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This Quarterly Edition's Spotlight is on –

Dark Skies at Oracle State Park - In 2014, Oracle State Park was designated as an International Dark Sky Park. This prestigious designation recognizes Oracle State Park as an exceptional place to view and contemplate the wonders of our night sky. Oracle is far enough away from most light pollution sources making the Milky Way visible, along with many other celestial objects. You can access the American Avenue Parking Area seven days a week. This parking area is open for viewing the night sky or for weekday access to the Arizona National Scenic Trail as well. Oracle State Park, 3820 Wildlife Drive, Oracle, AZ 85623, (520) 896-2425, <https://azstateparks.com/oracle/dark-skies/about-dark-skies>.

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Ongoing First Thursdays

Come join us at Madaras Gallery's new location for First Thursdays. Every first Thursday of the month. Madaras Gallery on Swan will host a special event for the art enthusiast. 5-7 p.m., Madaras Gallery, 3035 N. Swan, Tucson, AZ, (520) 615-3001, ops@madaras.com, www.madaras.com.

Ongoing Every Wednesday Meet Me Wednesdays

Meet Me Wednesdays is a free weekly walk, run, Tai Chi, Stretch and Strength, Doc Walk with physicians and more. You can run or walk the 3-mile route, or you can walk the 1.5-mile route. Free. Check-in at 5-6:30 p.m., St. Philips Plaza, 4310 N. Campbell Ave, Tucson, AZ 85718, www.meetmewednesdays.com.

Ongoing Every Monday Meet Me at Maynards

Join the Southern Arizona Roadrunners on Mondays for a sense of camaraderie, fitness and good times in downtown Tucson for a fun run or walk. Free. Check-in at 5:15 p.m., Maynards Market, 400 E Toole, Tucson, AZ, www.meetmeatmaynards.com.

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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. www.bisbeeafter5.com.

Ongoing Educational Seminars

Northwest Healthcare is committed to providing the community with access to free educational seminars. Seminars focused on hip and knee replacement, women's health, back and neck pain, exercise and fitness, heart health and more are offered on a regular basis. Register for a seminar and learn how you can live healthier at (520) 469-8339 or www.HealthierTucson.com.

Ongoing Guided Hikes of the Tortolita Mountains

Explore the spectacular Tortolita Mountains on a guided hike with knowledgeable and safety-conscious guides. Guides will lead participants along well maintained trails while talking about the unique features and creatures of the Sonoran Desert. The Town of Marana Parks and Recreation Department offers this series of monthly hikes as a way for participants to learn, burn calories, and meet other hikers in a beautiful outdoor setting. Each monthly hike varies in distance and elevation gain. Refer to monthly description online for hike specifics. Hikes are subject to cancellation due to weather conditions. Free. 7-10 a.m., Wild Burro Trailhead, 14810 N. Secret Springs Drive, Marana, AZ 85653, www.maranaaz.gov/trails.

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Through July 1**Snaketown: Hohokam Defined**

"Snaketown: Hohokam Defined" is a complement to the traveling exhibit, "Pieces of the Puzzle: New Perspectives on the Hohokam," featured at ASM. This exhibit of 13 photographs from ASM's permanent collections showcases Snaketown's iconic features, honors the Akimel O'odham crews who unearthed the site, and illustrates the excavation process. Free with museum admission, children free. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona Campus, Tucson, AZ, www.statemuseum.arizona.edu.

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Through August 4**Reid Park Zoo's Summer Safari Nights**

Enjoy the Zoo each Friday during cooler evening temperatures with the added benefits of live music, family-friendly animal features, special dining options and gift shop discounts. Each night will feature face painting, glitter tattoos, enrichment making stations, artifact stations, carousel, camel rides and animal encounters. (some of these activities are an additional fee). Bring a blanket and purchase your dinner or snacks (or even a cold beer or glass of wine), then relax and enjoy a picnic concert. Wander through the Zoo for keeper chats, animal encounters, sponsor booths, and wildlife activities (animals are given access to their night-houses and may not be on view). The bands and animal themes will change each week, so be sure to mark your calendar for every Friday. Tickets and Discounts: Adults \$9, Seniors \$7, Children ages 2-14 \$5, Member discount: \$2 off each member. 6-8 p.m., Reid Park Zoo, 3400 Zoo Court, Tucson, AZ 85716, (520) 791-3204, www.reidparkzoo.org.

Through August 27**Fame: Paintings by Robert Priseman**

By literally painting celebrity icons on top of 18th and 19th-century religious icons of saints (purchased on e-bay), British artist Robert Priseman examines the contemporary obsession with celebrity and how in it has mimicked or even replaced religious faith. Selecting celebrities whose lives ended prematurely in self-destructive or otherwise traumatic ways, the Fame series repurposes the religious definition of martyrdom and redefines it for the sake of celebrity lifestyle and status. This exhibition celebrates one of the UAMA's most recent and major acquisitions—71 of the more than 100 works in the Fame series will be displayed and are now part of the UAMA permanent collection. The University of Arizona Museum of Art, 1031 N. Olive Road (pedestrian only), located at the southeast corner of Speedway Blvd. and Park, UA Campus. (520) 621-7567, www.artmuseum.arizona.edu.

Through September 2**Cool Summer Nights**

Beat the Arizona heat and enjoy a family-friendly outing during our popular *Cool Summer Nights*. So what makes these Saturday evenings so enchanting? The stunning sunsets, skies speckled with stars, night-blooming plants, and animals reappearing from their daytime naps. The desert comes alive at night as nocturnal animals awake. Bats perform aerial acrobatics in pursuit of dinner, beavers splash around in their pond, and scorpions glow green under black light. Bring your flashlight and explore, experience a live animal encounter, or participate in special nightly activities. Each Saturday has a different theme. Reservations recommended. 5-10 p.m., Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, 2021 North Kinney Road, Tucson, AZ 85743, (520) 883-5705, www.desertmuseum.org.

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Through September 3 Tinkerlab

The Tinkerlab is a makerspace that will take over the Art Lab gallery. What is a makerspace? Makerspaces are environments that foster experimentation, invention, problem solving, and creativity. These creative environments are in many ways a throwback to the artist studios of the renaissance, where artists, inventors, and scientists were not considered separate disciplines. It will feature drop-in engineering and art activities for young children ages 5-12. Check the summer schedule for mentor-led robot building, art studio challenges, and more building adventures. Free with adult admission. The University of Arizona Museum of Art, 1031 N. Olive Road (pedestrian only), located at the southeast corner of Speedway Blvd. and Park, UA Campus. (520) 621-7567, <http://artmuseum.arizona.edu/events/event/tinkerlab>.

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Through September 30 Dogs Days of Summer

Tucson Botanical Gardens is once again celebrating the Dog Days of Summer by opening the gates to leashed dogs. Guests are welcome to bring their well-behaved dogs to enjoy our Urban Oasis in the Heart of Tucson. Dog Admission is \$3 per dog per visit or purchase a Dog Membership for \$20 which includes unlimited daily admission for your dog during the summer months (June through September). Additional dog members may be added for only \$10 each. Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N. Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85712, (520) 326-9786, www.tucsonbotanical.org.

Through October 29 Gabe Zimmerman Triple Crown

The three-race series commemorates Gabe Zimmerman, a Tucson native who lost his life in the January 2011 shooting here in Tucson. As we all know, running shows us the power within ourselves. If we can walk or run three miles in a hot summer night or get around the Saguaro loop, the ups and downs of daily life are certainly manageable. If we can climb A-Mountain, we can rise to our other challenges. Our goal is to celebrate Gabe and motivate the community to aspire to individual and collective greatness – to work alone and work with others towards those goals we find valuable. To celebrate living, community, and good will. To live with love, to live with passion to chase dreams.

- September 17 – Inaugural TMC Tucson 10k. You can run the 10k or you can walk or run the 5k at Tucson's newest premier running event.
- October 28-29 – TMC Get Moving Tucson Half-Marathon Events. You can walk or run the Tucson Lifestyle 5k, or you can run or walk the TMC A-Mountain Half-Marathon.

Registration: \$75-\$99 early registration discounts.

www.azroadrunners.org/races/detail/gabe_zimmerman_triple_crown.

June 28-July 4 Prescott Frontier Days

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) 717-0094, www.worldsoldestrodeo.com.

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June 30-July 2**84th Annual Hopi Festival of Arts and Culture**

A Fourth of July tradition since the 1930s, award-winning Hopi artists from the twelve Hopi villages bring the mesas to Flagstaff. The unique work of carvers, painters, jewelers, potters, quilters and basket and textile weavers fill the more than 60 artists' booths. Enjoy cultural presentations, storytelling, music, and dances as well as Hopi bread and Piki baked outside in ovens. Free with museum admission.

Weekend Pass: \$18 adult, \$12 youth/student/American Indian. Daily Admission: \$12 adult; \$8 youth (10-17), student (with ID) & American Indian (with tribal affiliation). 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Museum of Northern Arizona, 3101 N. Fort Valley Rd., Flagstaff, AZ 86001, (928) 774-5213, <http://musnaz.org/educational-programs/heritage-program-festivals/hopi-festival/>.

July 1-31**Hot Sun**

Madaras Gallery presents "Hot Sun" featuring Southwest scenes by Diana Madaras. Enjoy beautiful paintings capturing the bold colors of the region. Madaras Gallery, 3035 N. Swan, Tucson, AZ, (520) 615-3001, www.madaras.com.

July 4**Independence Day Celebrations**

9th Annual 4th of July 5k Freedom Run/Walk – The run benefits That Others May Live Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization provides critical support, scholarships, and immediate tragedy assistance for the families of United States Air Force Rescue Heroes who are killed or severely wounded in operational or training missions. Start time: 6 a.m., Golf Links Sports Complex Ramada #3, 2400 S. Craycroft Rd., Tucson, AZ, <https://www.taggrun.com/event/fourth-of-july-5k-freedom-runwalk-2/>.

Let Freedom Sing – Musical selections include patriotic standards and all-American hits, with a star-spangled line-up. Performers include the *Let Freedom Sing* Choir and renowned soloists Ben Cline, Liz Cracciola, Jodi Darling, Armen Dirtadian, Delores Maddox, Chach Snook, Dennis Tamblyn and more! The sizzling and swinging 4Gents, Tucson's SuperGroup Quartet will wow the audience with their stylized harmonies of a by-gone era. The dazzling talents of Big Band Express will have you on the edge of your seat, playing during the pre-show as well as being features on several numbers throughout the performance! Limited reserved seating is \$25. General admission is free with suggested donation of \$10 per person. 3 p.m., UA Centennial Hall 1020 E University Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85724, (520) 319-0400, <http://www.arts-express.org/let-freedom-sing/>.

Oro Valley 4th of July Celebration – Family-friendly activities include: live music, special performances, t-shirt tie dying, patriotic crafts, jumping castles, a rock climbing wall and of course, fireworks. Food will be available for purchase from various food trucks. Fireworks at 9 p.m. 5-9:30 p.m., Naranja Park, 810 W. Naranja Dr., Oro Valley, AZ 85737, <https://www.orovalleyaz.gov/parksandrec/calendar/oro-valley-july-4th-celebration-naranja-park>.

Marana Star Spangled Spectacular – Come out to Marana's spectacular Independence Day celebration. Enjoy live music, dozens of food trucks, inflatables for the kids, two beer gardens for the parents, and of course, a magnificent fireworks show. Fireworks at 9 p.m. (weather permitting), 5-9 p.m., Crossroads at Silverbell Park, 7548 N. Silverbell Rd, Marana, AZ, (520) 382-1946, <http://www.maranaaz.gov/town-calendar/2017/7/4/star-spangled-spectacular>.

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Celebrate 4th of July in the Pines – Voted the Best Small Town in Arizona and nestled among the cool pines of the majestic Mogollon Rim - Payson, AZ comes alive in patriotic colors during its' 4th of July Celebration. Bring your chairs, a picnic basket and blanket, or grab some food from one of the vendors that will be on hand and enjoy a day of fun. The fireworks show and games are all free to the public. Fireworks are at 9 p.m., Green Valley Park, S. Green Valley Pkwy & W. Main St., Payson, AZ 85541, www.paysonrimcountry.com/4th-of-july

Fireworks Over the Lake: July 4th Fireworks Show – After the sun goes down, watch the sky light up over Thompson Bay with fellow boaters, beach-goers and tailgaters. Tell your family and friends to bring their lawn chairs and get to their viewing location early so they can celebrate the magic and wonder of this Fourth of July fireworks spectacular. Or spend the day on the water and just tie up with your fellow boaters in Thompson Bay to watch the fireworks from the comfort of your boat. Fireworks at approximately 9 p.m., Free. Thompson Bay, Lake Havasu, AZ, (928) 453-3444, www.golakehasvu.com.

July 7-September 1 Movies in the Park

Cox Communications Movies in the Park will feature free family friendly activities, beginning at 6 p.m., including face painting, balloon twisters, arts and crafts activities, performers. Attendees are invited to bring their own chairs, blankets and seating. A variety of food trucks will be at the park.

- July 7 – *The Secret Life of Pets*
- August 4 – *Zootopia*
- September 1 – *Finding Dory*

Free admission. All concerts begin at dusk (approx. 7:45 p.m.). Reid Park, Demeester Performing Arts Pavilion, 920 S Randolph Way, Tucson, AZ 85716, www.saaca.org.

July 8-9 20th Annual Prescott Indian Art Market

This event is one of the Southwest's premier Indian-art Markets. The featured artist is Diné Navajo artist Virgil J. Nez. His distinct style and brilliant use of color acrylics have intrigued art enthusiasts around the nation for his contemporary presentation of traditional values. Native American artists present painting, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry and hand-woven baskets and blankets throughout the museum gardens, with artist demonstrations, musical performances and Indian fry bread adding to the festivities. Adults: \$10, Museum Members: \$8. Children: free. Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sharlot Hall Museum, 415 W. Gurley St., Prescott, AZ, (928) 445-3122, www.sharlot.org.

July 8, August 5 & September 9 Saturday Night Starlight

It's not just the stars that come out to play in Verde Canyon. As the Verde Canyon Railroad rumbles through the Canyon, the low slant of sun bathes the high cliffs in soft golden hues. The train reaches the turn-around point of Perkinsville amid a scandalous sunset. The return trip offers a serene glimpse into the nocturnal wildlife set against a dazzling canvas of celestial bodies. As the sun slips behind distant mountains, cool air sweeps through the Canyon signaling the resident wildlife to begin their nightly rounds. Various packages available. On select Saturday evenings, the Verde Canyon Railroad departs the depot at 5:30 p.m., Verde Canyon Railroad, 300 N. Broadway, Clarkdale, AZ 86324, www.verdecanyonrr.com.

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July 6-July 16**Sizzling Summer Sounds**

The Invisible Theatre presents its eagerly anticipated summer cabaret series produced and directed by Susan Claassen. Audiences will be treated to world class entertainment in a world class setting with world class dining! Skyline Country Club will be transformed into an elegant and cosmopolitan cabaret showroom.

- July 6-7 – Pure Imagination!
- July 8-9 – An Evening with Steve Ross
- July 12 – Reflections
- July 13 – In the Limelight!
- July 14 – I Love Paris!
- July 15-16 – Ann Hampton – “Ella Century”

Tickets: Show only \$32, Brunch and show \$55, Dinner and show \$60. Skyline Country Club, 5200 East St. Andrews Drive, Tucson, AZ, (520) 882-9721, www.invisibletheatre.com.

July 22-30**Silver City CLAY Festival**

Enjoy a week of fun and unique activities. Events include a poker tournament fundraiser, workshops, tours, lectures, films and fun activities for children. The Festival will host three juried exhibitions! Check the website for times and fees (some are free). Various locations in Silver City, NM, www.clayfestival.com.

July 28-29**Monsoon Madness Plant Sale**

The wet and wonderful monsoon season brings you more than just rain as Tohono Chul hosts local growers and nationally renowned plant experts with their specially-selected inventory at this Tucson tradition. The annual sale is for more than just plant nerds, anyone can come on down to buy the weird and wondrous and learn plant care from the professionals. With a variety of shrubs, succulents, and cacti from the bizarre and edible to the showy and tricky, you are bound to bring home a peculiar plant. Noted as the King of Rare Species and “the most incredible horticulturist”, Mark Dimmitt along with twenty-four talented vendors are slated to attend Monsoon Madness. Free admission during the sale. Friday 3-7 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Tohono Chul Park, 7366 N Paseo del Norte Tucson, AZ 85704, (520) 742-6455, www.tohonochulpark.org.

July 28-30**Sedona Hummingbird Festival**

Enjoy presentation, garden tours, sunrise breakfasts, banding, exhibitions and birding trips. Some events are free and others require a ticket and reservations but check early as events sell out. Activities take place at various locations in and around Sedona, AZ. www.hummingbirdsociety.org/hummingbird-festival/.

July 29**HarvestFest & Grape Stomp**

Celebrate the upcoming harvest, with a grape-stomping contest, tractor-drawn vineyard tour, grape tasting, live music, and local restaurants providing food to complement the wines. Grape Stomping Competition at noon, free for all with children’s, women’s and men’s divisions. Admission: Presale \$25/at the door \$30 per person ages 21 and over, includes: wine tasting, souvenir glass, wine & food pairings. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sonoita Vineyards, 290 Elgin-Canelo Road, Elgin, AZ 85611, (520) 455-5893, www.sonoitavineyards.com.

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August 2-5**26th Annual Southwest Wing Birding and Nature Festival**

Southwest Wings is Arizona's Longest Running Nature Festival and is ranked as one of the best Birding Festivals in the United States. Southwest Wings is a celebration of the diversity of birds, mammals, reptiles, and insects, in their unique environment; the sky islands in southern Arizona. Enjoy speakers, field trips and free events. Check website for events and field trip times and locations. Cochise College Campus, 901 North Colombo Avenue, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, (520) 266-0149, <http://swwings.org/>.

August 3**Matchbox Twenty**

Matchbox Twenty has sold over 30 million records worldwide, and earned countless accolades, including five GRAMMY® nominations, four American Music Award nods, and the 2004 People's Choice Award for "Favorite Musical Group." This year marks the 20th anniversary of their Diamond-certified debut album *Yourself or Someone Like You* – which included Top 40 singles "Push," "3AM" & more. Doors open at 7 p.m., Concert starts at 8 p.m., Casino Del Sol Resort, AVA Amphitheater, 5655 West Valencia Rd., Tucson, AZ 85757, (520) 838-6400, <http://casinodelsol.com/ava-amphitheater>.

August 5-6**Summer Sidewalk Sale**

Madaras Gallery presents the annual Summer Sidewalk Sale, featuring incredible savings on a wide variety of Gallery merchandise. Madaras Gallery, 3035 N. Swan, Tucson, AZ, 520-615-3001, www.madaras.com.

August 6-27**Summer Lecture Series 2017**

"The Aftermath of the Reformation: Women, Minorities, Refugees, and the Demand for Social Justice"
The Protestant Reformation and its aftermath in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries offer fascinating parallels to questions that presently engage the public. The question of the status and treatment of women and minorities in society, and the multi-faceted problem of the relationship between religion and the call for social justice, most prominently voiced by the peasants during the Reformation era, is no less urgent today than it was in the sixteenth century. The split of Western Christianity as a result of the Protestant Reformation created religious refugees all over early modern Europe, a familiar problem today as well. This series seeks to illuminate the social consequences of the Protestant movement in sixteenth-century Europe on the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Susan C. Karant-Nunn, Director of the Division and Regents' Professor of History, and Ute Lotz-Heumann, Heiko A. Oberman Professor of Late Medieval and Reformation History, will contextualize and comment on each of the lectures:

- August 6 – "Reforming the Virgin, the Wife, and the Widow: Changing Visions of Womanhood in the Sixteenth Century" presented by Rachel Small, doctoral student
- August 13 – "Strangers in a Strange Land: Religious Refugees and Exiles in the Reformation" presented by Annie Morphew, doctoral student
- August 20 – "'We take it for granted that you will release us from serfdom as true Christians': The Reformation and the Peasants" presented by Benjamin Miller, master's student
- August 27 – "Persecution and Tolerance: How Anabaptists, Jews, and Roma ('Gypsies') Fared in the Reformation Era" presented by Adam Hough, doctoral student

Free and open to the public. Sundays at 10:15 a.m. St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church, Bloom Music Center, 4440 N. Campbell Avenue, Tucson, AZ. For more information contact Luise Betterton at (520) 626-5448 or betterm@email.arizona.edu.

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August 9**Welcome To This House**

Welcome To This House is iconic director Barbara Hammer's feature documentary film on the homes and loves of poet Elizabeth Bishop (1911-1979), about life in the shadows, and the anxiety of art making without full self-disclosure. Hammer filmed in Bishop's 'best loved homes' in the US, Canada, and Brazil believing that buildings and landscapes bear cultural memories. Interviews with poets, friends, and scholars provide "missing documents" of numerous female lovers. Bishop's intimate poetry is beautifully performed by Kathleen Chalfant and with the creative music composition by Joan La, Barbara brings Bishop into our lives with new facts and unexpected details. (Dir. by Barbara Hammer, 2015, USA, 79 mins, not rated). Free. 5:30 p.m., The Loft Cinema, 3233 E Speedway Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85716, <http://poetry.arizona.edu/calendar/screening-welcome-house>.

August 10-12**30th Arizona Cowboy Poets Gathering**

More than 50 poets and old-time singers celebrate the oral traditions of the working cowboy, with a blend of traditional and contemporary poetry and music, free multiple daytime sessions, evening shows ticketed- for headline performances. Yavapai College Campus, 1100 E. Sheldon Street, Prescott, AZ 86301, <http://azcowboypoets.org/>.

August 17-19**133rd Annual Payson Rodeo**

The World's Oldest Continuous Rodeo! History shows that the word passed along from ranch to ranch and on the third weekend of August in 1884, cowboys participated in the first Payson Rodeo. Come see what the Payson Rodeo, considered the country's Best Small Rodeo, is all about. Payson Events Center, Payson, 1400 S Beeline Hwy, Payson, AZ 85541, AZ, (928) 474-9440, www.paysonrimcountry.com/august-doins-rodeo.

September 2-4**102nd Annual Sonoita Labor Day Rodeo**

"The Best Little Rodeo" has more than 700 entries and \$40,000 in cash and buckles awarded to the top contestants of the Southwest. Steak fry and dance to follow the rodeo on Saturday and Sunday. Admission: \$15 adults, \$10 for kids ages 6-12, and little ones 5 and under get in free. Gates open daily at 10 a.m., Sonoita Fairgrounds, 3142 S. Highway 83, Sonoita, AZ 85637, (520) 455-5553, www.sonoitafairgrounds.com.

September 7**Southern Arizona Salsa & Tequila Challenge**

Tequila infused popsicles, sno-cones, and mixed drinks will surprise attendees with refreshing colors, while kimchi, blueberry-jalapeno and "Smokeless Fire" salsas will spice up their palettes. More than 1,500 attendees support the community while attending this fun event to try the best salsa and tequila in the region from participating mixologists and chefs. Attendees will experience culture at its finest; combining the culinary arts, live music, and entertainment that highlights the strength and diversity in our community. Tickets include libation, and menu samplings from over 50 local professional and emerging restaurants and chefs, with custom salsa and tequila cocktails in over 20 categories and beer and menu samplings: \$55. Must be 21 or older and tickets must be pre-purchased. 7 p.m., La Encantada Shopping Center, 2905 Skyline Drive, Tucson, AZ, 85718, www.saaca.org.

September 13-17 The Little Mermaid

In a magical kingdom beneath the sea, the beautiful young mermaid Ariel longs to leave her ocean home to live in the world above. Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories, with music by eight-time Academy Award winner Alan Menken, it's a hauntingly beautiful love story for the ages. Come fall in love with the magic for the first time—or all over again with classics such as “Under the Sea,” “Kiss the Girl,” “Part of Your World” and more. Centennial Hall, 1020 E. University Blvd. Tucson, AZ 85719, (520) 621-3341, www.uapresents.com.

September 17-October 8 Tigers Be Still

Two modern families find that happiness is not as impossible as it seems in this new comedy, by Kim Rosenstock. Laughter and heartbreak find their perfect balance as Rosenstock introduces us to characters that are at once familiar, but refreshingly new. Redemption is the treasure that each of these characters finds at the end of their search, and we are all the richer for accompanying them on their journey. This comedy introduces us to a playwright with an important and original voice. UA Tornabene Theatre, 1025 N. Olive Road, Tucson, AZ 85721, (520) 621-1162, theatre.arizona.edu.

September 21 Diana Madaras Signing

2018 has arrived at Madaras Gallery. Diana Madaras will be signing copies of her new 2018 Southwest Art Calendar at the gallery. 5-7 p.m., Madaras Gallery, 3035 N. Swan, Tucson, AZ, (520) 615-3001, www.madaras.com.

September 21-24 Tucson Greek Festival

Come celebrate our 41st Annual Tucson Greek Fest with us! We are offering many new things this year such as photo booths, new raffles, new band, more room to sit and enjoy your time with us, two stages, and all while offering the same hospitality and fun for everyone! We look forward to seeing you all! Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 1145 East Fort Lowell Rd., Tucson, AZ 85719, (708) 710-0677, www.tucsongreekfest.com.

September 22 Jazz Legend Live!

The Legends have performed with the best of names in jazz, including Frank Sinatra, Ray Charles and Tony Bennett. This unforgettable benefit concert entertains audiences with spontaneity and the intimacy of jazz music was meant to invoke. All the monies raised from this spectacular event will go directly back to local schools to support dwindling music and art programs. Tickets: \$55-\$2,500. VIP Dinner: 5:30 p.m., Concert: 7 p.m., Lodge at Ventana Canyon, 6200 N. Club House Ln., Tucson, Arizona, 85750, www.saaca.org.

September 23 Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day

Museum Day is an annual event hosted by Smithsonian Media in which participating museums across the country open their doors for free to anyone presenting a Museum Day Ticket. Check online to find participating museums: www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/?no-ist.

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September 23-24

9th Annual Sedona Wine Fest

Enjoy scrumptious Sedona cuisine, live music, vendors galore, and an exclusive Premium Wine Area, while enjoying the breathtaking panoramic views of the majestic red rocks. General daily admission includes a glass and 6 tastings: \$35 early bird or \$40 at the door. Additional wine tastings available. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Posse Grounds Park, 450 Posse Grounds Rd, Sedona, AZ 86336, (928) 862-0210, www.sedonawinefest.com.

Great Places to Go Throughout the Year

Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum—World-renowned zoo, natural history museum, and botanical garden. Hours: October-February 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., March-September 7:30 a.m.-5p.m., June-August Sunday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m., 2021 N. Kinney Rd., (520) 883-2702, www.desertmuseum.org.

Biosphere 2—Tours of technological wonders inside and under glass. Open daily. Highway 77 at mile marker 96.5 in Oracle, (520) 838-6200, www.b2science.org/.

Children’s Museum Tucson— Play is the primary component in the Museum’s interactive exhibits. Focusing on learning by doing encourages fun educational experiences between children and their parents/caregivers. Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 200 South 6th Ave., Tucson, AZ 85701, (520) 792-9985, www.childrensmuseumtucson.org.

Flandrau Science Center—Explore the universe from earth to space and everything in-between, bringing science alive for young and life-long learners alike. Changing exhibits throughout the year focus on biology, energy, optics and more, weaving in ground-breaking UA research and revealing the world of science careers for budding scientists. The University of Arizona, 1601 E University Blvd., Tucson, AZ, 85719, (520) 621-4516, www.flandrau.org.

The Gaslight Theatre—Enjoy musical comedy melodramas 6 nights a week, and 5 different shows per year. Westerns, sci-fi spoofs, our famous Christmas Shows, and everything in between- you can find it all here at The Gaslight! (520) 886-9428, www.thegaslighttheatre.com.

Kartchner Caverns State Park—This cave system is an underground nature preserve. There are spectacular sights everywhere, including a 58 foot tall stone column called “Kubla Khan”. Reservations are recommended. (520) 586-2283, www.azstateparks.com.

International Wildlife Museum—Natural history museum with interactive exhibits and films. 4800 W. Gates Pass Rd., Tucson, AZ, 85745, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, until 6 p.m. on weekends. (520) 629-0100, www.thewildlifemuseum.org.

Kitt Peak National Observatory—Here you’ll find exhibits, take tours, and see the world’s largest collection of optical telescopes. State Route 86, Ajo Highway (90 minutes from downtown Tucson). 9 a.m.-5 p.m., daily. (520) 318-8726, www.noao.edu/kpvc.

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Mini Time Museum—Tiny renditions of famous abodes headline at this educational & interactive museum of miniatures. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 12 p.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, closed Monday and major holidays. 4455 E. Camp Lowell Drive, Tucson, AZ, 85712, (520) 881-0606, www.theminitimemachine.org.

Mt. Lemmon Ski Valley—Sky rides with panoramic views of forest, rocky cliffs, desert floor and distant mountain ranges. There's skiing in the winter. Ski Valley is closed on Tuesday and Wednesday. Call for hours. 30 miles northeast of Tucson on the Catalina Highway. (520) 576-1321, www.skithelennon.com.

Old Tucson Studios—Step back in time in the old west town made famous as the location for more than 300 movies and TV shows! Going beyond its rich film history, Old Tucson is Southern Arizona's premiere location for Western experience – from Living History Presentations to Historic Tours to Shows and Special Events! 201 S Kinney Rd., Tucson, AZ 85735, (520) 883-0100, www.oldtucson.com.

Pima Air and Space Museum—One of the largest collections of historic aircraft in the United States is here. Its Space Gallery offers a look at space travel, and several hangars house airplanes, exhibits, and memorabilia. You'll see more than 275 aircraft on display. 6000 E Valencia Rd., Tucson, AZ 85706, (520) 574-0462, www.pimaair.org.

Reid Park Zoo—The zoo has created natural habitats and multi-species exhibits. It's a great setting for animals and visitors alike. Located in Reid Park off 22nd St., between Alvernon Way and Country Club Rd. Open 7 days a week from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (520) 791-3204, www.reidparkzoo.org.

Reffkin Tennis Center—With more instructional programs and events offered for all ages than any facility in Tucson, public or private, Reffkin plays a major role in the future of tennis. Home to the Smith-Perry Tennis Academy (SPTA) one of the largest junior tennis development programs in the Southwest, and consistently produces regionally and nationally ranked junior players, most continuing on to play at the collegiate level. 50 S. Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85711, (520) 791-4896, <http://reffkintenniscenter.com>.

Tohono Chul Park—Deemed “One of the World's Ten Best Botanical Gardens” by *Travel + Leisure Magazine*. Set on 49 acres of lush desert, the vibrant offerings at Tohono Chul awaken your senses. Stroll along winding paths past soaring Saguaros, through themed botanical gardens and marvel at a chance encounter with a resident hummingbird. Enjoy quiet retreat in the artfully designed relaxation spots sprinkled throughout the lush grounds. Various art and garden exhibits reveal the unique qualities of the Sonoran region and renew a deep appreciation for the treasures of the desert. 7366 N Paseo del Norte Tucson, AZ 85704, (520) 742-6455, www.tohonochulpark.org.

Tucson Botanical Gardens— The Tucson Botanical Gardens promotes responsible and appropriate use of plants and water in a desert environment through education and demonstration and provides a place of beauty and tranquility for Tucson residents and visitors. Gardens Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 2150 N. Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85712, (520) 326-9786, www.tucsonbotanical.org.

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Tucson Speedway— Tucson Speedway has been renovated and is ready for a fun family outing. The tower areas, the VIP area, grandstands, restrooms, and concession area have all been remodeled and upgraded. Take I-10 Rita Rd. Exit 273 South. Turn left at Rocket Strava and follow the directions to the track located at 11955 S. Harrison Rd., Tucson, AZ, 85747, (520) 762-1600, <http://tucsonsspeedway.com/>.

Tucson Museum of Art—Permanent collection of more than 6,500 works of art, art school, library, café, gift shop, tours, and sculpture gardens. Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 12 p.m.-5 p.m. on. (520) 624-2333, 140 N. Main Ave., Tucson, AZ 85701, www.tucsonmuseumofart.org.

The University of Arizona Libraries—The University of Arizona Libraries hosts a number of exhibits and events throughout the year. Our webpage connects you to a calendar, email newsletter and stories covered by campus, local, national and industry media outlets. Find something unique at the University of Arizona Libraries. <http://www.library.arizona.edu/about-us/news-events>.

The University Of Arizona Museum Of Art—UAMA is a premier showcase for world-class art. Throughout the year UAMA presents changing exhibitions of paintings, prints and sculptures from its permanent collection, as well as traveling exhibits. It collects and exhibits artworks representing many of the principal cultures and periods of world art history. The largest portion of the more than 6,000 artworks in the permanent collection comprises European and American artworks from the 14th century through the present day. Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 12-4 p.m., The University of Arizona Museum of Art, 1031 N. Olive Road (pedestrian only), located at the southeast corner of Speedway Blvd. and Park, UA Campus. (520) 621-7567, www.artmuseum.arizona.edu.

All Year Farmers' Markets

Fresh-food lovers can find everything from apples to zucchini at farmers' markets in Tucson and Southern Arizona. This region boasts a great assortment of direct-sales farms offering a variety of vegetables, fruits, nuts, honey, salsa, jellies, baked goods, and even cactus fruit. Check these out—

Trail Dust Farmers' Market, Friday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Trail Dust Town (Pinnacle Peak), 6541 E. Tanque Verde Rd., Tucson, AZ, 85715, www.heirloomfm.org/markets/.

Rillito Farmers' Market, Sunday 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Rillito Park Food Pavilion, 4502 N 1st Ave., Tucson, AZ 85718, www.heirloomfm.org/markets/.

Oro Valley Farmers' Market, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Steam Pump Ranch, 10901 N Oracle Rd., Oracle, AZ, www.heirloomfm.org/markets/.

Twilight Farmers' Market at Maynard's, Monday from 5-8 p.m., Maynard's, 400 N. Toole Ave., Tucson, AZ, 85701, www.maynardsmarket.com.

Farmers' Markets at St. Philip's Plaza, Saturday Artisans' and Farmers' Market and Sunday Farmers' Market – 8 a.m-12 p.m. (summer) and 9 a.m.-1p.m. (winter). Philip's Plaza, 4380 N. Campbell Ave., Tucson, AZ, 85718, <http://stphilipsplaza.com/farmers-markets>.

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Community Food Bank Farmers' Markets –

The Community Foods Consignment program is where small farmers and home gardeners sell their produce at the markets on consignment. Shop Local and Support the Community Food Bank! Find fresh, sustainably grown foods while supporting local farmers and producers. The market offers Arizona fruits and vegetables, plants, flowers, eggs, honey, free-range meat, baked goods, bath and body products and more! All markets are open to the public. The Farmers' Market Stand accepts cash, EBT (food stamps), AZFMNP and WIC vouchers as well as credit and debit cards.

www.communityfoodbank.org/Programs-and-Services/Community-Food-Resource-Center/Farmers-Markets.

Community Food Bank Farm Stand, Tuesday 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Community Food Bank Main Branch, 3003 S Country Club Road, Tucson, AZ 85713.

El Pueblo Seasonal Mobile Market, Monday 3-5 p.m., Irvington Rd. & S. 6th Ave., Tucson, AZ 85714.

Santa Cruz River Farmers' Market, Thursday May-September 4-7 p.m., October-April 3-6 p.m., Mercado San Agustin, 100 S. Avenida del Convento, Tucson, AZ 85745.

Food in Root Farmers' Markets –

Northwest Medical Center, Open 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 10 a.m-1 p.m., Northwest Hospital, SW corner of La Cholla Blvd. and Orange Grove Rd., Oro Valley, AZ.

UA Main Campus, Alternating Wednesdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m., UA Mall, 1303 E University Blvd., Tucson, AZ.

Banner - UMC, Open every Friday, 10 a.m-2 p.m. UAMC, 1501 N Campbell Ave. Tucson, AZ 85724.

Sycamore Park Twilight Market, Every First Friday of the month, 4:30-7:30 p.m. E. Sycamore Park Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85756.

Tucson Sports:

University of Arizona Athletics

www.arizonawildcats.com

FC Soccer

<http://fctucson.com/team/>

Tucson Conquistadores Classic (PGA Tour)

www.tucsonconquistadores.com

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