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NEWCOMER’S NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Winter Issue of our Newcomer’s Newsletter. We know you have been busy with new jobs, setting up a new home, and settling in your loved ones, not to mention the busy times we all experience with the winter holidays. This is a glorious time of year here in the “Old Pueblo” with plenty of sunshine and warm winter temperatures. Our temperate climate allows us to partake in our favorite pastimes year-round with sporting events, culture, historical commemorations, and the arts. You’ll find lots to do and discover!

The Arizona Repertory Theatre entertains us again this season with two fine theatre productions. In February, beginning February 21st, see *The Taming of the Shrew* by William Shakespeare. It is a wry and witty battle of the sexes and is one of his earliest and most controversial comedies. Following on February 28th and the first week of March is *The Tamer Tamed*. This is written by Shakespeare’s collaborator and protégé, John Fletcher, and continues Shakespeare’s beloved battle of the sexes. Call the University of Arizona’s College of Fine Arts Box Office at (520) 621-1162 or visit them online at www.uatheatre.org for specific dates and ticket prices.

January 14-24, 2010

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. Phone (520) 299-3000 or see www.tucsonjewishfilmfestival.com.

January 26, 2010

The Life and Photographs of John Gutmann

The Center For Creative Photography at the University of Arizona brings us many receptions, lectures, and exhibitions throughout the year. A film screening and discussion entitled, “My Eyes Were Fresh: The Life and Photographs of John Gutmann” will be presented at 5:30 P.M. Find out about this and more at www.creativephotography.org or by calling (520) 621-7968.

January 13-17, 2010

Wings over Willcox Birding and Nature Festival

The long-legged birds roost here for the winter and number over 31,000! They can be seen easily from several viewing points along with hawks, owls, eagles and other birds. Willcox is 80 miles east of Tucson. Register by phoning (800) 200-2272 or www.wingsoverwillcox.com.

January 22-24, 2010

Quilt Fiesta

This tradition continues and thrives among members of the Tucson Quilters Guild who put on this annual showcase. See hundreds of quilts, clothing, and other quilted goods. Wrap yourself up in quilting at the Tucson Convention Center, 260 S. Church. Phone (520) 547-5463 or visit www.tucsonquiltersguild.com.

January 23, 2010

Dillinger Days

John Dillinger might have been a notorious bank robber, but it was the tiny town of Tucson that brought him to justice in the 1930's. Hotel Congress, itself a downtown historic jewel, hosts 2 days of reenactments, historical displays, vintage cars, and more. Phone (520) 622-8848 or visit www.hotelcongress.com .

January 31, 2010

Chinese New Year's Concert

"Welcome the Year of the Tiger" This celebration features performers from Shaolin Chinese Martial Arts School who appeared in the opening ceremonies of the Beijing Olympics. See this at Centennial Hall at the University of Arizona. The concert begins at 2:00 P.M. Tickets are available at UApresents, (520) 621-3341 or at www.uapresents.org . Call (520) 292-6900 or visit www.tucsonchinese.org for more information.

January 30-February 14, 2010

Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Showcase

Tucson hosts the world's biggest annual gathering of industry buyers and sellers of gems and minerals. Here you'll see gems, minerals, fossils, jewelry, lapidary work, and museum exhibits from around the world. It's at the TCC and other locations throughout the city. For information on the show at the Tucson Convention Center, call (520) 322-5773 or www.tgms.org . For other areas, phone (520) 624-1817 or see www.visittucson.org .

February 6, 2010

Art Safari

See Tucson's visual arts community during this walking tour of the Warehouse Arts District, located on the fringe of downtown. You will see everything from photography and painting to glassworks and sculpture. Call (520) 629-9759 or visit www.ctgatucson.org .

February 6-March 28, 2010

Arizona Renaissance Festival

A 30-acre village comes alive with 2,000 costumed actors presenting music, dance, storytelling, magic, comedy, and handmade crafts from the Middle Ages. Be a part of it all 95 miles north of Tucson in Apache Junction, Arizona. Phone (520) 463-2700 or visit www.renfestinfo.com.

February 10-14, 2010

Tubac Festival of the Arts

Arizona's oldest art show features exhibits by North American artists and artisans. Hundreds of visiting artists, crafters, and musicians complement the village's own thriving artists' community. In historic Tubac. Call (520) 398-2704 or visit www.tubacaz.com.

February 12-14, 2010

Cochise Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering

It's a celebration of Western heritage, culture, and history through the poetic and musical verse that only cowboys could offer. It's at the Buena Vista High School in Sierra Vista. Call (800) 288-3861 or (520) 249-2511, or visit their website at www.cowboypoets.com.

February 13, 2010

Fort Lowell Day Celebration

Take a self-guided walking tour of the Fort Lowell neighborhood which grew out of the ruins of the Army installation abandoned in 1891. Enjoy music, military demonstrations, food booths, and other festivities that will fill Fort Lowell Park. Call (520) 318-0219 or visit www.oflna.org.

February 21, 2010

Old Time Fiddlers' Contest

Jigs, reels, rags, and waltzes fill the air as these fiddlers compete for the title of best old-time musicians of the day. Enjoy this at the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center in Reid Park. For more information (520) 791-4079 or (520) 883-1324.

February 20-28, 2010

La Fiesta de los Vaqueros Rodeo & Parade

This is the largest outdoor winter rodeo in the US, at Tucson Rodeo Grounds. 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. For parade tickets, call (520) 297-1280 or see www.tucsonrodeoparade.org.

February 15-21, 2010

Accenture Match Play Championship

This PGA Tour event attracts the world’s top 64 golfers as well as amateurs, and celebrities. See this at the new Ritz-Carlton Golf Club at Dove Mountain north of Tucson. Call (520) 207-0595 or visit www.worldgolfchampionships.com.

February 25-April 2, 2010

Major League Spring Training

If you are a sports enthusiast, you’ve just got to visit Tucson Electric Park (520-434-1111) and Hi Corbett Field (520-327-9467) where the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Colorado Rockies and other Cactus League teams play ball nearly every day. Enjoy a pre-season game for they are gone.

March 13-14, 2010

Civil War in the Southwest

Reenactments of military drills, encampments, and period entertainment tell the story of the skirmish known as the westernmost battle of the Civil War. It’s at Picacho Peak. Call (520) 466-3183 or visit www.azstateparks.gov.

March 6-7, 2010

Southern Arizona Arts and Cultural Festival

Enjoy a day in the sun at Pima Community College, Northwest Campus, with more than 75 art booths, demonstrations, live music and dance performances, children’s activities, and food. Sponsored by the Greater Oro Valley Arts Council. Call (520) 797-3959 or visit www.saaca.org.

March 19-21, 2010

4th 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. Call (520) 624-5004 or visit www.fourthavenue.org .



This Quarterly Edition’s Spotlight is on

The Good Enough Mine --- The mine was tunneled into limestone in the late 1870’s near the edge of modern-day Tombstone. It was one of the dazzlingly rich silver strikes that gave birth to the “town too tough to die.” Now, more than a century after its heyday, the mine is open for daily public tours. A guided 45-60 minute excursion into the 100-foot depths of the Good Enough is a journey not only into the silver-veined earth, but also back in time. It is part of a vast underground maze of diggings that gave life to the community. The cool underground air remains at about 65 degrees year-round. The mine’s entrance is at Firth and Toughnut streets in Tombstone, Arizona. Admission is \$15 for adults. Children 10 and under are free. Tours are offered daily on the hour from 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. For more information call (520) 255-0552 or visit www.tombstonechamber.com/The-Good-Enough-Mine-Underground-Tour.

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