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This Quarterly Edition’s Spotlight is on –

The Core - Your Health and Wellness Center - Tucson Medical Center is your nonprofit community hospital, proud to be a core part of Tucson for more than 70 years. The Core continues that commitment to improving the health and well-being of our community by creating a venue to engage you and your family, while empowering you with the tools to take control of your health: Doctor Presentations, Health Lectures, Fitness Classes, Wellness Activities, Fitness & Nutrition Assessments, Access to Medical Records & Health Information. Our approach is personalized to your individual goals and will complement the relationship with your physician. TMC is committed to being part of the community and part of creating a healthier Tucson. We will do this by serving as the core, the connecting point for health and wellness in Tucson. We will be successful by driving individual commitments through innovation, technology, education and a passion for health. Hours vary, closed Mondays. La Encantada Shopping Center, 2905 East Skyline Drive, Suite 277, Tucson, AZ, (520) 324-2673
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

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.

We enjoy creating our newsletters for you because Above & Beyond believes that Remarkable People Expect Remarkable Service. Tell others about how Above & Beyond assists in the recruitment of personnel and the sale and purchase of homes.
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 Rd., Tucson, AZ 85743, (520) 883-5705, www.desertmuseum.org.

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 Rd. (pedestrian only), located at the southeast corner of Speedway Blvd. and Park, UA Campus. (520) 621-7567, http://artmuseum.arizona.edu/events/event/tinkerlab.

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 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 Rd., Tucson, AZ 85721, (520) 621-1162, theatre.arizona.edu.

Through October 29   Apple Annie’s Fall Pumpkin Celebration
Enjoy old-fashioned family fun picking your own pumpkins, fall vegetables at the Farm and apples at the Orchard. Pumpkins of all shapes, sizes and colors will be available for picking in our huge pumpkin patch. Already picked pumpkins will be available at the pumpkin stand. Don’t miss out on Arizona’s largest and absolutely amazing Corn Maze with 2 levels of difficulty it’s perfect for the entire family! Don’t forget to bring your camera and a jacket, fall days can be quite cool here in Willcox! Come early and enjoy a delicious “All-You-Can-Eat” pumpkin and buttermilk pancake breakfast served from 8:30-10:30 a.m., Partake in the Apple Smoked Burger lunch served from 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m., 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Apple Annie’s, 6405 W. Williams Rd., Willcox, AZ 85643, (520) 384-4685, www.appleannies.com.

September 29-October 31   Nightfall

September 30-October 1   Oro Valley Music Festival
Tucson’s biggest music festival is back! Saturday’s lineup includes: Lee Brice, Brothers Osborne, Jana Kramer, Michael Ray and Kaylor Cox. Sunday’s lineup includes: Train, Gavin DeGraw, Michael Franti & Spearhead, Leann Rimes, Echosmith and Rich Berra Band. A portion of the proceeds from the Oro Valley Music Festival will be donated to Shine On Tucson. Tickets: $49.50-$379.50 single and multiday as well VIP packages are available. Gates open at 12:30 p.m. and opening act starts at 1:30 p.m., The Golf Club at Vistoso, 955 W. Vistoso Highlands Dr., Tucson, AZ 85755, www.orovalleymusicfestival.com.

October 1   Arizona Insect Festival
Come explore the amazing, weird and beautiful world of insects! More than twenty booths will be set up offering visitors the opportunity to observe, hold and even eat insects. Most animal species on earth are insects, so here’s the chance to get to know your six-legged neighbors better. Learn about the importance of insects in our daily lives and discover insect-based research taking place at the University of Arizona. Admission is free and parking is free in most campus parking garages. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., University of Arizona Environment and Natural Resources 2 (ENR2) building, 1064 E. Lowell St., Tucson, AZ 85709, www.arizonainsectfestival.com.
October 1-May 31, 2018   Butterfly Magic: A Tropical Wonderland in Tucson
Always a favorite with first-time visitors and Garden Regulars alike, Butterfly Magic is a fully immersive experience that surrounds you with rare butterflies, tropical plants and orchids in bloom. New this season is our Dart Frog Terrarium, an easily accessible interpretive display that insures the safety of our colorful, yet fragile, amphibians. Also on display will be the Chrysalis Exhibit, a fascinating look into the metamorphic life of a butterfly. With a little patience, and luck, you may see a butterfly emerge from its chrysalis for the very first time! With a constantly changing and growing display, and new varieties of Butterflies being added regularly, Butterfly Magic is never the same experience twice! Included with Garden admission. Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N. Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85712, (520) 326-9686, www.tucsonbotanical.org.

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.rexallendays.org.

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 6-29   Arizona Exposition & State Fair

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 7-29    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.

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 11, 14-15    Fall Plant Sale
Visit Tohono Chul’s Fall Plant Sale for an extensive offering of both the typical and the unusual, native, cold-hardy, and arid-adapted plants from agaves to Zauschneria and everything in-between. We encourage you to bring your own wagon, but we will have plenty on hand if you don’t have one. Don’t forget to check out our propagation greenhouse. Be aware that the plant sale is located on the east side of the grounds in the Propagation Area at 7211 N. Northern Ave., which is the first street just west of the Ina and Oracle intersection. Members’ Preview: Wednesday 12-6 p.m., General Public: Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Tohono Chul, 7366 N. Paseo del Norte Tucson, AZ 85704, (520) 742-6455, www.tohonochulpark.org.

October 11-26    Downtown Lecture Series – Truth and Trust in the Global Scene
In our current “post-truth” era of alternative facts and fake news, how do we maintain trust in each other, in our elections, in our journalists and media outlets, and in our governments and world leaders? How do we reclaim truth and rebuild trust? What will the future hold if we can’t? This fall, join the UA College of Social and Behavioral Sciences for a series of discussions with national experts who will explore the current state of American truth, trust, and global relations.

- October 11 – “The Future of Elections: Who and What Can We Trust?” - A Conversation with the Executive Director of the National Institute for Civil Discourse, Carolyn Lukensmeyer
- October 19 – “Redefining Journalism in the Post-Truth Era” - An Interview with the Executive Editor of The New York Times, Dean Baquet
- October 26 – “What the News Doesn’t Tell You About Rising Global Conflict” - A Conversation with the former State Department Head of Counterterrorism, Ambassador Daniel Benjamin

Free and open to the public. Reserve tickets online. All lectures start at 6:30 p.m., Fox Theatre, 17 West Congress St., Tucson, AZ 85701, (520) 621-1112, http://sbsdowntown.arizona.edu/.
October 13  
**ZOOcson**

More than 30 of Tucson’s favorite restaurants provide small-plate tastings at stations throughout the Zoo. Attendees participate in silent and live auctions which include items ranging from power tools to vacation getaways to unique Zoo experiences. Enjoy a wild night of unforgettable live music by Jovert and Eduardo Costa, and roaming entertainment by Cirque Roots. This fundraising event directly benefits Reid Park Zoo, its education programs, conservation efforts and improvements. Tickets: $95 member, $125 nonmembers (This is a 21 and over event. Tickets include food at all restaurant stations and 2 drink tickets.). 6-9 p.m., Reid Park Zoo, 3400 Zoo Court, Tucson, AZ 85716, (520) 881-4751, [http://reidparkzoo.org/](http://reidparkzoo.org/).

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October 13-15  
**Tucson Meet Yourself**

Tucson Meet Yourself is an annual celebration of the living traditional arts of Southern Arizona's and Northern Mexico's diverse ethnic and folk communities. Each October, the three-day event features hundreds of artisans, home cooks, dancers, musicians and special exhibits that celebrate and honor beauty in all its diverse, informal, and everyday forms. Friday and Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Downtown Tucson. [www.tucsonmeetyourself.org](http://www.tucsonmeetyourself.org).

October 13-May 10, 2018  
**Oro Valley Concert Series**

With popularity growing each month, the Oro Valley Concert Series brings free live music to all ages. The series supports a range in music genres, from country to rock and jazz to classical. The Oro Valley concert series truly has something for every taste of music. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs and enjoy the outdoor shows.

- October 13 - Bouncing Czechs - German Octoberfest
- November 9 - Jukebox Junquies - R&B/Dance
- December 14 - Desert Melodies - Jazz Vocal Standards
- January 11 - Good Question - Rock/Country Covers
- February 8 - Little House of Funk - R&B/Jazz/Soul
- March 8 - Onesall Band - FunkaRocky Groove Music
- April 12 - Mr. Boogie Woogie - Boogie Woogie Piano
- May 10 - The Turnouts - Classic Rock and Country


October 21  
**Marana Cotton Festival**

Join the Town of Marana in celebrating the community's agricultural and rodeo heritage at the Marana Heritage River Park. Enjoy live music, a rodeo, farming attractions, games, food, and competitions. 3,000 people are anticipated to attend. 4-9 p.m., Marana Heritage River Park, 12375 N. Heritage Park Drive Marana, AZ 85653, [www.maranaaz.gov/town-calendar/2017/10/21/marana-cotton-festival](http://www.maranaaz.gov/town-calendar/2017/10/21/marana-cotton-festival).
**October 22**  
**Madaras Gallery’s Annual Show and Fall Gala**  
Attend Madaras Gallery’s Annual Show and Fall Gala as they unveil a new collection of 25 paintings by Diana Madaras. Artist reception from 1-3 p.m. Please RSVP. Madaras Gallery, 3035 N. Swan, Tucson, AZ, (520) 615-3001, [www.madaras.com](http://www.madaras.com).

**October 22**  
**UA Dance Season Preview**  
Get a sneak peek at our exciting new season, and hear the inside scoop on UA Dance’s roster of guest artists for the year. Enjoy light refreshments and an opportunity to become a season subscriber. Free and open to the public. Arrive early for best seating. General seating fills on a first-come first-served basis. RSVP recommended: danceRSVP@cfa.arizona.edu or (520) 621-4698. 3 p.m., Stevie Eller Dance Theatre, 1737 E. University Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85719, (520) 621-1162.

**October 27**  
**Night of Fright**  
Kids! Costumes! Candy! Crafts! This is “non-scary” Halloween carnival fun for the whole family. We encourage costumes and offer family-friendly Halloween activities. This year's activities included: Trick or treating, Pony rides, Ghost Lollipops, Halloween Twister, Eyeball Mini Putt, Temporary Tattoos, Pumpkin Bean Bag Toss, Fish for a Prize, Ring Toss, Airplane Toss, Coloring Station, Ghost Bowling, Baked Goods Walk, Touch and Tell. The Flight Grill restaurant transforms into the “Fright Grill” for the evening, offering Halloween-themed dinners. Plus, the aircraft and exhibits in the Main Hangar are open for viewing under ghoulish lights. Admission to this one night carnival and costume event is free for members and children 12 and under, $10 for children over 13 and adults. 5-9 p.m., Flight Central Hangar at the Pima Air & Space Museum, 6000 E. Valencia Rd., Tucson, AZ, 85756, (520) 574-0462, [www.pimaair.org](http://www.pimaair.org).

**October 27-28**  
**Chiles, Chocolate, & Day of the Dead**  
Our 2017 homage to the cult of the fiery chile-and decadent chocolate also celebrates another enduring tradition of the borderlands, Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), a time we remember and honor those who have gone before. Throughout the grounds, vendors feature chile and Day of the Dead inspired crafts and chile and chocolate culinary delights. Enjoy culinary demonstrations, chile roasters, musical entertainment, local artists, sales of ornamental and edible chile plants, free Day of the Dead-themed face painting and children’s activities. Early bird tickets: $3 Garden members, $12 public. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Tohono Chul, 7366 N. Paseo del Norte Tucson, AZ 85704, (520) 742-6455, [www.tohonochulpark.org](http://www.tohonochulpark.org).

**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 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.

- 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.

November 4  Melanoma Walk
Walk to raise skin cancer awareness and enjoy giveaways, a silent auction and educational kids’ activities. Goody bags and food for registered participants. Adults: $30, Children 10-15: $15, 9 and under free. Skin screenings start at 2 p.m. on a first come basis. Event starts at 3 p.m. and family and dog friendly walk begins at 4:30 p.m., University of Arizona Mall, 1607 E. University Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85719, http://fightmelanomatoday.org/.

November 7-19  The Value of Names
Benny Silverman, a celebrated comic, has revived his career via television after many years of forced inactivity following his having been named on the Hollywood blacklist of the Fifties. Now his actress daughter, Norma, has been cast in a play to be directed by Leo Greshen, the man who had testified against him before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and suddenly Benny must deal again with a moral crisis that he has tried to put behind him. Invisible Theatre, 1400 N. First Ave., (at Drachman), Tucson, AZ 85719, (866) 811-4111, www.invisibletheatre.com.

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, (888) 848-3511, https://www.thetrain.com/special-events/the-polar-express/.

November 15-19  Premium Blend
This year, the UA Dance Ensemble takes on Maurice Ravel’s Bolero, choreographed by the former Artistic Director of the Bolshoi Ballet and current Resident Choreographer for American Ballet Theatre, Alexei Ratmansky. See the work of this internationally acclaimed choreographer and MacArthur Fellow, along with a piece by modern dance icon Bella Lewitzky. Lewitzky’s creation, titled Meta4, will be staged by guest artist Walter Kennedy and faculty member Amy Ernst. To the live piano music of Mompou and Nin-Culmell will be a Spanish neo-classical ballet entitled Tonadas, with choreography by Melissa Lowe and Jory Hancock. And finally, in this year’s Premium Blend we welcome our new faculty member, Autumn Eckman, whose choreography and performance will be front and center. Tickets: Adult: $35, Senior/Military/UA Employee: $30 and Students: $15. 1:30 p.m. matinee and 7:30 p.m., Stevie Eller Dance Theatre, 1737 E. University Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85719, (520) 621-1162, http://dance.arizona.edu/.
November 30-December 3  In the moment - Student Spotlight
Let our students lift your spirits as we present an evening of choreography by the best and brightest of our 150 undergraduate and graduates. Here the faculty step aside and cheer with you as dancers step into the spotlight with work that is newly produced just for this moment. Living “in the moment” refers to all young artists who, with their bodies, minds and hearts, continue to create what is precious to us. Tickets: Adult $25, Senior/Military/UA Employee $23 and Students $12, 1:30 p.m. matinee and 7:30 p.m., Stevie Eller Dance Theatre, 1737 E. University Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85719, (520) 621-1162, http://dance.arizona.edu/.

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 2 Marana Holiday Festival & Christmas Tree Lighting
Enjoy holiday activities for kids, community groups and performances. Santa and Mrs. Claus will also be there for a magical evening. Experience a beautiful Christmas tree light show. 3-8 p.m., Marana Municipal Complex roundabout, 11555 West Civic Center Dr., Marana, AZ, 85653, www.maranaaz.gov/events

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 9-26 68th Winterhaven Festival of Lights
Winterhaven residents of this midtown neighborhood display their holiday spirit by adorning their homes with thousands of lights and decorations. Free with a food donation for the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona. 6-10 p.m., drive night is December 26th and all other nights are walking nights. Hayrides, bike and trolley rides are available, but space is limited. You can find this wonderful event at Fort Lowell Rd. and Country Club Rd., Tucson, AZ, http://www.winterhavenfestival.org/festival.html.

December 22-24 Nutcracker
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 schedule and admission. Arizona Exposition and State Fair Park, 1826 W. McDowell Rd., Phoenix, 85007, (602) 258-8568, www.anls.org.

December 29 Nova Home Loans Arizona Bowl

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.-5 p.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.


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](http://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](http://www.noao.edu/kpvc).

**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](http://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.skithelemmon.com](http://www.skithelemmon.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](http://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 hangers 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](http://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](http://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](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 Saguaroas, 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](http://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.

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://tucsonspeedway.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 Rd. (pedestrian only), located at the southeast corner of Speedway Blvd. and Park, UA Campus. (520) 621-7567, www.artmuseum.arizona.edu.

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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. 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.-1 p.m. (winter). Philip’s Plaza, 4380 N. Campbell Ave., Tucson, AZ, 85718, http://stphilipsplaza.com/farmers-markets.

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 Rd., 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.

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Tucson Sports:

University of Arizona Athletics  www.arizonawildcats.com
FC Soccer  http://fctucson.com/team/
Tucson Conquistadores Classic (PGA Tour)  www.tucsonconqustadores.com

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