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## **“Desert Delights”**

**Our 2012 Newsletter of Phoenix Winter Events is Here!**

**Welcome to the Winter issue of Above & Beyond’s Desert Delights Newsletter! We know that as recent Phoenicians you have been busy with new jobs, setting up a new home, and settling in with your loved ones. Or you may be a lifelong resident of the Metroplex looking for new and different events to experience. There is always something fun to do in Phoenix and the surrounding areas. Enjoy!**

### **Ongoing on Mondays**

### **Savoy Night Swing Dance**

It's Arizona's Authentic Swing Dancing Experience! An age gone by reminiscent of the hotels' glory days is brought back to life each week for Savoy Night at the historic Hotel San Carlos in downtown Phoenix! This event is held in the Ghost Lounge, an incredible dining and dancing space inside the hotel. Enjoy a night of swing dancing, dinner and drinks. Tickets \$8, 7-11 p.m. Ghost Lounge at Hotel San Carlos, 202 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85004, 602-796-3233.

### **Through Feb. 12, 2012**

### ***Singin’ in the Rain***

Based on one of the most celebrated and beloved films of all time starring the inimitable Gene Kelly, *Singin’ in the Rain* is set in 1920’s Hollywood during the waning days of the silent film era. This zany, light-hearted romantic comedy focuses on romantic lead Don Lockwood, his sidekick Cosmo Brown, aspiring actress Kathy Selden, and Lockwood’s leading lady Lina Lamont, whose less-than-appealing vocal tones make her an unlikely candidate for stardom in talking pictures. Arizona Broadway Theatre, 7701 W. Paradise Lane, Peoria, AZ 85382, 623-776-8400, [www.azbroadwaytheatre.com](http://www.azbroadwaytheatre.com).

### **Jan. 13 – 15, 2012**

### **Maricopa County Home & Garden Show**

This is Arizona's ultimate “one-stop shopping” at its best with over 1200 exhibits filled with the Valley's most reputable home and garden companies. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Arizona State Fairgrounds, 1826 W. McDowell Rd., Phoenix, AZ, 602-485-1691 Ext. 117 [www.maricopacountyhomeshows.com](http://www.maricopacountyhomeshows.com).

### **Jan. 14 – Mar. 25, 2012**

### **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Celebration of Fine Art**

Meet 100 artists in more than 40,000 square feet of space creating fine art with painting, ceramics, raku, sculpture, glass, metal, iron, mosaics, gourds, furniture and jewelry. Tickets - Adults \$10, Seniors & Military \$8, Children under 12 are free. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Big White Tents, Hayden Rd. and Loop 101, Scottsdale, AZ, [www.celebrateart.com](http://www.celebrateart.com).

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**Jan. 15 – 22, 2012**

**Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction Event**

Approximately 1,000 collector vehicles and automobilia will be sold at this historic auction. Lifestyle attractions will also return in the form of luxury vendors, galas and fashion shows. Tickets - \$5-\$120, WestWorld of Scottsdale, 16601 North Pima Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85260, 480-421-6694, or [www.barrett-jackson.com](http://www.barrett-jackson.com).

**Jan. 20 – Mar. 23, 2012**

***Late Nite Catechism***

Award-winning actress Patti Hannon is quick-tempered Sister. Ruling her classroom with an iron fist, she teaches her students – who happen to be the audience – everything she knows about sins and saints while doling out rewards and reprimands with lightning speed. Each Late Nite performance is unique and will appeal to people of all ages and faiths. 8 p.m. Tickets - \$39, Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts-Stage 2, 7380 E. Second St. Scottsdale, AZ, 85251, 480-499-8587, [www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org](http://www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org).

**Jan. 30-Feb. 5, 2012**

**Waste Management Phoenix Open**

The 2012 edition will mark the 77th playing of the Open, making it one of the five oldest events on the PGA TOUR. Tickets and packages \$25-\$45,000, Tournament Players Club – Scottsdale, 17020 N. Hayden Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85255, [www.phoenixopen.com](http://www.phoenixopen.com).

**Feb. 3, 2012**

**George Strait with Martina McBride**

The king of country is returning to the road, with Kansas country girl Martina McBride for an evening of country music fun. Strait has the most number one singles, 57 to date, of any artist in history including Elvis. He has sold nearly 69 million records. His 39th album “Here for a Good Time,” recently debuted at number one on the Billboard country album charts. Tickets \$82.75-\$92.75, 7:30 p.m US Airways Center, 201 East Jefferson Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004 Phoenix, AZ.

**Feb. 4, 2012**

**Dragonfly Walk**

Ayer Lake and Queen Creek are great places to see and photograph beautiful dragonfly species such as Blue-eyed Darner and Flame Skimmer. Learn to identify these colorful insects on a two-hour walk guided by Arizona Date Parks Volunteer Roger Racut. 9:30 a.m., [http://www.azgfd.gov/nrm/calendar\\_events.shtml](http://www.azgfd.gov/nrm/calendar_events.shtml).

**Feb. 3 – 5, 2012**

**Glendale Chocolate Affaire**

The Glendale Chocolate Affaire features not only a celebration of chocolate, but also romance. More than 30 chocolate specialty vendors, offering everything from chocolate-covered potato chips to chocolate chile pecans to goat milk fudge, will be on hand. The festival has become the largest gathering of national romance novelists in the Southwest. This symposium of literary romantics offers fans the opportunity to get up close and personal with authors, as well as the chance to attend free writing workshops given by the experts. Friday 5-10 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Sunday Noon-5 p.m. Murphy Park, 7017 N. 58th Ave., Glendale, AZ 85301, [www.visitglendale.com](http://www.visitglendale.com).

**Feb. 11 – Apr. 1, 2012**

**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! 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tickets - Adult \$20, Children (5-12) \$10, all tickets \$2 more on day of show, unless purchased at Fry's Food

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Stores. Free Parking, Renaissance Festival Grounds, 12601 East Highway 60, Apache Junction, AZ, 520-463-2700, [www.royalfaires.com/arizona/](http://www.royalfaires.com/arizona/).

**Feb. 15 - Mar. 11, 2012** ***Wicked***

*Entertainment Weekly* calls *Wicked* “the best musical of the decade”. Winner of 35 major awards, including a Grammy and three Tony® Awards, *Wicked* is Broadway’s biggest blockbuster, a cultural phenomenon and was just named “the defining musical of the decade” by *The New York Times*. Tickets \$62.50-\$193.50, ASU Gammage, 1200 South Forest Ave., Tempe, AZ 85287, 480-965-3434, [www.asugammage.com](http://www.asugammage.com).

**Feb. 16 – Apr. 8, 2012** ***Me and My Girl***

It's 1937 and the Earl of Hareford has died leaving no apparent heir. The family has gathered, eagerly waiting to hear how the estate will be split. The unlikely heir is commoner Bill Snibson, a pugnacious Cockney ne'er-do-well from Lambeth. Hilarity ensues as the Duchess tries to turn Bill into a proper gentleman. Tickets and dinner \$20-\$49, Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, 5247 E. Brown Rd, Mesa, AZ, 480-325-6700, [www.broadwaypalmwest.com](http://www.broadwaypalmwest.com).

**Feb. 16 – 26, 2012** **Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show**

The largest event of its kind in the world, the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show attracts hundreds of thousands of spectators. In addition to exciting competitions, gala parties, educational seminars and an international cuisine court, the event features more than 300 vendor booths, offering everything from lavish jewelry to clothing and works of art. Tickets – \$7-\$250. WestWorld of Scottsdale, 16601 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale, AZ, [www.scottsdaleshow.com](http://www.scottsdaleshow.com)

**Feb 18, 2012** **Fourth Annual Walk in the Wild**

Grab your sneakers and head to the Phoenix Zoo for the Fourth Annual Walk in the Wild. Choose the One Mile or the 5K Walk / Run. Each walker receives a commemorative T-shirt, goody bag and admission into the Zoo for the day. Walk as a team or as an individual . . . either way you are in for a WILD time! 6 a.m. Day-of-Event Registration & T-shirt pick up begins, 7:15 a.m. 5K Walk/Run Starts. Registration \$10-\$30. Phoenix Zoo, 455 North Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ 85008, [www.phoenixzoo.org](http://www.phoenixzoo.org).

**Mar. 2, 2012** **Los Lonely Boys**

Los Lonely Boys just completed their fourth full-length studio album, entitled “Rockpango” (a Spanglish word that means “rock party”). Don’t miss your chance to see them perform their Grammy hits as well as music from their new album at this acoustic performance. Tickets - \$15-\$38. 8 p.m. Chandler Performing Arts Center, 250 N. Arizona Avenue Chandler, AZ 85225, 480-782-2680, <http://chandlercenter.org/home.html>.

**Mar. 2 – Apr. 4, 2012** **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. <http://www.cactusleague.com/>.

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**Mar. 9 – 11, 2012**

**Ostrich Festival**

The annual Ostrich Festival has been recognized as one of the "Top 10 Unique Festivals in the United States" with its lanky ostriches, multiple entertainment bands and many special gift and food vendors. It is truly a unique festival, and suitable for the entire family. Ostrich races complete with human jockeys are a sight unique to Chandler! Discount tickets available at Fry's Food Store. Tumbleweed Park, 2250 S. McQueen Rd., Chandler, AZ, [www.ostrichfestival.com](http://www.ostrichfestival.com).

**Mar. 10-11, 2012**

**Devoured**

Devoured, an independently edible award-winning culinary event, is a luscious showcase of Arizona's finest independent restaurants, chefs, wineries and industry purveyors in a distinctly Phoenix setting – Phoenix Art Museum. Devoured brings together the culinary leaders that are establishing metro Phoenix as a premier culinary destination. Tickets – Museum Member and Multi-day discounts available. 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Phoenix Museum, 1625 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85004, [DevouredPhoenix.com](http://DevouredPhoenix.com).

**Mar. 17, 2012**

**Dr. Seuss' *Green Eggs & Ham***

Follow and interact with Sam-I-Am as he rhymes his way through Dr. Seuss' *Green Eggs and Ham*. There will also be a rendition of Gerald McBoing Boing, an animated short film by Dr. Seuss, and selections from Seussical the Musical. All of these will come to life with the help of The Valley Youth Theater. 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$11-\$19, Symphony Hall, 75 North Second Street, Phoenix, AZ, 602-495-1999, [www.phoenixsymphony.org](http://www.phoenixsymphony.org).

**Mar. 22 – 25, 2012**

**Dance AZ/100**

A performance honoring the Arizona Centennial, with the premiere of Western Suite to music by Aaron Copland and Concierto Madrigal to music by Joaquin Rodrigo. Tickets \$9.50-\$21.50, Herberger Theater – Stage West, 222 E. Monroe, Phoenix, 85004, 602-254-7399, ext. 156, [www.herbergertheater.org](http://www.herbergertheater.org)

**Mar. 31 – Apr. 1, 2012**

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Dragon Boat Festival**

Dragon boating is currently the fastest growing on-the-water festival and sport worldwide. Teams from all around the country will come to race at one of few exclusive speed venues in sleek, 41-foot long Champion boats with a fierce dragon head on the bow and a colorful tail on the stern. Each team consists of a steersperson, a drummer, and 20 paddlers who paddle in sync to the beat of a large drum, which represents the "heart" of the dragon. Tempe Town Lake, registration forms on <http://www.azdba.com/>.

**Mar. 31 – Apr. 1, 2012**

**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 602-942-3000, [http://www.azgfd.gov/outdoor\\_recreation/showcase.shtml](http://www.azgfd.gov/outdoor_recreation/showcase.shtml).



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**This Quarterly Edition’s Spotlight is on—**

Tucson Gem, Mineral & Fossil Showcase, Tucson, AZ –

There are thousands of participants and attendees at more than 40 sites around town. Dozens of shows take place at the same time - in giant white tents, at hotels and resorts and at exhibit halls. This show attracts thousands of treasure hunters from every corner of the globe and is open to the public. The main event of this two-week showcase is The Tucson Gem and Mineral Show “Minerals of Arizona” which celebrates Arizona’s Centennial at the Tucson Convention Center over the final weekend. Most of the gem and mineral shows around Tucson are free and hours vary. For more information, go to these sites for specifics: <http://www.tgms.org/> or <http://www.visittucson.org/visitor/events/gemshow/>.

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**Phoenix Sports Schedules and Ticket Information:**

Phoenix Mercury Women’s Basketball	<a href="http://www.wnba.com/mercury/">www.wnba.com/mercury/</a>
Phoenix Suns Basketball	<a href="http://www.nba.com/suns">www.nba.com/suns</a>
Arizona Cardinals Football	<a href="http://www.azcardinals.com">www.azcardinals.com</a>
Arizona Diamondbacks Baseball	<a href="http://www.diamondbacks.mlb.com">www.diamondbacks.mlb.com</a>
Phoenix Coyotes Hockey	<a href="http://coyotes.nhl.com/">http://coyotes.nhl.com/</a>

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