo admission. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Phoenix Zoo, 455 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ, 85008, [www.phoenixzoo.org](http://www.phoenixzoo.org).

April 13

**34th Annual My Nana’s Best Tasting Salsa Challenge**
This annual culinary competition features over one hundred freshly made salsas and professional “chefs” will compete for the judge’s vote while attendees enjoy all the chips and salsa they can eat! The Salsa Challenge proudly features restaurants, businesses and individuals competing to make the best tasting salsa in their category. Come and taste freshly made salsas, listen to live music, enjoy margaritas, cold beers, and vote for their favorite salsa chef. Admission: $12 admission at gate, children 12 and under are free, VIP tickets $59. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sloan Park – Chicago Cubs Spring Training Facility, 2330 W Rio Salado Pkwy., Mesa, AZ 85201, (602) 955-3947, [http://salsachallenge.com/](http://salsachallenge.com/).

April 13-14

**ASU Pow Wow**
This 33rd annual event features a dance contest, drum contests, arts and crafts and plenty of food. The contemporary Pow Wow is a link to the past that helps maintain Native Heritage. Seen by outsiders as entertainment due to the singing, dancing, and colorful regalia, the Pow Wow is a spiritual legacy which should be treated with respect and honor. It is a time for Indian families to be together with other family members and friends. It is a time of sharing, of laughter and tears, of learning, and of caring. It is a time when Indians reflect on their traditions. It is a time to honor the past and celebrate the future. Check website for times and ticket prices. Sun Devil Stadium, 500 E. Veterans Way, Tempe, AZ 85287, (480) 965-5224, [https://powwow.asu.edu/](https://powwow.asu.edu/).

April 13-14

**Scottsdale Culinary Festival**
The Scottsdale Culinary Festival weekend provides the opportunity to taste as many foods from as many restaurants as your stomach will allow on acres of park bliss. We encourage all of our attendees to please drink responsibly. Saturday 12-9 p.m. and Sunday 12-6 p.m., General admission and VIP tickets: $12-$125. Scottsdale Civic Center, 7380 E. 2nd St., Scottsdale, AZ 85251, [www.scottsdalefest.org](http://www.scottsdalefest.org).

April 17

**Midwestern University Open House**
Current Midwestern students will conduct informative campus tours which will allow you to experience the University’s facilities, clinics, and accommodations from a student’s perspective. University staff will be on hand to provide information on admissions, while Midwestern faculty will introduce and explain professional degree programs in osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, physician assistant studies, occupational therapy, cardiovascular science/perfusion, podiatric medicine, nurse anesthesia, biomedical sciences, clinical psychology, optometry, dental medicine, physical therapy, speech-language pathology, and veterinary medicine. To register, please call (888) 247-9277, email [admissaz@midwestern.edu](mailto:admissaz@midwestern.edu), or register online at [http://www.midwestern.edu/AZOpenHouse](http://www.midwestern.edu/AZOpenHouse). 5-7 p.m., Midwestern University Auditorium, 19555 N. 59th Ave., Glendale, AZ.
April 20-May 18  Lakeshore Music Series
Plan to enjoy monthly jazz performances in various settings.
- April 20 – Veronica Swift Quartet with Benny Green
- May 18 – The Return of The Bonedaddys
7:30 p.m., Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ, (480) 350-2822, www.lakeshoremusic.org.

April 20  23rd Annual Easter Egg-Citement
This event is small so those participating have plenty to hunt and so the parents or grandparents can enjoy taking plenty of photos. Hunts are divided into age groups: 0-2 year olds, 3-5 year olds, 6-8 year olds and 9 and older. Egg hunt begins at 11 a.m. Each age group will hunt one after the other. Age groups are limited and will sell out. Enjoy an Easter cookie, lunch and unlimited photos with the Easter Bunny! Tickets: $3-$25. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Schnepf Farms, 24810 S. Rittenhouse Rd., Queen Creek, AZ, 85242, (480) 987-3100, http://schnepffarms.com.

April 20  Family Easter Celebration
The Family Easter Celebration provides some of the most enthusiastic Easter Egg Scrambles in the Valley for kids up to 9 years of age. In addition to the egg hunts there will be information booths, displays, and interactive amusements. There will be a Family Easter Basket Giveaway. Minimal charges for some interactive children’s activities and photos with the Easter Bunny. Also available for purchase are food and beverages. Cash only event. Free admission. Egg hunts by age. 9 a.m.-noon. Snedigar Sportsplex, 4500 S. Alma School Rd., Chandler, AZ, www.chandleraz.gov/default.aspx?pageid=283.

April 20  Tempe Easter Egg Hunt
The Kiwanis Club of Tempe, along with Tempe High School Key Club and ASU’s Circle K International, hosts this event with more than 8,000 plastic prize-filled Easter eggs. The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures prior to the hunt, plus face painting, games and arts and crafts. Bring your own basket. Free. 8 a.m., Kiwanis Park (soccer field), 6111 S. All America Way, Tempe, AZ, kcot.org.

April 20  43rd Dolly Sanchez Easter Egg Hunt
There are candy hunts for eight age groups (ages 1-10) and one for individuals with disabilities. Highlights include pony rides, crafts, inflatables and carnival games and rides. Admission and parking are free with a canned food donation for St. Mary’s/Westside Food Bank Alliance. Some activities require a nominal fee. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. 8 a.m.-noon, Peoria Sports Complex, 16101 N. 83rd Ave., Peoria, AZ, peoriaaz.gov.

April 24-28  Nirvana
Sanctuary’s culinary festival draws international talent to a food and beverage extravaganza featuring star chefs along with Executive Chef Beau MacMillan. Throughout the weekend, you’ll enjoy informative, intimate conversation with celebrities from the world of food and wine…accompanied by tantalizing tastings, sumptuous meals and activities that make the most of Arizona’s glorious spring weather. Tickets and packages: $125-$500. Sanctuary Camelback Mountain Resort and Spa, 5700 East McDonald Drive, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253, (877) 808-9463, www.nirvanafoodandwine.com.
April 26-28  **Junk In The Trunk Vintage Market**
This three-day vintage market event hosts over 170 hand-picked unique and creative local Arizona vendors who are committed to help attendees find something they love. Ranging from all things chippy, rusty, vintage and handmade, you are sure to find that perfect vintage dress, a one-of-a-kind piece of furniture, handmade jewelry, or one of hundreds of other amazing treasures for your home or garden. There will be live music, fabulous giveaways, vintage photo opportunities and infinite amounts of design inspiration. VIP and Early shopping tickets available. General Admission: $8, free for children 12 and under. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., West World of Scottsdale, 16601 N. Pima Rd. Scottsdale, AZ, (480) 338-0331, [http://junkinthetrunkvintagemarket.com](http://junkinthetrunkvintagemarket.com).

April 27  **15th Annual Pat Tillman Run**
Pat’s Run is the signature fundraising event for the Pat Tillman Foundation. Together they run, walk and honor Pat’s legacy while raising important funds to support the Tillman Military Scholars created to pay tribute to his commitment to leadership and service. Pat’s Run features a 4.2-mile run/walk, a .42-mile Kids Run for children 12 and under and a Finish Line Expo. Early registration: $55 and kids $10. Space is limited. Arizona State University, Sun Devil Stadium, 500 Veterans Way, Tempe, AZ, 85282, [http://www.pattillmanfoundation.org/pats-run/](http://www.pattillmanfoundation.org/pats-run/).

April 28  **Día del Niño Festival**
Join us for a wild and wonderful celebration of children, animals and Hispanic culture at one of our busiest, biggest events! Included with zoo admission. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Phoenix Zoo, 455 North Galvin Parkway Phoenix, AZ, 85008, (602) 914-4333, [www.phoenixzoo.org](http://www.phoenixzoo.org).

April 28-May 26  **Schoolhouse Rock Live!**
A pop culture phenomenon returns to the musical stage! Academic subjects will never seem boring again when presented through megahits like “Conjunction Junction,” “Just a Bill,” “Interplanet Janet” or “Three is a Magic Number.” Schoolhouse Rock explodes onto the stage with songs you loved updated for a whole new generation! Ages 6 and up. Tickets: $12 - $30. Saturdays 1 & 4 p.m., Sundays 1 p.m., Herberger Theater Center, 222 E. Monroe Street, Phoenix, AZ, (602) 252-8497, [www.childsplayaz.org](http://www.childsplayaz.org).

April 28 – June 30  **Summer Concert Series**
Rock and roll at the Railroad Park! Recently recognized as one of the best live music venues in Arizona by Best of American Towns, Sunday’s at The Railroad Park are the place to be in Scottsdale this summer. Bring a blanket or chair and relax in the park. Food is available for purchase.

- April 28 – The Piano Man – Billy Joel/Elton John Tribute
- May 5 – Diamond in the Rough – Neil Diamond Tribute
- May 12 – Mogollon – High Energy Country
- May 19 – Rock Lobster – 80’s Cover Band
- May 26 – The Real Thing – Top 40
- June 2 – Paperback Writer – Beatles Tribute
- June 9 – High Tide – Beach Boys Tribute
- June 16 – Motown Magic – Various Motown
- June 30 – Garth Live! – Garth Brooks Tribute – concert followed by fireworks

Train and Carousel rides are $2. Children two and under ride free with a paying adult. Bands are subject to Change. Beer Permit must be purchased for the consumption of beer. NO hard alcohol, wine or glass bottles are permitted , 7:30-9 p.m., McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, 7301 E. Indian Bend Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85250, (480) 312-2312, [www.therailroadpark.com](http://www.therailroadpark.com).

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May 1 (tentative)  Annual Peach Festival
The farm is the largest Peach Grower in the State, all organic and pesticide free. 50 years ago, Ray Schnepf planted his first peach trees, two years later the farm started picking and shipping peaches all over the country. Customers come from all over to pick Arizona Peaches, which now happen to be the BEST peaches in the country (according to Wine Spectator magazine). Enjoy hay rides to the orchards, live music, train rides, carousel rides and more, Peachy Pancake breakfast, Peachy Sampling Pavilion with food ranging from sweets to salsa’s, water activities, peachy arts and crafts booths, peach pies, peach cinnamon rolls, peach cookies, peach cobbler and more. Admission: Adults $10, Children 12 and younger. Check website for actual start date – dependent on Mother Nature. 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Schnepf Farms, 24810 S. Rittenhouse Road, Queen Creek, AZ, 85242, (480) 987-3100, http://schnepffarms.com.

May 3-17  CinePark Movie Series
The City of Chandler is excited to announce our newest family-friendly event for the community. Come spend your last few Friday nights of spring with us watching movies in the park!

May 3 – Ralph Break the Internet
May 10 – Dr. Seuss’ The Grinch
May 17 – Incredibles 2

May 3-26  Guys and Dolls
Grab your fedora and join Nathan Detroit as he tries to establish the biggest craps game in town, deal with his long-time girlfriend’s desire for marriage (Adelaide’s Lament), and convince fellow gambler Sky Masterson to finance his venture (Luck Be a Lady). Featuring the classic songs Sit Down, You’re Rockin’ the Boat and A Bushel and a Peck, the return of Guys and Dolls to the ABT stage is a long-awaited must see! Arizona Broadway Theatre, 7701 W. Paradise Lane, Peoria, AZ 85382, (623) 776-8400, www.azbroadwaytheatre.com.

May 5  Cinco de Mayo Phoenix Festival
The 26th Annual Cinco de Mayo Phoenix Festival is one of the largest multicultural festivals in Arizona commemorating Mexico’s historic victory over the French Army in the 1862 Battle of Puebla. Festivities include live music, lucha libre, ballet folklorico, a boxing tournament, kids’ zone, traditional food and drinks and more. Tickets: $10-$60. 12 p.m.-10 p.m., Downtown Phoenix, 200 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ, (602) 279-4669, www.cincophx.com.

May 11  Mother’s Day Brunch in The Grove
It’s Mom’s special day! Bring her down to The Farm for our annual Mother’s Day brunch, where you can enjoy delicious menu items amongst the beautiful pecan trees. Price: $59.95 for adults, $29.95 for children and children under the age of 4 are free. Reserved seating: 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., The Grove, The Farm at South Mountain, 6106 S. 32nd Street, Phoenix, AZ, 85042, www.thefarmatsouthmountain.com.

May 16-June 2  Things I Know To Be True
Can a parent love their children too much? Is it possible to not love them enough? These are questions that hover over Things I Know To Be True – a beautiful and painfully perceptive portrait of a family and the frictions that arise when grown-up children try to push beyond the confines of their loving parents’ expectations. Herberger Theater – Center Stage, 222 E. Monroe, Phoenix, AZ, 85004, (602) 256-6995, www.arizonatheatre.org.
May 17-26  Arizona Restaurant Week
Arizona Restaurant Week is the most edible time of the year, giving local, regional and national food lovers the opportunity to enjoy a prix fixe dinner for $33 or $44 per person (unless noted: excluding beverages, tax and gratuity) at a number of participating Valley restaurants. Reservations are strongly recommended. Check website for participating restaurants. (602) 307-9134, http://arizonarestaurantweek.com.

May 22-June 16  Once
Guy is a singer and songwriter who spends his days fixing vacuums in the Dublin shop he runs with his father, and his nights playing his music in local pubs. He is on the verge of giving up music altogether when he meets a woman who convinces him to believe in the power of his music. This eight-time Tony Award®-winning musical is a spell-binding tale of love and loss, following dreams and walking away. Mainstage Theatre, The Phoenix Theatre Company, 1825 N. Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85004, (602) 254-2151, www.phoenixtheatre.com.

May 23  Star Wars & More: The Music of Deep Space
Let your intergalactic spirit soar through the galaxies as The Phoenix Symphony celebrates the music of space including a heavy dose of Star Wars music, including John Williams’ acclaimed music including the “Main Theme” and the “Imperial March.” This musical journey also features other out of this world scores like “Mars” and “Jupiter” from The Planets, music from the Star Trek franchise and so much more. Costumes are encouraged. This program runs approximately 75 minutes and is presented without an intermission. Tickets: $25-$65. 8 p.m., Symphony Hall, 75 North Second St., Phoenix, AZ, www.phoenixsymphony.org.

May 23-26  Phoenix Fan Fusion
Phoenix Fan Fusion is a celebration of comics, creators, celebrities, and collectibles. Phoenix Fan Fusion offers a fantastic display of exhibitors with pop culture, geek, mainstream, and hard-to-find items. With over 700 hours of programming, Phoenix Fan Fusion seeks the best presenters to offer insights, trivia, fun, and excitement on a variety of comic book, sci-fi, fantasy, and cosplay related topics. Come for a day, or come for the weekend. The outfits are half the fun during this event, make sure to impersonate your favorite comic book character. Tickets: $10-$350. Phoenix Convention Center, 100 N. 3rd Street, Phoenix, AZ, 85004, (602) 635-4306, https://phoenixcomicfest.com/.

May 25-26  29th Annual Zuni Festival of Arts and Culture
The Museum of Northern Arizona, in partnership with the Ashiwi Awan Museum and Heritage Center, presents a celebration of the Zuni way of life and Zuni expressions of creativity. Member preview Friday, 6-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Museum of Northern Arizona, 3101 N. Fort Valley Rd., Flagstaff, AZ, 86001, (928) 774-5213, www.musnaz.org.

May 28-June 2  Rent
Two decades later, Jonathan Larson's Rent continues to speak loudly and defiantly to audiences across generations and all over the world. And now, this Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award®-winning masterpiece returns to the stage in a vibrant 20th anniversary touring production. A re-imagining of Puccini's La Bohème, Rent follows an unforgettable year in the lives of seven artists struggling to follow their dreams without selling out. With its inspiring message of joy and hope in the face of fear, this timeless celebration of friendship and creativity reminds us to measure our lives with the only thing that truly matters-love. ASU Gammage, 1200 S. Forest Ave., Tempe, AZ 85287, (480) 965-3434, www.asugammage.com.
June 2  National Trails Day
Celebrate the American Hiking Society’s National Trails Day, the country’s largest celebration of its recreational trails. Experience the great outdoors with a summertime visit to Mt. Lemmon in Coronado National Forest. In cooler seasons, venture out to local wilderness areas (after planning according to daytime temperatures): Saguaro National Park, Catalina State Park, Patagonia Lake State Park, Tumacácori National Historical Monument, Coronado National Memorial, Madera Canyon, Gardner Canyon, Sabino Canyon, Chiricahua National Monument, Fort Bowie National Historic Site, Oracle State Park, Picacho Peak State Park, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument. https://americanhiking.org/national-trails-day/.

June 1  Dueling Pianos
Two pianos and two voices will energize Dorrance Hall with an unforgettable clap along, sing along experience. Enjoy a fun-filled evening with AZ Dueling Pianos. Members: $24.95, General Public: $29.95, Doors open at 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., Desert Botanical Garden, 1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ, (480) 481-8188, www.dbg.org.

June 1-2  Flag Wool and Fiber Festival
We offer free family fun with something for everyone! Alpacas, sheep and yak, oh my! Meet some of the fiber animals that Northern Arizona has to offer, shop from fabulous vendors from near and far, and learn about heritage crafts like blacksmithing and candle making. Beer, wine and a delicious selection of food can all be enjoyed while learning something new from our special guest speakers. Want to learn even more? Take one of our curated workshops. Free. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Pioneer Museum, 2340 N. Fort Valley Rd, Flagstaff, AZ, www.flagwool.com.

June 8  Mighty Mud Mania
Mighty Mud Mania offers muddy obstacles for people of all ages and ability levels. The event includes “The Original Mud Obstacle Course,” a footrace for 7 to 12-year-olds with obstacles and mud pits as deep as 5 feet to run, jump and crawl through; ropes to swing on into mud, a slide to go down, and a tube dive that children dive through into a pit of mud. The Extreme course will have similar obstacles, more challenging, for 13 years and older. The “Mini Mud Course” is for children 4 to 6 years old and new this year “The Muddy Tot” will provide fun for children 1 to 3. Participants 6 and under can also participate in “Mudville” a “town” destined to provide a mighty muddy good time. The event also includes inflatable water slides, inflatable activities, food vendors, open play mud pits, sponsor area, and wash stations. Registration and participation waiver required. 7 a.m.-noon, Chaparral Park, 5401 N. Hayden Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85250, https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/mighty-mud-mania.

June 13-23  The Lost Boys of Neverland
What happened when Peter Pan left Neverland? Captain Hook returned and took over where he left off after Peter went missing. Why did Peter leave? Is he coming back? And who is this young foster girl Jaime from New York? Will she be the one to stop Hook? The Neverland adventures continue in this chapter of the Peter Pan Adventures. Great fun, family entertainment – a must see for everyone. Presented by East Valley Children’s Theatre. Tickets: $15. Nesbitt/Elliott Playhouse, Mesa Arts Center, One East Main Street, Mesa AZ 85201, www.mesaartscenter.com.
June 21-23  Elevate Music Festival

July 1-7  132nd Prescott Frontier Days and World’s Oldest Rodeo
Since 1888 folks have come from miles around to see what the ruckus in Prescott, AZ, was all about. Every year that ruckus gets bigger, the contestants more daring and bold. When the bulls, the horses, the clowns come to town...well, let's just say you'll want to see what's kicking up all that dust. In addition to the World's Oldest Rodeo, Prescott Frontier Days celebrations include rodeo dances, a kiddie parade, rodeo parade, a 3-day fine arts and craft show and more. See the website for a full list of events and schedules and tickets. Various locations, Prescott, AZ, (928) 445-4320, www.worldsoldestrodeo.com.

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Farmers’ Markets

Phoenix Metro Area
Downtown Phoenix Public Market: A big draw for downtown residents, this urban market showcases seasonal produce from top local growers. Merchants sell specialty foods, including specially canned tuna, French breads, pasta, pasty, garlic pickles, free-range eggs, local pork, grass-fed beef, salsa and more, while local bands perform. Artisans sell wares ranging from goat-milk soap to watercolors. Food Truck Friday 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Saturday: (May-Sep) 8 a.m.-Noon; (Oct-Apr) 8 a.m.-1 p.m., 721 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004, www.phxpublicmarket.com.

Roadrunner Park Farmers Market: The 20-year-old market, the Valley's oldest, offers a wide assortment of foods, including Asian produce, heirloom tomatoes, and organic basil. About 60 vendors sell Caribbean chutney, homemade jam, pastries, grass-fed beef, wild salmon, tamales, green-chile stew, tortilla soup and more. The market also has nursery stock and worms for gardeners. The adjacent park and playground provide a nice outing for families. Saturdays; October-May: 8 a.m.-1 p.m., June-September: 7 a.m.-11 a.m., 3502 E. Cactus Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85032, www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com/pageRoadrunner/roadrunner.htm.

Ahwatukee Farmers Market: Locally grown produce, bread, local cheeses, grass-fed beef, Alaskan salmon, frozen green chiles, frozen Italian and Southwestern entrees, eggs, apples, dog treats, crafts and more. Sundays; October-May: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., June-September: 8 a.m.-11 a.m. Ahwatukee Community Swim and Tennis Center, 4700 E. Warner Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85044, www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com/pageAhwatukee/ahwatukee.htm.
East Valley
Mesa Community Farmers Market: For more than 15 years, farmers and food makers have sold produce, baked goods, jams and jellies, salsas, heirloom tomatoes, eggs, tamales, spices, jewelry, handmade crafts, lotions, and soaps. Fridays; October-May: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., June-September: 9 a.m.-Noon. City Hall Plaza, 20. East Main St., Mesa, AZ 85201, www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com/pageMesa/Mesa.htm.

Chandler Farmers Market: Find over 35 local vendors that include fantastic produce, microgreens, tamales, hot sauces, cooking sauces, pastries, sweets, relishes, honey, cheese, tea, crafts, natural beauty products, soaps and much more. October-April. Thursdays, 3-7 p.m. Dr. A.J. Chandler Park West, 3 S. Arizona Place, Chandler, AZ 85225, www.downtownchandler.org.

Northeast Valley
Old Town Farmers Market: This second-year market hosts shopping and cooking demonstrations by local chefs. Follow the chef through the market, and watch as he turns his purchases into meals. The market also features as many as 20 farmers, along with vendors offering Arizona wine, coffee, vegan desserts, cheese, crostini, pasta, candy, tamales, hummus, frozen entrees, and bread. October-June. Saturdays, 7 a.m.-11 a.m. 3806 N. Brown Ave., Scottsdale, AZ 85251, www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com/pageScottsdaleOldtown/ScottsdaleOTsat.htm.

Carefree Farmers Market: Featuring local produce, herbs and flowers, and locally made jam, jelly, and salsa, along with bread, apples, organic tomatoes, pickles, olives, honey, dog biscuits and cheeses. October-May. Fridays, 9 a.m.-1 a.m. Carefree Sundial Gardens, 1 E. Sundial Circle, Carefree, AZ 85377, www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com/pageCarefree/carefree.htm.

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Local Food Markets

Bodega - Every item in Pavle Milic and Chef Charleen Badman’s tiny market is sourced from Arizona – including the wine. A refrigerated case stocks produce and a deli is packed with cheese, pickles and Badman’s daily salad. Shelves are lined with local bread, flour, honey and more. 7125 E. Fifth Ave., Scottsdale, AZ 85251, (480) 284-4777, www.fnbrestaurant.com.


Queen Creek Olive Mill - Make a trip to Queen Creek’s olive wonderland near the base of the San Tan Mountains. Stroll an olive grove, then head into the gourmet marketplace chock-full of flavored olive oils, stuffed olives, tapenades, vinegars and olive oil bath sundries. Have lunch at the Tuscan-inspired café and grab a copy of their brand-new cookbook. 25062 S. Meridian Rd., Queen Creek, AZ 85142, (480) 888-9290, www.queencreekolivemill.com.
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**Tom’s Thumb Fresh Market** - Find craft beer, boutique wines and lots of local products (from Tracy Dempsey Originals confections to Desert Smoke BBQ sauce). 9393 E. Bell Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85260, (480) 513-8186, [www.tomsthumbfreshmarket.com](#).

**Urban Table** - Packed with local and regional foodstuffs (jams, cookies, flavored sugars, sauces), protected ingredients from Slow Food’s Ark of Taste, cooking books and unusual hand-selected cooking tools. It’s a cook’s paradise. 6938 E. First St., Scottsdale, AZ 85251, (602) 531-4704, [www.urbantable.com](#).