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## **Phoenix Newsletter 2019** **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter**

**Your mission is to find at least one activity below to enjoy!**

**This Edition's Spotlight is on –**

### **Tour Downtown Phoenix's Historic Homes –**

The Phoenix Historic Neighborhoods Coalition produced a self-guided Driving Tour Map that invites people to visit the historic neighborhoods. It is a grass roots product, conceived, designed, illustrated and distributed by a small group of Coalition members. The map provides locations and information about architectural styles for each of the 35 historic districts. The widely distributed map is popular with folks who are unfamiliar with the historic neighborhoods in the heart of the city. Coalition members are proud of their educational effort which has received an Arizona Heritage Preservation Honor Award. Contact Marge McCue at 602 253 5579 or [PhxHNC@Gmail.com](mailto:PhxHNC@Gmail.com) to receive a Driving Tour Map. [www.phxhnc.com](http://www.phxhnc.com).

### **Ongoing**

### **WalkPHX**

Step out and activate your local park, community, and fitness journey by joining FitPHX's Walk PHX program. Enjoy getting outdoors, being physically active, spending time with family, and meeting new friends by taking a walk in one of our beautiful local parks. Each park location has a mapped walking path with signage that lets you know exactly where to start and just how far you go! You also have the opportunity to earn a City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation pass that will give you and/or your family access to multiple City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation programs, activities, and resources to stay healthy and active. Free. Throughout the City of Phoenix, AZ, [www.phoenix.gov/parks/fitphx/walkphx](http://www.phoenix.gov/parks/fitphx/walkphx).

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**Ongoing****First Fridays**

What started as a small event with no more than a handful of participating galleries in 1993 has since grown into a staple on the Phoenix nightlife and events scene. First Friday in downtown Phoenix has more than 80 galleries and art-friendly businesses that stay open later to peruse at no cost. Join 10,000 of your closest friends and take in the sights and sounds of street vendors, live music and exhibit openings. First Friday of the month from 6-10 p.m., Downtown Phoenix (check website for participating businesses), (602) 256-7539, <http://artlinkphoenix.com/>.

**Ongoing****Bisbee After 5**

Bisbee, already famous for its rich history, vibrant art scene, wonderful amenities and friendly people, also has a town-wide Art Walk. Enjoy more than 30 shops and galleries, special sales and promotions, live entertainment and refreshments. Second Saturday of the month. Bisbee, AZ, [www.bisbeeafter5.com](http://www.bisbeeafter5.com).

**Through October 26****Arizona Fall League**

Each Major League baseball 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 12:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. (exceptions noted). Venues for 2019 are Camelback Ranch-Glendale (Glendale Desert Dogs), Sloan Park (Mesa Solar Sox), Salt River Fields at Talking Stick (Salt River Rafters and Scottsdale Scorpions), and Peoria Sports Complex (Peoria Javelinas and Surprise Saguaros). <http://mlb.mlb.com/mlb/events/afl/index.jsp>.

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**Through December 8****Change Agent: June Wayne and the Tamarind Workshop**

“Change Agent” highlights June Wayne’s legacy as an artist, printmaker, educator and activist. Wayne refused to follow a signature style, taking on a variety of themes such as personal history, modern science and social issues. In the Dorothy series, she narrates the life of her mother, a Russian Jewish immigrant and traveling saleswoman for a garter company. In the Stellar Winds and Solar Flares series, she mines natural phenomena as metaphors for the human condition. Free. ASU Art Museum, 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Mill Avenue, Tempe, AZ 85281, <http://asuartmuseum.asu.edu>.

**Through December 15****Transcendent Transcendentalists**

*Transcendent Transcendentalists* features abstract works by American modernists Raymond Jonson (1891–1982), Emil Bisttram (1895–1976), and Stuart Walker (1904–1940), all of whom were members of the Transcendental Painting Group (TPG). Founded in 1938 by Jonson, the short-lived collective of artists promoted abstract, non-representational painting that explored the connection between art, spirituality, and the metaphysical world. Members of the TPG included Agnes Pelton (1881–1961), Lawren Harris (1885–1970), and Florence Miller Pierce (1918–2007), among others. Phoenix Art Museum, 1625 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004-1685, (602) 257-1222, [www.phxart.org](http://www.phxart.org).

**Through April 17, 2020      Grand Procession: Contemporary Plains Indian Dolls from the Charles and Valerie Diker Collection**

*Grand Procession* celebrates an exceptional collection of dolls, also known as soft sculptures, created by Jamie Okuma (Luiseño and Shoshone-Bannock), Rhonda Holy Bear (Cheyenne River Sioux and Lakota) and three generations of Growing Thunder family members; Joyce Growing Thunder, Juanita Growing Thunder Fogarty and Jessa Rae Growing Thunder (Assiniboine and Sioux). The dolls provide a figurative reference to Indigenous peoples from the Great Plains and Great Basin regions who lived in those areas during the late nineteenth century. Holy Bear, Okuma, and the three Growing Thunder family members embellish each doll with tiny micro-beads in intricate detail. The 23 dolls included in the exhibition represent the largest private collection of its kind. Monday-Saturday 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Heard Museum, 2301 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004, (602) 252-8840, [www.heard.org](http://www.heard.org).

**October 2-November 4      Pumpkin Days & Corn Maze and AZ Field of Screams**

Let the unforgettable fall season memories begin at Tolmachoff Farms and experience the ultimate holiday outing where there is something for the whole family: Great big pumpkin patch, 6 acre family corn maze with a new theme every year (search for pieces of your map as you walk through), mini corn maze (perfect for the little ones), haunted corn maze (Do you have the courage to enter?). Other activities include a petting zoo, train rides, hay pyramid, corn box, adult/child pedal cart track, jumping pillow and much more. Pumpkin Days admission is \$12 for ages 2 and up, AZ Field of Screams admission is \$20 or both for \$25 (check website for discounts and hours), Tolmachoff Farms, 5726 N. 75<sup>th</sup> Ave. Glendale, AZ 85303, 623-386-1301, [www.tolmachoff-farms.com](http://www.tolmachoff-farms.com).

**October 4-6      A Taste of Greece AZ Greek Festival of Chandler**

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

**October 4-6      68<sup>th</sup> Annual Rex Allen Days**

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

**October 4-27      Arizona Exposition & State Fair**

Enjoy the newest rides and attractions, explore the Kids Fun Zone. Spend your evening in the Coliseum watching new, popular and old favorites perform – Billy Currington, The Cult, Stayer, Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo, Fiesta Friday, Lee Brice, Mathew West & Zach Williams, Trace Adkins, Becky G, Lil Pump, Awolnation, Chase Rice, and MC Hammer. Visit the website for discounted admission, ride days and packages. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Arizona Exposition and State Fair Park, 1826 W. McDowell Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85007, (602) 252-6771, [www.azstatefair.com](http://www.azstatefair.com).

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## **October 4-November 22 Sunday Concerts in the Garden**

This all-ages concert series is a great experience to enjoy in the company of friends and family. Some of Arizona's best musicians will perform against the stunning backdrop of the butte at Ullman Terrace.

- October 4 – The Sugar Thieves
- October 11 – Blaine Long & Rosas del Ray
- October 18 – Big Zypher
- October 27 – Traveler
- November 1 – Guitarras Latinas
- November 8 – Mother Road Trio
- November 15 – Rose's Pawn Shop
- November 22 – Big Nick and the Gila Monsters

Enjoy sandwiches, salads, snacks or a selection from our grill station from the Patio Café at Ullman Terrace. A full cash bar with a selection of wines by the bottle will also be available. Open seating. Members: \$24.95, General Public: \$29.95. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., 7-9 p.m., Desert Botanical Garden, Ullman Terrace, 1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ, (480) 481-8188, [www.dbg.org](http://www.dbg.org).

## **October 5 11<sup>th</sup> 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: \$10 Adult, \$5 Student with ID, veterans and Seniors, 12 and under are free. 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Wheeler Park, 212 W. Aspen Way, Flagstaff, AZ 86001, [www.flagstaffoktoberfest.com](http://www.flagstaffoktoberfest.com).

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## **October 5-27 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 \$29, Children \$22. 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](http://www.thetrain.com).

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### **October 6- March 22 Sonoran Chamber Music Series**

The Sonoran Chamber Music's unique blend of artists and repertoire continues to attract and enrich an ever increasing and loyal following. They are deeply committed to sustaining a vibrant chamber music community in Tempe, where world-renowned musicians and chamber-music lovers gather to celebrate, to sustain and to share personal connections freely through chamber music. Every Sonoran Chamber Music artist is dedicated to offer enchanting musical experiences while fostering meaningful memories and friendships with the audience through shared love of chamber music.

- October 6 - The Indianapolis String Quartet - Ariel Rudiakov, Viola and Tom Landschoot, Cello
- November 17 - Tom Landschoot, Cello and Gilbert Kalish, Piano
- February 2 - Jennifer Frautschi, Violin, Tom Landschoot, Cello and Christina Dahl, Piano
- March 22 - Jinjoo Cho, Violin, Tom Landschoot, Cello and Esther Park, Piano

Concert tickets: Student \$9 and General \$28. 2 p.m., ASU School of Music, Katzin Concert Hall, 50 Gammage Parkway, Tempe, AZ 85281, (480) 965-6447, [sonoranchambermusic.com](http://sonoranchambermusic.com).

### **October 11-12 Oktoberfest at Tempe Town Lake**

The festival features German food, beer, live entertainment, kids' activities, carnival games and inflatables. Free admission. Friday, 5 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, 10 a.m.-midnight and Sunday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Tempe Town Lake, 80 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ 85281, [www.tempeoktoberfest.com](http://www.tempeoktoberfest.com).

### **October 12-13 Taco Festival**

Join us for 2 days of Love & Tacos where the finest taco artists compete to create the best tacos in Arizona... and have an absolute blast while doing it! Also featuring Lucha Libre wrestling, VIP area, live music, interactive photo booths, Hot Chile Pepper Eating Contest, Taco Eating Contest, The Legendary Tequila Expo: (12 p.m.-5 p.m.), Chihuahua Beauty Pageant and Margarita Masters Mixology Expo. Admission: \$7.50-\$220; tacos and beverage stations additional. Tokens are used throughout the festival – purchase them to use for tacos, drinks, and other items. 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Westworld of Scottsdale, 16601 N. Pima Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85260, [www.aztacofestival.com](http://www.aztacofestival.com).

### **October 12-13 Patagonia Fall Festival**

Recognized as one of the finest, well-attended art festivals in Arizona, the Patagonia Fall Festival features more than 140 artists, sculptors, weavers, potters, jewelry makers, crafters together with food and beverage vendors from around the region. The festival celebrates its 31<sup>st</sup> year and attracts more than 15,000 visitors to Patagonia's lovely tree-shaded park in the center of town over a festive weekend. Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Patagonia Town Park, 325 McKeown Ave., Patagonia, AZ 85624, [www.patagoniafallfestival.org](http://www.patagoniafallfestival.org).

### **October 12-13 Railfair**

All aboard! The McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park celebrates all things railroad with model train displays and exhibits and a wide selection of the park's seldom seen vintage railroad equipment on display along with special presentations on railroad and Arizona history. Take a free tour of the Roald Amundsen Pullman Car and the Scottsdale Railroad Museum. Train rides on the Paradise & Pacific Railroad and Charros Carousel are \$2. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, 7301 E. Indian Bend Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85250, (480) 312-2312, [www.therailroadpark.com](http://www.therailroadpark.com).

**October 12-May 10, 2020 Wild Rising By Cracking Art**

Desert Botanical Garden’s newest art exhibition is traveling straight from Milan to bring *Wild Rising* by Cracking Art—an installation of more than 1,000 animal sculptures made from colorful and recyclable plastic. The vibrant art forms are the creations of Cracking Art, a collective of artists who specialize in plastic as an artistic medium with the intention of radically changing the history of art through a strong social and environmental commitment. With 12 installations, visitors will see 20 penguins posing among the cactus and 40 majestic grey wolves guarding the Sybil B. Harrington Cactus and Succulent Galleries. Free with general admission and membership. Desert Botanical Gardens, 1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ, (480) 481-8188, [www.dbg.org](http://www.dbg.org).

**October 19 Give Kids a Smile**

Please join the College of Dental Medicine-Arizona for a day of free dental care and education for children. Approximately 200 children ages 6 to 14 will have the opportunity to receive free screenings and treatments including cleanings, sealants, fillings, or extractions. A legal guardian of each child must be present at all times during the event. Plan on being at the event for approximately two hours depending on treatment provided. In order to ensure that your child receives treatment during the event, you must arrive at the scheduled time. Appointment required via online registration [www.midwestern.edu/GKAS](http://www.midwestern.edu/GKAS) or by calling (623) 806-7150. 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Midwestern University Dental Institute, 5855 W. Utopia Road, Glendale, AZ 85308.

**October 19-May 16, 2020 Spark! After Dark**

Fade the lights and turn up the music. Step outside and spark up your Saturday night. Mesa Arts Center is now hosting a free night out on the campus the third Saturday of the month. The grown-up’s playground, complete with live art, live music, great eats, tasty adult drinks and all in the shadow of our stunning campus. Free. 8-11 p.m., Mesa Arts Center, One East Main St, Mesa, AZ 85201, [www.mesaartscenter.com](http://www.mesaartscenter.com).

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**October 22-31 Halloween Spook-Track-ula**

Stop in for a spell as the Paradise & Pacific Railroad is transformed into a haunted park of fun for our Halloween Spook-Track-ula. The family-friendly event is perfect for the little ones and won’t break the bank. We’ll creep it real with the event’s feature, a spooky train ride created with younger children in mind... a bit spooky, but not too frightening. Join us for a movie night on October 25 with the featured movie: *Hotel Transylvania* starting at 6:30 pm. Trick-or-treat stations will be open on Halloween night from 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Spooky Train Ride \$5, with a \$15 fast pass option. 6:30-9 p.m., McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, 7301 E. Indian Bend Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85250, (480) 312-2312, [www.therailroadpark.com](http://www.therailroadpark.com).

## **October 23-March 18, 2020 Nat Geo Live Series**

Enjoy our *Nat Geo Live* series 2019-20, and you'll experience four of *National Geographic's* top photographers, scientists, and adventurers as they share behind-the-scenes stories live onstage.

- **October 23** - *Akashinga: The Brave Ones* with Damien Mander: Conservationist - Former special operations sniper and Royal Australian Navy clearance diver Damien Mander traveled to Africa intent on applying military solutions to the fight against poachers. Instead, he found himself forming the first all-female ranger unit in Zimbabwe - Akashinga (“the brave ones”) - altering stereotypes, saving elephants, and establishing a new model for conservation efforts along the way.
- **November 20** - *Building the Photo Ark* with Joel Sartore: Photographer - *National Geographic* photographer Joel Sartore is on a mission to capture portraits of the world’s species before they disappear. With ingenuity, wit, and a serious midwestern work ethic, Sartore has created the Photo Ark project, the largest archive of its kind with nearly 5,000 images and counting. Hear about his comical mishaps, endearing encounters, and personal stories while documenting a world worth saving.
- **January 22, 2020** - *Pursuit of the Black Panther* with Shannon Wild: Photographer & Cinematographer - In 15 years as a wildlife photographer and cinematographer, Shannon Wild has learned to expect the unexpected. She’s been bitten in the face by a dog, charged by an elephant, and mauled by a cheetah. Get a behind-the-scenes look at the challenges and dangers of her most difficult assignment to date: documenting a rare and elusive black panther in the dense forest in southern India.
- **February 19, 2020** - *Designed By Nature* with Kakani Katija: Bioengineer & Research Diver - Kakani Katija takes you deep into the midwaters of the ocean—one of the least explored ecosystems on our planet—and shares how its inhabitants could lead to breakthroughs in bio-inspired design.
- **March 18, 2020** - *From Summit to Sea* with Andy Mann: Filmmaker & Photographer - Award-winning filmmaker and photographer Andy Mann uses his work to bridge the gap between science and policy. From his early days as a rock climber to his current passion documenting the critically endangered oceanic whitetip shark, his stunning images tell the story of our rapidly changing planet, from top to bottom.

Tickets starting at \$100, package and member discounts available. Mesa Arts Center, Ikeda Theater, One East Main St., Mesa, AZ 85201, [www.mesaartscenter.com](http://www.mesaartscenter.com).

## **October 25-26 Howl-O-Ween**

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

## **October 26 Herberger Theater Festival of the Arts**

Celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of the Arts in downtown Phoenix with an event featuring performances, dance, food, visual art, live music, children’s activities, film shorts, pet adoptions, craft beer tasting and more! Proceeds benefit the Herberger Theater's Arts Education and Outreach Programs. Free. 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Herberger Plaza at the Herberger Theater Center, 222 East Monroe in downtown Phoenix, (602) 254-7399 Ext. 105, <http://www.herbergertheater.org/herberger-theater-festival-of-the-arts/>.

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### **October 26-May 16, 2020 Lakeshore Music Series**

Plan to enjoy monthly jazz performances in various settings.

- October 26 – Sean Jones Quartet
- November 23 – Carmela Ramirez y Más — CuBop
- December 21 – Beth Lederman & Jazz Con Alma
- January 25 – New West Guitar Group
- February 22 – Chloe Feoranzo Quartet
- March 21 – Hot Club of San Francisco
- April 25 – Harold López-Nussa
- May 16 – Tamir Hendelman’s Spirit of Israel Ensemble

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

### **October 28 Mini-Medical School – Ask Me Why I Hurt and Other Tales From the Streets**

The University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix proudly organizes a special Flinn Foundation Buffmire Lecture Mini-Medical School, a fascinating community lecture series open to the public. Presenter Dr. Randy Christensen has dedicated his life to caring for society’s often-abused, unloved children who live on the streets without access to health care. While in Phoenix, he launched the Crews’n Healthmobile, a mobile medical unit that delivers free medical care and outreach services to thousands of at-risk infants, children and teens. Free. 5-7 p.m., UA College of Medicine–Health Sciences Education Building, Lecture Hall C104, 435 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004, (602) 827-2007, <http://phoenixmed.arizona.edu/minimed>.

### **November 3 stepNout Run/Walk/Dash**

Join the fight against pancreatic cancer by participating in the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual *stepNout Run/Walk/Dash*. Your participation is critical to raising funds and awareness and ensures a cancer-free future. Fun for the entire family, walkers and competitive runners while raising funds for pancreatic cancer awareness and research. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m., 5K run starts at 9 a.m., Fun Run/Walk/5k walk starts at 9:15 a.m., Scottsdale Sports Complex, 8081 E. Princess Dr., Scottsdale, AZ 85255, (602) 343-8681, [www.tgen.org/giving/events/tgens-step-n-out-5k-fundraiser/](http://www.tgen.org/giving/events/tgens-step-n-out-5k-fundraiser/).

### **November 8-10 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Bluegrass Festival & Fiddle Championship**

As one of the oldest bluegrass festivals in the Southwest, enjoy featured bands: The Incidental Bluegrass Band, Chris Jones & The Night Drivers, and The Po’ Ramblin’ Boys. 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/](http://www.wickenburgchamber.com/events/).

### **November 8-January 4, 2020 The Polar Express**

The Grand Canyon Railway’s Polar Express comes to life on a journey from the nighttime wilderness of Williams, Arizona, to the enchanted beauty of “the North Pole”—where Santa Claus and his reindeer are waiting with a keepsake present for every good boy and girl. Enjoy hot chocolate and chocolate chip cookies while listening to this timeless story. 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/events/polar-express/>.

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### **November 16-17 Mac & Cheese Fest AZ**

Guests will enjoy one comfort-food-filled day tasting the Valley's Best Mac & Cheese from Top Chef's competing to win the "Golden Noodle" trophy. Craft beer and perfectly paired libations will be available to taste and sample as you work your way through over thirty Mac & Cheese taste sensations. Admission: VIP \$75, Adults \$10, Children (4-12) \$5, Food and drink tickets \$2. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, 7555 N. Pima Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85258, [www.macandcheesefestaz.com](http://www.macandcheesefestaz.com).

### **November 22-December 29 Elf The Musical**

Based on the 2003 film starring Will Ferrell, *Elf The Musical* is the hilarious tale of Buddy, who, as a baby, mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. When his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find The World's Greatest Dad and discover his true identity. Buddy is determined to win over his new family and help New York remember *There Is a Santa Claus*. This modern-day holiday classic is sure to make everyone embrace their inner elf! Arizona Broadway Theatre Mainstage, 7701 West Paradise Lane, Peoria AZ 85382, [www.azbroadway.org](http://www.azbroadway.org).

### **November 29-December 1 Holiday Pops**

It's the most wonderful time of year as the Valley's most beloved holiday tradition, Holiday Pops, returns to Symphony Hall. Join The Phoenix Symphony and The Phoenix Symphony Chorus to experience this festive concert of seasonal favorites and the ever-popular Holiday Sing-Along, guaranteed to put you and your family in the holiday spirit. Symphony Hall, 75 North Second St., Phoenix, AZ, [www.phoenixsymphony.org](http://www.phoenixsymphony.org).

### **November 29-December 31 Las Noches De Las Luminarias**

Celebrate the spirit of the season with Las Noches de las Luminarias. Stroll the Garden's trails lined with 8,000 flickering luminaria bags, gaze at twinkling lights and admire the enchanting glow of *Wild Rising* creatures. Happen upon tunes from eclectic entertainment groups and cherish the time spent with friends and family during the holiday season. Honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion with a personalized message on a special luminaria bag that will be placed in front of historic Webster Auditorium. Admission: Members \$29.95, Children (3-17) \$10.95, General: \$34.95, Children (3-17) \$12.95, 5:30-9:30 p.m., Desert Botanical Gardens, 1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ, (480) 481-8188, [www.dbg.org](http://www.dbg.org).

### **November 29-January 6, 2020 Holiday Lights**

The event's centerpiece is a train ride on the Paradise & Pacific Railroad through a winter wonderland of lights and displays. Take a ride on the historic Charros Carousel and visit the park's one-of-a-kind Model Railroad Building. Opening night festivities will feature a live band and Scottsdale Mayor Jim Lane will host the annual tree lighting ceremony as Santa arrives aboard a steam locomotive on the Paradise & Pacific Railroad. The co-creator of the Family Circus comic strip Jeff Keane will be handing out free autographed calendars and the Scottsdale Live Steamers will offer rides on the park's 7.5 gauge train. The Holiday Lights train ride on the Paradise & Pacific Railroad will require a special ticket. Tickets can be purchased in advance, during the park's normal hours of operation, beginning Nov. 1. Holiday Lights Train Ride \$5 (special Holiday Lights tickets are required), Charros Carousel Ride \$3, Holiday Lights Train Ride Fast Pass \$15 (limited availability nightly and passes can be purchased online beginning 11/1). Check website for Santa visit nights. 6:30-9 p.m., McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, 7301 E. Indian Bend Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85250, (480) 312-2312, [www.therailroadpark.com](http://www.therailroadpark.com).

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### **November 29-January 12, 2020 Glendale Glitters Holiday Weekends**

The stunning display of 1.5 million lights will illuminate sixteen blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale, making it the largest free holiday light display in Arizona. Visitors of all ages will delight in holiday entertainment, delectable food, hand-crafted holiday gifts, a children's winter wonderland, horse-drawn carriage rides, shopping and, of course, visits with Jolly Ol' St. Nick. Free admission. 5-11 p.m., Downtown Glendale, 58<sup>th</sup> and Glendale Ave., Glendale, AZ (623) 930-2299, [www.visitglendale.com](http://www.visitglendale.com).

### **December 4-22 The Nutcracker – Ballet Etudes**

Experience "a royally entertaining show" (*The Arizona Republic*) and "...an East Valley tradition...and a heartfelt artistic experience," (*The East Valley Tribune*) as Ballet Etudes presents its 33<sup>rd</sup> annual production of *The Nutcracker*. Let Clara's magical journey surround you as she encounters life-size mice, swirling snowflakes, dancing confections, and the Sugar Plum Fairy. A feast for the eyes and ears with colorful and imaginative costumes paired with Tchaikovsky's original score, Ballet Etudes' *The Nutcracker* is the perfect way to celebrate the holiday season with the entire family. Tickets: \$28-\$32, lap children 2 and under \$5. Mesa Arts Center, Piper Repertory, One East Main St., Mesa, AZ 85201, [www.mesaartscenter.com](http://www.mesaartscenter.com).

### **December 6-7 31<sup>st</sup> 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 more than 145 years ago. Wickenburg Community Center, 160 North Valentine St. and Desert Caballeros Western Museum, 21 North Frontier St., Wickenburg, AZ 85390, (928) 684-50947, [www.wickenburgchamber.com](http://www.wickenburgchamber.com).

### **December 6-8 Tempe Festival of the Arts**

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

### **December 7 Chandler's Tumbleweed Tree Lighting & Parade of Lights**

This year marks the 63<sup>rd</sup> Tumbleweed Tree built in Historic Downtown Chandler. Join in celebrating a unique southwestern tradition of creating a tree out of tumbleweeds that draws visitors from far and wide during the holidays. This community festival also includes the beautiful Parade of Lights at 6:45 p.m. and tree lighting at approximately 8 p.m., Free. 4:30-9 p.m., Downtown Chandler, Chandler, AZ, (480) 782-2732, [www.chandleraz.gov](http://www.chandleraz.gov).

### **December 7-29 Ella Enchanted: The Musical**

Not every princess needs rescuing. Based on the Newbury-honor book, this Cinderella twist follows Ella, a princess who is given the "gift" of obedience at birth. As she grows up, the strong-willed little girl must defeat her evil stepmother, a hungry ogre, and this troublesome curse to find her own voice and live happily ever after. This charming musical adventure is the perfect fairy tale for the holiday season! Tickets: \$12-\$35. Recommended for ages 5+. Herberger Theater Center, Center Stage, 222 E Monroe, Phoenix, AZ, (602) 252-8497, [www.herbergertheater.org](http://www.herbergertheater.org).

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**December 13-24                      The Nutcracker – Ballet Arizona**

Celebrate the joy and wonder of the holidays with Ib Andersen's *The Nutcracker*. Follow Clara's wintry adventures as she battles mischievous mice and charms the Sugar Plum Fairy. With 150 performers, 100,000 Swarovski crystals, and Tchaikovsky's cherished score performed live, Ballet Arizona's *The Nutcracker* is the best way to celebrate the holidays with friends and family! Tickets: \$47-\$177. Symphony Hall, 75 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. (2<sup>nd</sup> St. and Adams), Phoenix, AZ, (602) 381-1096, [www.balletaz.org](http://www.balletaz.org).

**December 14-15                      'Tis the Season: Holidays at MIM**

MIM will transform into a musical "Winter Wonderland" with seasonal songs and musical traditions from around the world. Don't miss this merry event to end the year. Included with admission. Free for members. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Musical Instrument Museum, 4725 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85050, (480) 478-6000, [www.mim.org](http://www.mim.org).

**December 14-15                      Feline Fancier's Cat Show**

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

**December 17                              46<sup>th</sup> 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 can be purchased in Patio del Norte. Free. 3-8 p.m., Tlaquepaque Arts & Crafts Village, 336 State Route 179, Sedona, AZ 86336, (928) 282-4838, <http://www.tlaq.com>.

**December 26–January 1, 2020 Arizona Science Center Snow Week**

More than 75 tons of snow will blanket Heritage and Science Park's grassy hill in white. No matter your age, you're invited to play in the snow, participate in interactive science demonstrations by the Center's Blue Crew, and explore the Science Center. Enhance your experience with ice-themed shows in our Dorrance Planetarium and Irene P. Flinn Giant Screen Theater, and hands-on activities in CREATE at Arizona Science Center, a community makerspace including 3D printing, laser cutting, microcontrollers, woodworking, and sewing. Arizona Science Center, 600 E. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85004 (602) 716-2000, [www.azscience.org](http://www.azscience.org).

**December 27                              31<sup>st</sup> Annual Cheez-It Cactus Bowl**

The Cheez-It Cactus Bowl Pregame Party takes place west of Chase Field, at 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Jackson, in Downtown Phoenix. The party features live music, marching bands, cheerleaders, pep rallies, interactive games, and Jumbotrons playing team highlights. The actual game will feature teams from the Big 12 and PAC 12 conferences. Pregame party is free. Check website for game tickets and packages. Kickoff is scheduled for 8:15 p.m., Chase Field, 401 East Jefferson Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004, (480) 350-0911, <https://fiestabowl.org/cactus-bowl/>.

**December 27-31 Arizona National Livestock Show**

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

**December 28 49<sup>th</sup> Annual PlayStation Fiesta Bowl**

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

**December 31 Phoenix Symphony New Year Eve's Concert**

End the year on a high note with The Phoenix Symphony with famous Strauss waltzes, seasonal classics and Broadway and contemporary favorites all with a complimentary glass of Champagne to celebrate the New Year. 8 p.m., Symphony Hall, 75 North Second St., Phoenix, AZ, [www.phoenixsymphony.org](http://www.phoenixsymphony.org).

**December 31 Nova Home Loans Arizona Bowl**

With a festive block party, pay it forward tickets, huge charitable contributions, midnight fireworks, and New Years' energy that's fun for the whole family. Check website for event details and tickets. University of Arizona Stadium, Tucson, AZ, (520) AZBOWL1, [www.novaarizonabowl.com](http://www.novaarizonabowl.com).

**December 31 Flannel Ball**

Phoenix rings in the New Year partying like it's 1999 at downtown's favorite flannual event: Flannel Ball! This year, Flannel Ball keeps alive the local artist tradition of adaptive reuse. Strings of lights illuminate an art-activated street nestled among historic houses, new structures, public art spaces, creative studios, bars and boutiques. Chain link fences transform into art gallery walls. Backyards are reimaged as live music venues. The flannel extravaganza is a must-see event, featuring live local music acts, an art show, flavor-filled food trucks, a beer garden sponsored by New Belgium Brewing Co., lawn games, the New Year piñata drop, and midnight toast. Celebrate the mild winter weather clad in plaid! Roosevelt Growhouse, 1025 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Phoenix, AZ 85004, [www.flannelball.com](http://www.flannelball.com).

**January 11-19 Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction Event**

More than 1,600 collector vehicles and automobilia will be sold at this historic auction. Lifestyle attractions also return in the form of luxury vendors, events and fashion shows. Check website for packages and discounts. WestWorld of Scottsdale, 16601 North Pima Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85260, (480) 421-6694, [www.barrett-jackson.com](http://www.barrett-jackson.com).

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## Great Places to Go Throughout the Year

**ASU Art Museum** - The recipient of the 1989 American Institute of Architects Award, the Nelson Fine Arts Center was designed by Albuquerque-based architect Antione Predock and also houses dance and theatre labs and studios as well as the Galvin Playhouse. Described as a “magic mountain” and an “oasis,” the design quotes from the history of desert architecture to respond to the environment and climate of the site. The museum facility itself features three floors of year-round exhibitions that rotate seasonally and an award-winning store. Free. Tuesday–Saturday 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Thursday 11 a.m.–8 p.m. during academic semesters. Closed Sunday, Monday and university holidays, 51 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Tempe, AZ 85281 (480) 965-2787, [www.asuartmuseum.asu.edu](http://www.asuartmuseum.asu.edu).

**Desert Botanical Gardens** - Enjoy the beauty of the desert and care about it. Attend an event, explore an exhibit or simply roam to enjoy the Garden’s beauty. Hours - 7 a.m.-8 p.m., Member entry 6 a.m. on Wednesdays and Sundays. General Admission (Daytime) \$24.95, Children (3-17) \$12.95, Children under 3, Members and Active Military Personnel are free. 1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ, (480) 481-8188, [www.dbg.org](http://www.dbg.org).

**Heard Museum** - The world’s preeminent museum for the presentation, interpretation and advancement of American Indian art, emphasizing its intersection with broader artistic and cultural themes. Monday-Saturday 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m., First Friday of each month (except March) 6 p.m.-10 p.m., Admission: Adults \$18, Seniors (65+) \$15, Students and Children (6-17) \$7.50, Children 5 and younger and American Indians are free. 2301 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ, (602) 252-8840, [www.heard.org](http://www.heard.org)

**McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park** – Operated by the city of Scottsdale’s Parks & Recreation Department, the 30 acre park, located in the heart of Scottsdale, Arizona, is the most unique park of its kind in the country. Take a ride on the Paradise & Pacific Railroad and the 1950-vintage Allan Herschell carousel. Visit a variety of shops and museums, play on our one-of-a-kind playgrounds or play areas, or just relax in the grass under a tree in Scottsdale’s most beautiful park. Free admission. Tickets to ride the train and carousel are \$2 each, with children two and under riding free. Check website for hours. 7301 E. Indian Bend Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85250, (480) 312-2312, [www.therailroadpark.com](http://www.therailroadpark.com).

**Mesa Arts Center** - Arizona's largest arts center is home to four theaters, five art galleries, and 14 art studios. Guests, patrons, and students come to Mesa Arts Center to enjoy the finest live entertainment and performances, world-class visual art exhibitions, and outstanding arts education classes. One East Main St, Mesa, AZ 85201, [www.mesaartscenter.com](http://www.mesaartscenter.com).

**Museum of Northern Arizona** - The Museum has evolved into a regional center of learning with collections, exhibits, educational programs, publications, and research projects that serve thousands of people each year. As the only accredited museum within 150 miles of Flagstaff, the Museum of Northern Arizona plays a vital role as interpreter of the Colorado Plateau. Admission: Adults \$12, Senior/Military \$10, Youth (10-17), Student (with ID), American Indian (with tribal affiliation) \$8, Free for Children 9 and under and full-time NAU students (with ID). Monday-Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday: 12-5 p.m., 3101 N. Fort Valley Rd., Flagstaff, AZ, 86001, (928) 774-5213, [www.musnaz.org](http://www.musnaz.org).

**Musical Instrument Museum** – MIM displays more than 7,000 instruments collected from around 200 of the world’s countries and territories. What’s more, all guests are invited to play instruments from around the world in the Experience Gallery. They can also see instruments from music icons such as Elvis Presley®, Johnny Cash, Pablo Casals, John Lennon, “King” Sunny Adé, Clara Rockmore, Maroon 5, and many more in the Artist Gallery. Admission: Adults \$20, Teens (13–19) \$15, Children (4–12) \$10, Children (3 and under) and Members are free. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 4725 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85050, (480) 478-6000, [www.mim.org](http://www.mim.org).

**Phoenix Art Museum** - The largest art museum in the Southwestern United States has provided access to visual arts and educational programs in Arizona for nearly 60 years. The Museum’s permanent collection galleries are drawn from more than 19,000 works of American, Asian, European, Latin American, Western American, modern and contemporary art, and fashion design. Visitors also enjoy photography exhibitions through the Museum’s landmark partnership with the Center for Creative Photography, University of Arizona. The Museum presents a variety of public programs year-round including tours, lectures, films, special events and more designed to enlighten, entertain and stimulate visitors of all ages. Admission: Adults \$23, Seniors (65 and older) \$20, Students w/ ID \$18, Children (6-17) \$14, Member, Military and Children (5 and younger) are free. Closed Mondays. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday noon-5 p.m., First Friday of each month 10 a.m.-10 p.m., 1625 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004-1685, (602) 257-1222, [www.phxart.org](http://www.phxart.org).

**Phoenix Zoo** - The Phoenix Zoo is home to more than 3,000 animals, with nearly 400 species represented, including many threatened/endangered species. There is so much to be learned about the animals that live here, and we encourage you to explore! Hours - January 14-May 31 9 a.m.-5 p.m., June 1-August 31 7 a.m.-2 p.m., September 1-October 31 9 a.m.-5 p.m., November 1-January 13 9 a.m.-4 p.m., check website for Members Early Entry, Phoenix Zoo, Admission: Adults (ages 14 +) \$24.95, Children (3-13) \$16.95, Children ages 2 and under are free. Check website for discounts and memberships. 455 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ, 85008, [www.phoenixzoo.org](http://www.phoenixzoo.org).

**Schnepf Farms** - Designated an Arizona Treasure, this real working family farm has UPICK organic gardens, orchards, farm festivals, tours, bakery & more. Thursdays-Sundays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., 24810 S. Rittenhouse Rd., Queen Creek, AZ, 85242, (480) 987-3100, <http://schnepffarms.com>.

**Tempe Center for the Arts** - Overlooking Tempe Town Lake, TCA is a jewel in the crown of a city known for its support of the arts. With its iconic architecture and stunning aesthetic detail, the \$65 million venue houses a state-of-the-art 600-seat theater, a 200-seat studio theater, a picturesque 200-seat multi-purpose space, a 3,500 square-foot art gallery and several public art pieces. TCA presentations are multidisciplinary and inclusive of multicultural art forms. Diverse offerings include TCA Theatre Productions, focusing on works that are edgy, innovative and current; and TCA’s Disrupt FEST, an annual festival mashup of unique theater, performance art and unique musical acts which challenge preconceived concepts of the traditional performing arts. Check website for hours, ticket details. 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ, (480) 350-2822, [www.tempecenterforthearts.com](http://www.tempecenterforthearts.com).

**Tovrea Castle Tour** - Go back in time and learn about the man inspired to build the castle and the people who made it their home. Tours last approximately 2 hours and include the historic Castle's main floor and basement, extensive grounds and cactus garden surrounding the Castle. Book tours early. Tour price: Adults \$15, children 2 and under free. Tours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday; January-April, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; May, 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.; June, 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.; September, 7:30 a.m.; October-December, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; closed in July and August. Tovrea Castle at Carraro Heights Visitor Center, 5025 E. Van Buren, Phoenix, AZ, 85008, 1-800-838-3006, [www.tovreacastle.com](http://www.tovreacastle.com).

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## Farmers' Markets

### Phoenix Metro Area

**Downtown Phoenix Public Market:** A big draw for downtown residents, this urban market showcases seasonal produce from top local growers. Merchants sell specialty foods, including specially canned tuna, French breads, pastries, pasta, garlic pickles, free-range eggs, local pork, grass-fed beef, salsa and more, while local bands perform. Artisans sell wares ranging from goat-milk soap to watercolors. Food Truck Friday 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Saturday: (May-Sep) 8 a.m.-Noon; (Oct-Apr) 8 a.m.-1 p.m., 721 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004, [www.phxpublicmarket.com](http://www.phxpublicmarket.com).

**Roadrunner Park Farmers Market:** This 20-year-old market, the Valley's oldest, offers a wide assortment of foods, including Asian produce, heirloom tomatoes, and organic basil. About 60 vendors sell Caribbean chutney, homemade jam, pastries, grass-fed beef, wild salmon, tamales, green-chile stew, tortilla soup and more. The market also has nursery stock and worms for gardeners. The adjacent park and playground provide a nice outing for families. Saturdays; October-May: 8 a.m.-1 p.m., June-September: 7 a.m.-11 a.m., 3502 E. Cactus Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85032, [www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com/pageRoadrunner/roadrunner.htm](http://www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com/pageRoadrunner/roadrunner.htm).

**Ahwatukee Farmers Market:** Locally grown produce, bread, local cheeses, grass-fed beef, Alaskan salmon, frozen green chiles, frozen Italian and Southwestern entrees, eggs, apples, dog treats, crafts and more. Sundays; October-May: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., June-September: 8 a.m.-11 a.m. Ahwatukee Community Swim and Tennis Center, 4700 E. Warner Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85044, [www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com/pageAhwatukee/ahwatukee.htm](http://www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com/pageAhwatukee/ahwatukee.htm).

### East Valley

**Mesa Community Farmers Market:** For more than 15 years, farmers and food makers have sold produce, baked goods, jams and jellies, salsas, heirloom tomatoes, eggs, tamales, spices, jewelry, handmade crafts, lotions, and soaps. Fridays; October-May: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., June-September: 9 a.m.-Noon. City Hall Plaza, 20. East Main St., Mesa, AZ 85201, [www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com/pageMesa/Mesa.htm](http://www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com/pageMesa/Mesa.htm).

**Chandler Farmers Market:** Find over 35 local vendors that include fantastic produce, microgreens, tamales, hot sauces, cooking sauces, pastries, sweets, relishes, honey, cheese, tea, crafts, natural beauty products, soaps and much more. October-April. Thursdays, 3-7 p.m. Dr. A.J. Chandler Park West, 3 S. Arizona Place, Chandler, AZ 85225, [www.downtownchandler.org](http://www.downtownchandler.org).

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**Northeast Valley**

**Old Town Farmers Market:** This second-year market hosts shopping and cooking demonstrations by local chefs. Follow the chef through the market, and watch as he turns his purchases into meals. The market also features as many as 20 farmers, along with vendors offering Arizona wine, coffee, vegan desserts, cheese, crostini, pasta, candy, tamales, hummus, frozen entrees, and bread. October-June. Saturdays, 7 a.m.-11 a.m. 3806 N. Brown Ave., Scottsdale, AZ 85251, [www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com/pageScottsdaleOldtown/ScottsdaleOTsat.htm](http://www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com/pageScottsdaleOldtown/ScottsdaleOTsat.htm).

**Carefree Farmers Market:** Featuring local produce, herbs and flowers, and locally made jam, jelly, and salsa, along with bread, apples, organic tomatoes, pickles, olives, honey, dog biscuits and cheeses. October-May. Fridays, 9 a.m.-1 a.m. Carefree Sundial Gardens, 1 E. Sundial Circle, Carefree, AZ 85377, [www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com/pageCarefree/carefree.htm](http://www.arizonafarmersmarkets.com/pageCarefree/carefree.htm).

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**Local Food Markets**

**Bodega** - Every item in Pavle Milic and Chef Charleen Badman’s tiny market is sourced from Arizona – including the wine. A refrigerated case stocks produce and a deli is packed with cheese, pickles and Badman’s daily salad. Shelves are lined with local bread, flour, honey and more. 7125 E. Fifth Ave., Scottsdale, AZ 85251, (480) 284-4777, [www.fnbrestaurant.com](http://www.fnbrestaurant.com).

**Luci’s Healthy Marketplace** - Grab a toddy at the coffee bar and shop the compact but well-stocked aisles of organic and natural products, from flours to soups to soaps, in this retro-modern corner grocery. 1590 E. Bethany Home Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85014, (602) 773-1339, [www.lucishealthymarketplace.com](http://www.lucishealthymarketplace.com).

**Queen Creek Olive Mill** - Make a trip to Queen Creek’s olive wonderland near the base of the San Tan Mountains. Stroll an olive grove, then head into the gourmet marketplace chock-full of flavored olive oils, stuffed olives, tapenades, vinegars and olive oil bath sundries. Have lunch at the Tuscan-inspired café and grab a copy of their brand-new cookbook. 25062 S. Meridian Rd., Queen Creek, AZ 85142, (480) 888-9290, [www.queencreekolivemill.com](http://www.queencreekolivemill.com).

**Tom’s Thumb Fresh Market** - Find craft beer, boutique wines and lots of local products (from Tracy Dempsey Originals confections to Desert Smoke BBQ sauce). 9393 E. Bell Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85260, (480) 513-8186, [www.tomsthumbfreshmarket.com](http://www.tomsthumbfreshmarket.com).

**Urban Table** - Packed with local and regional foodstuffs (jams, cookies, flavored sugars, sauces), protected ingredients from Slow Food’s Ark of Taste, cooking books and unusual hand-selected cooking tools. It’s a cook’s paradise. 6938 E. First St., Scottsdale, AZ 85251, (602) 531-4704, [www.urbantable.com](http://www.urbantable.com).

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**Phoenix Sports:**

Arizona State University Athletics	<a href="http://www.thesundevils.com">www.thesundevils.com</a>
Phoenix Mercury Women’s Basketball	<a href="http://www.wnba.com/mercury/">www.wnba.com/mercury/</a>
Phoenix Suns Basketball	<a href="http://www.nba.com/suns">http://www.nba.com/suns</a>
Arizona Cardinals Football	<a href="http://www.azcardinals.com">www.azcardinals.com</a>
Arizona Diamondbacks Baseball	<a href="http://www.diamondbacks.mlb.com">www.diamondbacks.mlb.com</a>
Phoenix Coyotes Hockey	<a href="http://coyotes.nhl.com/">http://coyotes.nhl.com/</a>

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Are you planning a trip to Tucson (a short drive from Phoenix)? Be sure to take a look at our [Tucson Newsletter](#) to find activities and events to fill your days.

Have an event for our 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (January, February and March) 2020 Newsletters? Share it with Kim Haddad (877) 921-0007 ext. 808 or [kim.haddad@aboveandbeyondrelo.com](mailto:kim.haddad@aboveandbeyondrelo.com).

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