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This Quarterly Edition's Spotlight is on –

Rawhide Western Town & Event Center – Rawhide, Arizona's largest Western-themed attraction, is an authentic replica of an 1880's town complete with a Main Street, gunfights, stagecoach and train rides, burro rides, mechanical bull, climbing wall, gold pannin', shootin' gallery, unique shops and world famous Steakhouse & Saloon. The Rawhide Steakhouse menu celebrates the spirit and hospitality of its Western roots through traditional cooking and true hungry-cowboy portions. Dinner is served to live music and the open invitation to tap your toes or get up and dance. A must see attraction for every visitor and perfect for any size group. Open to the public every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from Thanksgiving to December 23rd. Admission to Rawhide is free (excluding special events). Rawhide, 5700 West North Loop Rd, Chandler, AZ 85226, 480-502-5600 Ext. 1204, www.rawhide.com.

Every Monday

Meet Me in Downtown Phoenix

Meet Me Downtown brings people of all ages to downtown Phoenix for a weekly social 1-5 mile walk/run, engaging individuals and businesses in a vibrant event that showcases downtown Phoenix as a prime location for healthy activities. Free. Check-in: 5:15-6:30 p.m., The Park, 3 South 2nd St., Phoenix, AZ, www.meetmedowntownphx.com.

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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/>.

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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, 7:30 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.tovreacastle.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. Bisbee, AZ, www.bisbeeafter5.com.

Through January 7, 2018 A Tribute to James Galanos

Phoenix Art Museum presents *A Tribute to James Galanos*, a retrospective dedicated to the iconic American fashion designer. Featuring more than 40 couture-quality, ready-to-wear ensembles and accessories, including an ensemble worn and donated by former First Lady Nancy Reagan, the exhibition will illuminate the designer's influence and legacy with objects from the 1950s through the 1990s. Free for museum members and included with general admission. Phoenix Art Museum, 1625 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004, (602) 257-1222, www.phxart.org.

September 29-October 1 A Taste of Greece AZ Greek Festival of Chandler

Serving up tasty treats fit for the Gods; A Taste of Greece offers a weekend celebration with traditional Greek foods, Greek imports, live Greek music, costumed folk dancing, Kids Fun Zone, and so much more. Bringing a slice of Greece to Chandler, the festival blends together the historical ancient times of Greek culture with today's Modern Age in a classic celebration of community and heritage. All proceeds benefiting St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church and related philanthropic activities and community charities. Friday 5-10 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-7 p.m., St. Katherine Church, 2716 N. Dobson Rd., Chandler, AZ 85224, 480-899-3330, www.atasteofgreeceaz.com.

October 5-8**66th Annual Rex Allen Days**

Celebrating the music and life of the late Rex Allen, Willcox's own singing cowboy; with concerts, a parade, rodeos, cowboy dances and poetry readings, comedy shows, tractor pulls, gunfights and showings of Rex Allen movies. Don't miss the car show, turtle races, and carnival. Individual tickets and packages are available. Willcox, AZ, (520) 312-9332, www.rexalldays.org.

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October 5-29 Pumpkin and Chili Party

The Pumpkin and Chili party has been around the valley for more than 70 years and has been voted three years in a row as Arizona's Best Fall Event! Includes hay rides, miniature golf, 10-acre celebrity maze, country road rally, honeybee adventure, carousel rides, petting barn, Hillbilly Bob's Pig Races, lil' farmers play yard with lil' farmer town, a spectacular fireworks show at 9:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights only. Tickets \$20, under 2 free (Discount tickets available at Fry's), Thursdays-Sundays, Schnepf Farms, 24610 Rittenhouse Road, Queen Creek, AZ 85142, (480) 283-3612, www.schnepffarms.com.

October 5-29 Ales on the Rails

There are parties and shindigs and then there is Oktoberfest, the grandest, most tuba-intensive bashes of them all. The opportunity to savor these frothy delights will start each day at 11 a.m. on the depot patio with a great selection of Arizona craft beers, ranging from light and summery Kolsch to high-octane lagers and IPAs, from coppery-red and Scotch ales to dark stouts and chocolate porters. These Oktoberfest-style brews may have German roots but all are produced in Arizona breweries. The party continues onboard where beers may be purchased during the Fall Colors Tour, along with Verde Canyon Railroad's own private-label beers from Sedona's Oak Creek Brewing Company. Lunch: \$11 includes German sausages, sauerkraut, potato salad and pretzels. Tasting: \$10 logo beer glass comes with five beer tastings. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October. 11 a.m., Verde Canyon Railroad, 300 N. Broadway, Clarkdale, AZ 86324, 800-582-7245, <http://verdecanyonrr.com/>.

October 5-December 6 Mini-Medical School

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

- October 5 - a special Buffmire Lecture Series and Mini-Medical School Event – “Have Doctors Lost Their Human Touch?” with Jerome Lowenstein, MD, professor of Medicine at New York University
- November 1 – “Scrub In: Behind-the-Scenes of Medical School” with medical students and simulation center staff
- December 6 – “Fighting for a Cure: Alzheimer's and Memory Care” with William Burke, MD, director of Stead Family Memory Center at Banner Alzheimer's Institute and Geriatric Psychiatrist

High school students may attend with a parent. Paramedics, EMTs, firefighters and first responders will earn six continuing education (CE) hours. Free. 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m., UA College of Medicine – Phoenix Virginia G. Piper Auditorium (Building 2), 600 E Van Buren Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004, (602) 827-2585, <http://phoenixmed.arizona.edu/minimed>.

October 6-29 Arizona Exposition & State Fair

Enjoy the newest rides and attractions, explore the Kids Fun Zone. Spend your evening in the coliseum watching new, popular and old favorites perform – Gary Allen, CAKE, DNCE, Billy Currington, Halestorm, Baby Bash, Brown Boy, Lil Rob, Gin Blossoms, Jake Miller, Randy Houser, Café Tacvba, Snoop Dogg, Forever in Your Mind, Our Lady Peace, Marilyn Manson, Rick Springfield and Old School Jam. Visit the web site for discounted admission, ride days and packages. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Arizona Exposition and State Fair Park, 1826 W. McDowell Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85007, (602) 252-6771, www.azstatefair.com.

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October 7 Mac & Cheese Fest AZ

Guests will enjoy one comfort-food-filled day tasting the Valley's Best Mac & Cheese from Top Chef's competing to win the "Golden Noodle" trophy. Craft beer and perfectly paired libations will be available to taste and sample as you work your way through over thirty Mac & Cheese taste sensations. Tickets are for admission only, with advance food and drink ticket packages available online. Food and drink tickets will also be available for purchase on-site a la carte. noon-7 p.m., Scottsdale Waterfront, 7135 E Camelback Rd. #165, Scottsdale, AZ 85251, www.macandcheesefestaz.com.

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October 7 9th Annual Flagstaff Oktoberfest

Like the Oktoberfest in Munich, the Flagstaff Oktoberfest would not be true to its name if it were not complete with a constant flow of great beer. Not to mention our Mug Root Beer Garden for the kiddos! Complete with a great polka line-up on the stage the Oktoberfest in Flagstaff packs all the fun of the 16-day celebration into one happening and unbelievable Saturday in beautiful downtown Flagstaff! Admission: \$7 cash only, 12 and under are free. 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Wheeler Park, 212 W. Aspen Way, Flagstaff, AZ 86001, www.flagstaffoktoberfest.com.

October 7-8 Railfair

All aboard! The McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park celebrates all things railroad with model train displays and exhibits and a wide selection of the park's seldom seen vintage railroad equipment on display along with special presentations on railroad and Arizona history. Take a free tour of the Roald Amundsen Pullman Car and the Scottsdale Railroad Museum. Train rides on the Paradise & Pacific Railroad and Charros Carousel are \$2. Children two and under ride free with a paying adult. There will be limited overflow parking on the east side of the Scottsdale Seville property, where the banks are located. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, 7301 E. Indian Bend Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85250, (480) 312-2312, www.therailroadpark.com.

October 7-29 The Pumpkin Patch Train

Kids and parents are invited to don their favorite Halloween costumes and come join us for a fairy-tale ride through the countryside to a secret pumpkin patch on the Grand Canyon Railway's Pumpkin Patch Train. Pick a special pumpkin and decorate it back at the Williams Depot. The train will de-board passengers at the pumpkin patch where you will have between 30 and 45 minutes to pick out that special pumpkin. There will also be a free, walk-through Haunted Train Car, a hay bale maze, and pumpkin arts and crafts. Pumpkin pie, hot apple cider, hot chocolate, and other Halloween treats will be available for purchase. Tickets: Adults \$26, Children \$21. The train ride to the pumpkin patch as well as one pumpkin per child are included in the ticket price. Departure times: 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Grand Canyon Railway, 233 N. Grand Canyon Blvd., Williams, AZ 86046, 1-800-The-Train, www.thetrain.com/polar-express-5679.html.

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October 7-April 15, 2018 Of God and Mortal Men: Masterworks By T.C. Cannon from the Nancy and Richard Bloch Collection

The paintings by T.C. Cannon that comprise the Bloch Collection represent the finest examples by a multifaceted artist whose voice and talent resonate and inspire nearly forty years after his untimely passing. The major canvases in the Collection speak to multiple themes—his early mastery of color in *Man I'd Like to Have that Pinto Pony*; his compelling and ironic twist on the Plains warrior motif and Kiowa history in *Washington Landscape with Peace Medal Indian*; his regard for family heritage in *Grandmother Gestating Father* and the *Washita River Runs Ribbon-Like*; and his tribute to the power of music in *A Remembered Muse*. Each work of art has a palpable power to engage, foster ideas and be truly memorable. It is the finest group of T.C. Cannon's paintings known to exist in either private or public collections and is the first time in 20 years since they have been exhibited in public. Heard Museum, 2301 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85004, (602) 252-8840, www.heard.org.

October 10-November 18 Arizona Fall League

Each Major League team sends six top prospects to participate in Arizona Fall League. Watch these up and coming stars in a relaxed baseball setting. Check website for ticket prices and packages. Game times are 12:35 p.m. or 6:35 p.m. (exceptions noted). Venues for 2017 are Camelback Ranch-Glendale (Glendale Desert Dogs), Sloan Park (Mesa Solar Sox), Salt River Fields at Talking Stick (Salt River Rafters), Surprise Stadium (Surprise Saguaros), Scottsdale Stadium (Scottsdale Scorpions) and Peoria Sports Complex (Peoria Javelinas). <http://mlb.mlb.com/mlb/events/afl/index.jsp>.

October 13-15 Oktoberfest at Tempe Town Lake

The festival features German food, beer, live entertainment, kids' activities, carnival games and inflatables. Free admission. Friday, 5 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, noon-midnight and Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tempe Town Lake, 80 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ 85281, www.tempeoktoberfest.com.

October 18-March 28, 2018 Nat Geo Live Series

Enjoy our *Nat Geo Live* series 2017-18, and you'll experience four of *National Geographic's* top photographers, scientists, and adventurers as they share behind-the-scenes stories live onstage.

- **October 18** - *View From Above* with Terry Virts: NASA astronaut - For astronaut Terry Virts, his newfound perspective was from the International Space Station (ISS), where he installed the Cupola module, granting an unprecedented 360-degree view from the station. When he later became the commander of the ISS, he made good use of the Cupola, taking more photographs than any astronaut who came before him. Many of those images were later used in the National Geographic book *View From Above* and IMAX film *A Beautiful Planet*, but to hear Virts tell it, no photo can capture the perfect shade of blue from a sunrise viewed from outer space.
- **November 15** - *Beauty and the Bizarre* with Anand Varma: Photographer - When Anand Varma takes a photograph of a parasitic wasp consuming a caterpillar from the inside, he doesn't want to you to be disgusted. He wants you to be astonished. After all, he's devoted years of his life to perfecting his techniques to create dramatic, bizarre—and beautiful—images of the miniature world around us. In these truly unique images, he reveals the secret life cycle of the honeybee, captures the lightning-fast behaviors of hummingbirds, and offers a rare glimpse at our world's small wonders.
- **February 7, 2018** - *Deadliest Lifesavers* with Zoltan Takacs: Herpetologist - Biomedical scientist Takacs collects and researches the deadliest snake, scorpion, and jellyfish venoms for medical innovation—venoms that target vital life functions and thus could be the blueprint of novel medications. An aircraft pilot and scuba diver, he's traveled to 155 countries and survived charging elephants, pirated waters, and a series of snake bites

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- **March 1, 2018** - *Between River and Rim: Hiking the Grand Canyon* with Pete McBride: Photographer Kevin Fedarko: Writer - In an effort to share the Grand Canyon's uncharted glory and shed light on the myriad threats it faces, writer Kevin Fedarko and photographer/filmmaker Pete McBride set off on an audacious and demanding adventure this year: to transect the length of the canyon on foot. This trek is not the pair's first adventure together, but it may be the toughest. An award-winning photographer, writer, and filmmaker, Pete has traveled to over 70 countries for a number of publications and companies, including National Geographic Society, *Outside* magazine, Patagonia, and The Nature Conservancy.
- **March 28** - *Point of No Return* with Hilaree O'Neill: Mountaineer - In the fall of 2014, a National Geographic team set out on what they knew would be a harrowing journey to the summit of Burma's Hkakabo Razi to determine if it is indeed Southeast Asia's highest point. What they didn't realize was that the greatest obstacle wouldn't be their dwindling rations, or the grueling jungle hikes, or the life-threatening hypothermia. It was the force of conflicting personalities that threatened to unravel the entire endeavor. Leader Hilaree O'Neill recounts the tough decisions she had to make to keep the team together, accompanied by photographer Cory Richard's dramatic stills and clips from Renan Ozturk's searing documentary *Down to Nothing*.

Tickets starting at \$98, package and member discounts available. Mesa Arts Center, Ikeda Theater, One East Main St., Mesa, AZ 85201, www.mesaartscenter.com.

October 21 Super Sealant Saturday

Please join the College of Dental Medicine-Arizona for a day of free dental care and education for children ages 4 to 13. Free dental care will include cleanings, screenings, and molar sealants. Instructional presentations will be held for parents and children. A legal guardian of each child must be present at all times during the event. Plan on being at the event for approximately two hours depending on treatment provided. In order to ensure that your child receives treatment during the event, you must arrive at the scheduled time. Appointment required via online registration www.midwestern.edu/sealant or by calling (623) 806-7150. 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Midwestern University Dental Institute, 5855 W Utopia Road (59th Ave. & Utopia south of the 101), Glendale, AZ 85308.

October 21-June 16, 2018 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.

October 27-28 Howl-O-Ween

Howl-O-Ween includes activities and experiences for the whole family. So whether you're looking for scary tricks or sweet treats - Howl-O-Ween is a delightfully spooky event for all ages. Looking for scary tricks? Scary activities are for guests eight years and older who like a good scare! Sweet treats more your style? Merry activities are appropriate for all ages. Admission: \$12.95, \$9.95 Zoo members, kids 2 and under are free. 6:30-10 p.m., Phoenix Zoo, 455 North Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ 85008, www.phoenixzoo.org.

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October 28-May 19, 2018 Lakeshore Music Series

Plan to enjoy monthly jazz performances in various settings.

- October 28 – Michael Kocour and Friends with Dee Alexander – Lakeside
- November 18 – Tierney Sutton Band – Studio
- December 23 – Bob Ravenscroft Trio: “The True Christmas” – Studio
- January 13 – A Piano Triptych: Stephanie Trick, Paolo Alderighi, Nicole Pesce – Theater
- January 20 – Aldo Lopez Gavilan Trio: "The Cubans are Coming!" – Lakeside
- February 17 – Carmela y Mas and Mariachi Pasion: "Salsariachi!" – Lakeside
- March 17 – St. Patrick's Day with Dennis McNeil: "Forever Irish" – Lakeside
- April 21 – Jeff Hamilton Trio – Studio
- May 19– Diego Figueiredo & Ken Peplowski – Lakeside

7:30 p.m., Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ, (480) 350-2822, www.lakeshoremusic.org.

October 31-November Something Rotten!

Set in the '90s – the 1590s – this hilarious smash tells the story of Nick and Nigel Bottom, two brothers who are desperate to write their own hit play while the "rock star" Shakespeare keeps getting all the hits. When a local soothsayer foretells that the future of theatre involves singing, dancing and acting at the same time, Nick and Nigel set out to write the world's very first musical! ASU Gammage, 1200 S. Forest Ave., Tempe, AZ 85287, (480) 965-3434, www.asugammage.com.

November 4 Herberger Theater Festival of the Arts

Celebrate the arts in downtown Phoenix with an event featuring performances, dance, food, visual art, live music, children's activities, film shorts, pet adoptions, craft beer tasting and more! Proceeds benefit the Herberger Theater's Arts Education and Outreach Programs. Free. 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Herberger Plaza at the Herberger Theater Center, 222 East Monroe in downtown Phoenix, (602) 254-7399 Ext.117 or 105, <http://www.herbergertheater.org/herberger-theater-festival-of-the-arts/>.

November 4 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. Register online at <http://www.midwestern.edu/AZOpenHouse>. Free. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Midwestern University Auditorium, 5855 W Utopia Road (59th Ave. & Utopia south of the 101), Glendale, AZ 85308, (888) 247-9277.

November 5 stepNout Run/Walk/Dash

Join the fight against pancreatic cancer by participating in the 12th Annual *stepNout Run/Walk/Dash*. Your participation is critical to raising funds and awareness and ensures a cancer-free future. Fun for the entire family, walkers and competitive runners while raising funds for pancreatic cancer awareness and research. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m., 5K starts at 9 a.m., Fun Run/Walk starts at 9:15 a.m., Scottsdale Sports Complex, 8081 E. Princess Dr., Scottsdale, AZ 85255, (602) 343-8411, www.tgenfoundation.org/step.

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November 10-12

38th Annual Bluegrass Festival & Fiddle Championship

As one of the oldest bluegrass festivals in the Southwest, enjoy featured bands: Wood & Wire, Dry Branch Fire Squad and High Plains Tradition. There will also be food & drink concessions, arts/crafts, and a designated Kids Zone. Check website for tickets and times. Everett Bowman Rodeo Arena, 935 Constellation Rd., Wickenburg, AZ 85390, (928) 684-5479, www.wickenburgchamber.com/events/.

November 10-January 6, 2018 The Polar Express

Experience the magic of The Polar Express™, the classic children's book by Chris Van Allsburg. The train departs the Williams Depot for a journey through the dark and quiet wilderness for a special visit to the "North Pole." Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies while listening to the magical story. Santa Claus and his reindeer are waiting when the train arrives at the North Pole! Santa will board The Polar Express and hand each child their own special gift. Make reservations early as space is limited. The train leaves each night at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The ride is approximately 90 minutes. Grand Canyon Railway, 233 N. Grand Canyon Blvd., Williams, AZ 86046, 1-888-848-3511, <https://www.thetrain.com/special-events/the-polar-express/>.

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In addition, they offer discounts to ABRS customers.*

November 11-February 3 Terrestrial

From iconic 1970s land art to contemporary interpretations of the landscape, this exhibition from the permanent collection features artists who have built new relationships with their environments. "Terrestrial" looks at how artists perceive urban and rural spaces, especially in relation to human intervention and the passing of time. Free. ASU Art Museum, 10th Street and Mill Ave., Tempe, AZ, <http://asuartmuseum.asu.edu>.

November 15-December 31 Newsies

Disney Theatrical's beloved musical, *Newsies*, is a terrific show for the whole family! Packed with show-stopping choreography and a Tony® Award winning score, *Newsies* is an extravagant, high-energy celebration of song and dance! Phoenix Theatre, 100 E. McDowell Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85004, (602) 254-2151, <http://phoenixtheatre.com/>.

November 18 Annual Woofstock Festival

It's a great event for the entire family – adults, kids and dogs! Bring your leashed, well-mannered dog out to enjoy a day of fun with other dog lovers and their K-9 friends. The entire family will enjoy a day of tail waggin' activities, including: Pet Contests, Raffle Prizes, Interactive Demonstrations, Mini Bark Park and other pet-friendly vendors. Free admission. 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Tumbleweed Park, 2250 S. McQueen Rd., Chandler, AZ 85244, <http://www.chandleraz.gov/default.aspx?pageid=284>.

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November 18**Dogs' Day in the Garden**

On this special, dog-friendly day, the whole family, including the canine, can have a doggone great day at the Garden. Go for a walk on Garden trails, get nose to nose with other dog lovers, heel for photo opportunities, and sniff around the Barketplace for some dog-centric merchandise. Before you enter the Garden, visit the Arizona Humane Society Waggin' Wheels Mobile Adoption Vehicle near the Garden Entry. Free with paid Garden admission or Membership. \$4 per dog, benefitting the Arizona Humane Society. 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Desert Botanical Garden, 1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ, (480) 481-8188, www.dbg.org.

November 18-April 15, 2018 Warriors in World War I: Sikh Art and Heritage

To commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the armistice treaty that ended World War I, *Warriors in World War I: Sikh Art and Heritage* will present a selection of photographs, lithographs, postcards and military medals that document the crucial presence of Sikh warriors in the British Indian Army. Though Sikhs constituted only 1% of the Indian population at the time, they counted for more than 20% of the Indian army, which fought for the British Empire in Egypt, Palestine, Mesopotamia, Turkey, France, Germany, Belgium and Britain. Their valor was recognized by many, including historian F. Yeats Brown, who said, "...[Sikh warriors] live up to their title of the Singh, which means lion." Phoenix Art Museum, 1625 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004-1685, (602) 257-1222, www.phxart.org.

November 22-Januray 15, 2018 ZooLights

Celebrating 26 years, ZooLights shines with millions of lights, a three-story-high holiday tree, hundreds of glimmering-light displays and lakeside music-in-motion shows. Animal viewing is limited. 5:30-10:30 p.m., Phoenix Zoo, 455 North Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ 85008, www.phoenixzoo.org.

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November 25**The Righteous Brothers**

With a string of #1 classics, including the most played song in radio history, *You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'*, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame duo of Bill Medley and Bobby Hatfield topped the charts in four decades. After Bobby passed away in 2003, Bill Medley continued to perform to sold-out crowds around the world, but fans and friends pleaded with him to keep The Righteous Brothers alive. Says Medley, "No one could ever take Bobby's place, but when I caught Bucky Heard's show it all came together – I found the right guy to help me recreate the magic." The concert experience features their biggest hits – *Lovin' Feelin'*, *Soul & Inspiration*, *Unchained Melody*, *Rock and Roll Heaven*, Medley's Grammy-winning Dirty Dancing theme *The Time of My Life*, and much, much more! Tickets: \$32.50-\$59.50. 8 p.m., Mesa Arts Center, Ikeda Theater, One East Main St., Mesa, AZ 85201, www.mesaartscenter.com.

November 25-January 6, 2018 Glendale Glitters Holiday Weekends

The stunning display of 1.5 million lights will illuminate sixteen blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale, making it the largest free holiday light display in Arizona. Visitors of all ages will delight in holiday entertainment, delectable food, hand-crafted holiday gifts, a children's winter wonderland, horse-drawn carriage rides, shopping and, of course, visits with Jolly Ol' St. Nick. Free admission and free shuttles. Downtown Glendale, 58th and Glendale Ave., Glendale, AZ (623) 930-2299, www.glendaleaz.com.

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December 1-2 29th Annual Cowboy Christmas Poetry Gathering

The gathering is not a contest-there are no prizes and no winners, rather it is a place and time when cowboys, ranchers and folks involved in raising and caring for cattle and horses get together to celebrate the present in poetry, songs and story, just as they did over 145 years ago. Wickenburg Community Center, 160 North Valentine St. & Desert Caballeros Western Museum, 21 North Frontier St., Wickenburg, AZ 85390, (928) 684-5479, www.wickenburgchamber.com.

December 1-3 Tempe Festival of the Arts

More than 350 juried artist booths line Mill Avenue and the surrounding streets presenting unique and hand-made artwork that offers visitors a distinctive shopping experience. In addition to the Festival Stage, street performers, vendors, sponsor exhibits and entertainment booths are set up. Admission is free. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Mill Avenue District (between 3rd St. and University Dr.), Tempe, AZ, www.tempefestivalofthearts.com.

December 1-January 7, 2018 Holiday Lights

The McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park lights up Scottsdale with the most unique holiday event in the Valley. Take a ride on the Paradise & Pacific Railroad through a winter wonderland of lights and displays. Opening night festivities on December 1 include live music, a tree lighting ceremony and a visit from Santa. Train rides on the Paradise & Pacific Railroad are \$5 and rides on the Charros Carousel are \$2 (one ticket). Children two and under ride free with a paying adult. Experience a one-of-a-kind visit with Santa in a historic train car. Santa will be at the park nightly December 8 through December 23. (excluding December 4, 24, 25 and 31), 6:30-9 p.m., McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, 7301 E. Indian Bend Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85250, (480) 312-2312, www.therailroadpark.com.

December 2 Chandler’s Tumbleweed Tree Lighting Festivities

This year marks the 61st Tumbleweed Tree built in Historic Downtown Chandler. Join in celebrating a unique southwestern tradition of creating a tree out of tumbleweeds that draws visitors from far and wide during the holidays. This community festival also includes the beautiful Parade of Lights at 7 p.m. and tree lighting at approximately 8 p.m., Free. 4:30–9 p.m., Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 3 S. Arizona Ave, Chandler, AZ, (480) 782-2732, www.chandleraz.gov.

December 8-17 The Nutcracker – Ballet Etudes

Experience "a royally entertaining show" (*The Arizona Republic*) and "...an East Valley tradition...and a heartfelt artistic experience," (*The East Valley Tribune*) as Ballet Etudes presents its 31st annual production of *The Nutcracker*. Let Clara's magical journey surround you as she encounters life-size mice, swirling snowflakes, dancing confections and the Sugar Plum Fairy. A feast for the eyes and ears with colorful and imaginative costumes paired with Tchaikovsky's original score, Ballet Etudes' *The Nutcracker* is the perfect way to celebrate the holiday season with the entire family. Tickets: \$28-\$32, lap children 2 and under \$2. 8 p.m., Mesa Arts Center, Piper Repertory, One East Main St., Mesa, AZ 85201, www.mesaartscenter.com.

December 8-24 The Nutcracker – Ballet Arizona

Enjoy the magic of this beloved holiday classic through the eyes of Clara, who wakes in the land of the Sugar Plum Fairy and is entertained by dances including Arabian Coffee, Chinese Tea and the Waltz of the Flowers. It’s a famous journey of magic and wonderment. Choreography by Ib Andersen and music by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky with The Phoenix Symphony. Tickets: \$25-\$164. Symphony Hall, 75 N. 2nd St. (2nd St. and Adams), Phoenix, AZ, (602) 381-1096, www.balletaz.org.

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December 9 **44th Annual Festival of Lights**

A cherished tradition which involves the lighting of six thousand luminarias in Tlaquepaque's courtyards and walkways at 5 p.m. Dozens of entertainers including musicians and dancers will also perform. Specially designated Luminarias honoring cancer survivors will be available for \$10 in Patio del Norte. Free. 3-7 p.m., Tlaquepaque Arts & Crafts Village, 336 State Route 179, Sedona, AZ 86336, (928) 282-4838, <http://www.tlaq.com>.

December 9-10 **Feline Fancier's Cat Show**

The show will feature not only more than 350 pedigreed cats and kittens and their owners, but vendors with feline related merchandise and pedigreed kittens and adult cats for sale. Also, rescue group cats will be available for adoption. Mesa Convention Center, 263 N. Center St., Mesa, AZ, 85211, www.phxfeline.com.

December 9-24 **A Christmas Carol: The Musical**

What better way to capture the holiday spirit than through the joy and merriment of Charles Dickens' enduring tale of hope and redemption. Travel back in time with Ebenezer Scrooge as he journeys through his past, present and future to find the importance of family, friendship and love. Brimming with rousing musical numbers, splendid costumes and side-splitting Bah Humbugs, *A Christmas Carol* will have you and yours wrapped in the spirit of the holidays! Tickets: Adults \$49-\$69. Herberger Theater Center, Center Stage, 222 E Monroe, Phoenix, AZ, (602) 252-8497, www.herbergertheater.org.

December 19-24 **Cinderella**

Rodgers + Hammerstein's *Cinderella* is the Tony Award®- winning Broadway musical from the creators of *The Sound of Music* and *South Pacific* that's delighting audiences with its contemporary take on the classic tale. This lush production features an incredible orchestra, jaw-dropping transformations and all the moments you love—the pumpkin, the glass slipper, the masked ball and more—plus some surprising new twists! Be transported back to your childhood as you rediscover some of Rodgers & Hammerstein's most beloved songs, including "In My Own Little Corner," "Impossible/It's Possible" and "Ten Minutes Ago," in this hilarious and romantic Broadway experience for anyone who's ever had a wish, a dream...or a really great pair of shoes. ASU Gammage, 1200 S. Forest Ave., Tempe, AZ 85287, (480) 965-3434, www.asugammage.com.

December 26 **Cactus Bowl**

The Oasis Cactus Bowl Pregame Party takes place outside of Chase Field, south of the parking garage between Buchanan and Lincoln, in Downtown Phoenix. The party features live music, marching bands, cheerleaders, pep rallies, interactive games, and Jumbotrons playing team highlights. The actual game will feature teams from the Big 12 and PAC 12 conferences. Pregame party is free. Check website for game tickets and packages. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m., Chase Field, 401 East Jefferson Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004, (480) 350-0911, <https://fiestabowl.org/cactus-bowl/>.

December 26–January 1, 2018 Arizona Science Center Snow Week

Over 60 tons of snow will blanket Heritage and Science Park's grassy hill in white. The Center will have daily demos including special 'explosive' demonstrations and kid-friendly activities throughout the week. Arizona Science Center, 600 E. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85004 (602) 716-2000, www.azscience.org.

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December 27-January 1, 2018 Arizona National Livestock Show

Exhibitors will bring nearly 1,700 head of the nation's best cattle, horses, sheep, goats, and swine to enter in the competitions. Families will enjoy the Farm Experience, which brings the farm to the city and is geared toward kids. Mechanical roping, a petting zoo, Farmer-for-a-Day, marshmallow golf, pedal tractor rides, and old-fashioned rope making are part of the activities. Check website for schedules and admission. Arizona Exposition and State Fair Park, 1826 W. McDowell Road, Phoenix, 85007, (602) 258-8568, www.anls.org.

December 30 Fiesta Bowl

It wouldn't be college football without a proper tailgate party. Join tens of thousands of other college football fans at the PlayStation Fiesta Bowl Fan Fest Pregame Party on the Great Lawn at University of Phoenix Stadium. Fans of all ages can experience some of the greatest pregame traditions like pep rallies and performances by marching bands and cheerleaders. There will also be Jumbotron with team highlights, interactive games to play and, of course, plenty of food and beverage booths to get you ready for the big game. Pregame party starts at 11:30 a.m. on the University of Phoenix Stadium Great Lawn. Kickoff is scheduled for 2 p.m., University of Phoenix Stadium 1, Cardinals Drive, Glendale, AZ 85305, (480) 350-0911, www.fiestabowl.org.

December 31 Phoenix Symphony New Year Eve's Concert

End the year on a high note with The Phoenix Symphony with famous Strauss waltzes, seasonal classics and Broadway and contemporary favorites all with a complimentary glass of Champagne to celebrate the New Year. Tickets start at \$25. 7:30 p.m., Symphony Hall, 75 North Second St., Phoenix, AZ, www.phoenixsymphony.org.

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, pastries, pasta, 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, 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 Road, Phoenix, AZ, www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com/pageRoadrunner/roadrunner.htm.

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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 Road, Phoenix, AZ, 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, 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, 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, www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com/pageCarefree/carefree.htm.

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, (480) 284-4777, www.fnbrestaurant.com.

Luci's Healthy Marketplace - Grab a toddy at the coffee bar and shop the compact but well-stocked aisles of organic and natural products, from flours to soups to soaps, in this retro-modern corner grocery. 1590 E. Bethany Home Rd., Phoenix, (602) 773-1339, www.lucishealthymarketplace.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, (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, (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, (602) 531-4704, www.urbantable.com.

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