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## **“Desert Delights”**

**Enjoy our 2012 Tucson Winter Events Newsletter!**

Welcome to the Winter issue of Above & Beyond’s Desert Delights Newsletter. We know you have been busy with new jobs, setting up a new home, and settling in your loved ones. Or you may be a lifelong resident of Tucson looking for new and different events to experience. Our temperate climate allows us to enjoy our favorite pastimes year-round with sporting and cultural events, historical commemorations and the arts. You’ll find lots to do and discover!

### **Ongoing**

#### **Birds of Tohono Chul Park Walking Tour**

Tohono Chul Park hosts docent-led walking tours of its grounds at 8:30 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Here you’ll learn to identify bird residents and those just passing through, plus learn information about their habits and habitat. Included with admission – Members: Free, Adult: \$7, Children (5-12): \$2.00, Children (under 5): Free, Senior (62+) and Active Military: \$5.00. Chul Park, 7366 N Paseo del Norte Tucson, AZ 85704, 520-742-6455, [www.tohonochulpark.org](http://www.tohonochulpark.org).

### **Ongoing**

#### **Honey Bee Canyon Park Birding Walk**

Join birding expert Marjorie Flory for a guided bird walk in Honey Bee Canyon. Spot Gambel’s quail, verdins, gnatcatchers and other birds of the southwest desert. Free, ages 12 and up, 8-10 a.m., Honey Bee Canyon Park, 13880 N Rancho Vistoso Blvd, Oro Valley, AZ (On Rancho Vistoso Road, 3 three miles north of Tangerine Road), 520-615-7855, [http://www.azgfd.gov/nrm/calendar\\_events.shtml](http://www.azgfd.gov/nrm/calendar_events.shtml).

### **Ongoing through Apr. 30, 2012**

#### **Butterfly Magic at the Gardens**

Tucson Botanical Gardens presents a live, tropical butterfly exhibit. View colorful butterflies fluttering in a special greenhouse and help support global efforts for sustainable conservation. Ticket – Adult \$13 and Children (4-12) \$7.50. Open daily, except holidays, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., 2150 N. Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ, 520-326-9686, [www.tucsonbotanical.org](http://www.tucsonbotanical.org).

### **Jan. 12-22, 2012**

#### **Tucson Jewish Film Festival**

Come see the annual screening of some 30 films about the Jewish experience, past and present, local and global. Guest speakers, receptions, and free popcorn during the showings add to the festivities centered at the Jewish Community Center and other places around town. 520-299-3000, [www.tucsonjewishfilmfestival.org](http://www.tucsonjewishfilmfestival.org).

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**February and March, 2012**                      **Southern Arizona Festivals**

These festivals, featuring arts and crafts, are presented by the Southern Arizona Arts and Cultural Alliance. For more information call 520-797-3959 or visit <http://saaca.org/> .

**February 11-12, 2012—Four Corners Festival**, Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. -4 p.m., All four corners of Skyline and Campbell Ave., Tucson, AZ, [www.fourcornersfest.org](http://www.fourcornersfest.org).

**March 17-18, 2012—Oro Valley Festival of the Arts**, Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Southwest corner of Oracle Rd. and Tangerine, Oro Valley, [www.orovalleyfestival.org](http://www.orovalleyfestival.org).

**March 30 - April 1, 2012—Fine Art & Jazz Festival**, Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., St. Philips Plaza, SE Corner of Campbell Avenue & River Road - Tucson, AZ, [www.fineartfest.org](http://www.fineartfest.org).

**Feb. 3-5, 2012**                                      **Cochise Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering**

A celebration of Western heritage, culture, and history through the poetic and musical verse that only cowboys could offer. Celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of Arizona's statehood as well as the 20th Anniversary of bringing the best Cowboy poetry and music to Cochise County. It's at the Buena Vista High School in Sierra Vista. Call 800-288-3861 or 520-266-0588, or visit [www.cowboypoets.com](http://www.cowboypoets.com).

**Feb. 5-26, 2012**                                      **Necessary Targets**

Two American women in war-torn Bosnia – one, a New York City psychiatrist, and the other, a journalist who routinely embeds herself in war and trauma – attempt to help a group of female refugees during the immediate aftermath of the Yugoslavian Civil War. Based on playwright Eve Ensler's interviews with Bosnian women, this psychological drama protests war and violence against women. (Adult themes and violence.) Tornabene Theatre, UA campus, southeast corner of Park Avenue and Speedway Boulevard., Tucson, Arizona 520-621-1162, [www.cfa.arizona.edu/tftv/about-theatre](http://www.cfa.arizona.edu/tftv/about-theatre).

**February 18 and 19, 2012**                      **19th Annual Southwest Indian Art Fair**

Meet more than 200 Native artists, many of them award winning. Top-quality, handmade art including pottery, Hopi katsina dolls, paintings, jewelry, baskets, rugs, blankets, and much more. Artist demonstrations, Native food, music, and dance performances round out the two-day celebration. Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona Campus, Tucson, AZ, [www.statemuseum.arizona.edu/events/swiaf/index.shtml](http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu/events/swiaf/index.shtml)

**February 18-26, 2012**                      **La Fiesta de los Vaqueros Rodeo & Parade**

This is the largest outdoor winter rodeo in the US and is at the Tucson Rodeo Grounds. It is a nine day extravaganza featuring a 6-event rodeo. There are daily events for kids and junior rodeo competitors. The celebration also includes the annual Rodeo Parade, the longest-running non-motorized parade in the country. For rodeo tickets call 520-741-2233 or visit [www.tucsonrodeo.com](http://www.tucsonrodeo.com). For parade tickets, call 520-294-1280 or see [www.tucsonrodeoparade.org](http://www.tucsonrodeoparade.org)

**Feb. 20-26, 2012**                                      **Accenture Match Play Championship**

The Accenture Match is the first of four World Golf Championships of the season. This PGA Tour event attracts the world's top 64 golfers as well as amateurs, and celebrities. General admission - \$25-\$135. Ritz-Carlton Golf Club at Dove Mountain, Marana, AZ. Call 520-571-0400 or visit [www.worldgolfchampionships.com](http://www.worldgolfchampionships.com).

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**Feb. 25 – May 20, 2012**

**Speaking in Tongues: Wallace Berman and Robert Heinecken, 1961-1976**

This landmark exhibition brings two seminal yet under-studied Los Angeles artists into close conversation for the very first time. Berman and Heinecken bridged modernist and emerging post-modernist trends by ushering in the use of photography as a key element of contemporary avant-garde art. CCP Gallery, Free Admission. Center for Creative Photography in located in the Fine Arts complex in the northwest corner of the University of Arizona campus, Tucson, AZ 85721, 520-621-7968, [www.creativephotography.org](http://www.creativephotography.org).

**Feb. 26 – Mar. 25, 2012**

***Julius Caesar***

“Beware the Ides of March.” This famous line serves as a warning to Julius Caesar, whose friends Cassius and Brutus have devised a plot to assassinate the Roman Emperor. Are they consumed by envy or do they truly believe they are acting in Rome’s best interest? Whatever the case, Julius Caesar’s growing ambition threatens the Republic, so the blades are out...but when he is slain, the city runs amok. This captivating version of Shakespeare’s greatest thriller is alive with assassination plots, conspiracy and brutal murders. Violence. Marroney Theatre (UA campus), 1025 N. Olive Road, Tucson, AZ 85719, 520-621-1162, [www.cfa.arizona.edu/tftv/about-theatre](http://www.cfa.arizona.edu/tftv/about-theatre).

**Mar. 3-4, 2012**

**Arizona Opera: *Aida***

Arizona Opera presents Verdi's *Aida*, a love story between a slave and a young Egyptian commander. This season marks the first performance of *Aida* at Arizona Opera in more than a decade. A musical and visual feast, this production features massive sets that evoke the temples and tombs of ancient Egypt. Sung in Italian with English surtitles. Arizona Opera, Tucson Music Hall, 260 S Church Ave, Tucson, AZ 85701, 520-293-4336, [www.azopera.com](http://www.azopera.com).

**Mar. 6–8, 2012**

**Cananea to Caborca: 12,000 Years of Arizona/Sonora History**

The people living in the Sonoran Desert regions known today as the states of Arizona and Sonora have been linked since prehistoric times. ASM archaeologist James Watson and ethnohistorian Michael Brescia take you on a three-day expedition through northern Sonora to explore key places that reveal how prehistoric, historic and contemporary inhabitants created their dynamic and intertwined histories with the inhabitants of southern Arizona over the last dozen millennia. \$775, \$700 ASM members-includes, include transportation, lodging, two receptions, refreshments, gratuities, and meals. Call 520-626-8381 for reservations. [http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu/public/cananea\\_caborca/index.shtml](http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu/public/cananea_caborca/index.shtml).

**Mar. 10-12, 2012**

**Tucson Festival of Books**

This festival is an event where words and imagination come to life. It brings together authors, publishers and the reading public in a family-friendly community event. Net proceeds of the Festival are used to promote literacy in Southern Arizona. Enjoy the Character Parade for kids, the Lindley Lopez Literary Circus performing circus acts of literary themes, a Science Pavilion, TV Culinary area, and much more. General admission is free. Main Mall on the University of Arizona campus. To find out more, call 520-626-5653 or visit [www.tucsonfestivalofbooks.org](http://www.tucsonfestivalofbooks.org).

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**Mar. 23-25, 2012**

**4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Spring Street Fair**

Artisans and entertainers from around the US provide everything from funky gifts and live music to tasty treats and great crafts. Tons of activities are packed into three days of celebration. Call 520-624-5004 or visit [www.fourthavenue.org](http://www.fourthavenue.org).

**Mar. 25, 2012**

**Arizona Distance Classic**

The Arizona Daily Star Valley of Gold Half Marathon, Quarter Marathon and Oro Valley Hospital 5K all start at Ventana Medical Systems and benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 1910 Innovation Park Dr. in Oro Valley. Please visit [www.arizonadistanceclassic.com](http://www.arizonadistanceclassic.com) for event times and more information, or call 877-474-0449.

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**Great Places to Go Throughout the Year**

**Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum**—World renowned zoo, natural history museum, and botanical garden. Hours: 7:30 AM-5:00 PM, 2021 N. Kinney Rd., 520-883-2702.

**Biosphere 2**—Tours of technological wonders inside and under glass. Hours: open daily. Highway 77 at mile marker 96.5 in Oracle, 520-838-6200.

**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. Call 520-586-2283 or log on to [www.azstateparks.com](http://www.azstateparks.com).

**International Wildlife Museum**—Natural history museum with interactive exhibits and films. 4800 W. Gates Pass Road. Hours: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, Monday-Friday, until 6:00 PM on weekends. 520-617-1439.

**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). Hours: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM daily. 520-318-8726.

**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 Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Call for hours. 30 miles northeast of Tucson on the Catalina Highway. Visit [www.skithelennon.com](http://www.skithelennon.com) or call 520-576-1321.

**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 hangers house airplanes, exhibits, and memorabilia. You’ll see more than 275 aircraft on display. Call 520-574-0462 for more information and admission fees.

**Reid Park**—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 22<sup>nd</sup> St., between Alvernon Way and Country Club Rd. Open 7 days a week from 9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. Call 520-791-3204 or visit [www.tucsonzoo.org](http://www.tucsonzoo.org) for more information.

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**Tucson Museum of Art**—Permanent collection of more than 6,500 works of art, art school, library, café, gift shop, tours, and sculpture gardens. 140 N. Main Ave. Hours: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM Tuesday-Saturday, 12:00-4:00 PM on Sunday. 520-624-2333.

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## **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! Shoppers here can purchase fresh foods year-round. Check these out—

**Marana's Farmers' Market**, Tuesdays from 3-6 p.m. Marana Health Center, 13395 N. Marana Main Street, Marana, AZ

**Jesse Owens Park Farmers' Market**, Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jesse Owens Park, 400 S. Sarnoff Dr., Tucson, AZ, <http://farmersmarkettucson.com/>.

**Civano Nursery Farmers' and Artisans' Market**, Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Civano Nursery, 5301 S. Houghton Rd., Tucson, AZ, 520-248-9278, <http://www.civaneighbors.com/docs/events/CivanoFarmersArtisansMarket.pdf>.

**Community Food Bank Farmers' Market**, Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to noon, Community Food Bank, 3003 S. Country Club Dr., Tucson, AZ, 520-622-0525, <http://communityfoodbank.com/programs-services/community-food-security-center/farmers-markets/>.

**Friday Farmers' Market**, Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Broadway Village, 2926 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson, AZ, 520-603-8116, <http://www.broadwayvillagetucson.com/farmersmarket/>.

**Downtown Farmers' Market and Crafts Mercado**, Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., South Lawn Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave., Tucson, AZ, 520-326-7810.

**Oro Valley Farmers' Market**, Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon. Oro Valley Town Hall, 11000 N. La Canada Dr., Oro Valley, AZ, <http://farmersmarkettucson.com/>.

**Farmers' Markets at St. Philip's Plaza**, Sundays from 8 a.m. to noon. St. Philip's Plaza, 4380 N. Campbell Ave., Tucson, AZ, <http://farmersmarkettucson.com/>.

**Santa Cruz River Farmers' Market**, Thursdays from 4-7 p.m. during May-September, Santa Cruz River Park (NE corner of Speedway and Riverview Blvds.), 520-622-0525, <http://communityfoodbank.com/programs-services/community-food-security-center/farmers-markets/>.



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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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