

Calendar of Events November – December 2009

November

- 15 LAKE HAVASU: 40th Annual Gem Mineral Show - Aquatic Community Center, demonstrations, sales of rough material and jewelry, show cases displays, field trips, raffles, info, food, free, 9 am – 4 pm, 928-764-2854 or www.golakehavasu.com
- 15 PHOENIX: 8th Annual Spanish Market - Heard Museum, artwork by top Hispanic artists from Arizona and New Mexico music dance performances including strolling mariachis highlight this festival marketplace, free to festival, 10 am - 5 pm, 602-252-8848 or www.heard.org
- 15 PHOENIX: Chiles Chocolate Festival - Desert Botanical Garden, see hot and spicy chiles roast, sample chile and chocolate products from local vendors, Southwest gifts, cooking demonstrations, entertainment includes Spanish Flamenco dance and Latin jazz, \$, 10 am - 3 pm, 480-941-1225 or www.dbg.org
- 15 SCOTTSDALE: Scottsdale Latin Jazz Festival – Scottsdale Civic Center Mall, showcases top Latin jazz artists from Brazil, Cuba, Mexico and the U.S., live music on the amphitheater stage, a Latin Mercado featuring handmade arts and crafts, Latin-inspired cuisine and Peanut Butter Latin Jam family area with creative activities for children, Scottsdale Latin Ballroom Dance competition, \$10-15, Sat 11 am – 10 pm, Sun noon - 5 pm, 480-994-2787 or www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org
- 15 SIERRA VISTA: At the Arizona Folklore Preserve – featuring cowboy/western music of the Yampa Valley Boys, \$15, reservations required, 2 pm , 520-378-6165 or www.arizonafolklore.com
- 15 TUCSON: Saguaro Scramblers Dog Agility Show - Pima County Fairgrounds, 520-909-4511 or www.swfair.com
- 15 TUCSON: Fall 2009 Open Studio Tour - meet the artists creating their art in the Arts District, includes central Downtown area, the Warehouse District adjacent neighborhoods, more than 100 studios will be open to the public, free, 11 am – 5 pm, 520-624-0595 or www.tucsonpimaartscouncil.org
- 15 AJO: Ajo Unique Home Tour - 10 wonderful homes to tour, self-guided, a great way to see what Ajo is all about inside and out, \$10, last home will have refreshments, 1-4 pm, 520-387-7742
- 15 AVONDALE: Checker O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 presented by Pennzoil - Phoenix International Raceway, including the NASCAR Spring Cup Series, 312 laps, 312 miles, 500K, \$15-88, 1:15 pm, www.phoenixraceway.com
- 15 SCOTTSDALE: Scottsdale Latin Jazz Festival: Claudia Villela Group – Scottsdale Civic Center Mall, inspired by the vast musical soul of Brazil, singer Claudia Villela and guitarist Ricardo Peixoto mingle indigenous African and European reference with the harmonic complexity and sensibility of jazz, \$10, 3:30 pm, 480-994-2787 or www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org
- 15 SCOTTSDALE: 2nd Annual 5K/310 Calorie Burn – 5K run/walk, 480-366-4400 or www.arizonarunningeventsco.com
- 15 TEMPE: Ocotillo Winds and Friends – Katzin Concert Hall, \$4-8, 2:30 pm, 480-965-6447 or <http://herbergercollege.asu.edu/calendar/>

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15-20 TOMBSTONE: Annual Western History Symposium and Book Exposition – meet acclaimed western authors and collectors of Western memorabilia, symposiums on the western genre, autographed books from your favorite authors, free, 602-316-9461 or www.tombstonechamber.com

16 FLAGSTAFF: Leonid Meteor Shower - Lowell Observatory, features indoor programs on meteor showers, and numerous telescopes set up for viewing, Jupiter is featured object, \$, 5:30 pm, 928-233-3211 or www.lowell.edu

16 TEMPE: Student Jazz Combos – Recital Hall, free, 7:30 pm, 480-965-8863 or <http://herbergercollege.asu.edu/calendar/>

17 TEMPE: Percussion Jazz Ensemble – Katzin Concert Hall, free, 7:30 pm, 480-965-8863 or <http://herbergercollege.asu.edu/calendar/>

18-19 SCOTTSDALE: Paul Taylor Dance Company – Center for the Performing Arts, known for its daring innovation, Taylor's choreography combines the grace of ballet with the spontaneity of modern dance, two different programs of new and classic works, \$47, 7:30 pm, 480-994-2787 or www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org

18-22 SCOTTSDALE: Arizona Season Finale Hunter Jumper Horse Show – WestWorld, 480-312-6802 or www.cepshows.com www.scottsdaleaz.gov/westworld

19-22 CHANDLER: Napa Auto Parts IHBA World Finals - Firebird International Raceway, biggest professional drag boat race in the country the season finale, \$10-41, 9 am - 6 pm, 602-268-0200 or www.firebirdraceway.com

19-22 FORT MCDOWELL: Fort McDowell Orme Dam Victory Days – FMIC Rodeo Grounds, all-Indian rodeo, pow wow, Yavapai Village, cultural performances, parade, food, golf, softball, basketball, BMX racing, dance, concerts, most events free, 480-816-7162 or www.ftmcdowell.org

19-12/5 TEMPE: Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street – Evelyn Smith Music Theatre, a "deliciously sinister" musical by Stephen Sondheim, by ASU's Lyric Opera Theatre, \$7-22, 7:30 pm, 480-965-6447 or <http://herbergercollege.asu.edu/calendar/>

19-1/2 SEDONA: 21st Annual Red Rock Fantasy of Lights - Los Abridados Resort, more than a million holiday lights create 60 different themed displays to stroll thru while enjoying holiday music, "dancing lights" show with lights synchronized to classical holiday music, dusk, \$4-6, Sun-Thu 5-9 pm, Fri Sat 5-10 pm, 928-282-1777 or 800-521-3131 or www.redrockfantasy.com H

20 FLAGSTAFF: Hawk Walks – The Arboretum at Flagstaff, (4001 S. Woody Mountain Road, 86001), learn how to fly live birds of prey with raptor rehabilitators, small groups of 4-8 participants work directly with hawks, falcons and owls, 9:45 am, 928-774-1442 or www.thearb.org not H

20 GILBERT: 25th Annual Gilbert Days 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run – Freestone Park, kicks off the Gilbert Days Celebration, \$3, 480-503-6200 or www.ci.gilbert.az.us/parks or www.arizonarunningeventsco.com

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20 HEREFORD: Huachuca Astronomy Club Public Star Party - Junk Bond Observatory, view through member's telescopes (large small) or bring your own, excellent outing for families and school age children welcome, 7 pm weather permitting, 520-366-5788 or www.hacastronomy.com

20 PHOENIX: Small Ensembles Concert – Paradise Valley Community College Center for the Performing Arts, (18401 N. 32nd St. 85032), 7:30 pm, 602-787-7738 or www.paradisevalley.edu/cpa

20 SCOTTSDALE: ASU Symphony Orchestra – Pinnacle Presbyterian Church, (25150 N. Pima Rd.), \$, 7:30 pm, 480-585-9448 or <http://herbergercollege.asu.edu/calendar/>

20 TEMPE: Astronomy Open House - roof of the Bateman Physical Sciences Bldg. H Wing, learn about the moon planets, free, 8-10 pm, 480-965-0665 or <http://homepage.mac.com/agfuentes/openhouse.html>

20-21 GILBERT: Holiday Classic Boutique – Sierra Ballroom Trilogy @ Power Ranch, handmade craft items, by the Creative Designers and community vendors, benefits The House of Refuge East, free, 10 am – 3 pm, 480-634-4633

20-21 PHOENIX: 4th Annual Navajo Rug Auction – Pueblo Grande Museum, 10 am preview, noon auction, a lecture and preview on Friday evening, beautiful rugs and frybread, free, 602-495-0901 or www.pueblogrande.org

20-21 SCOTTSDALE: An Evening with John Cleese – Center for the Performing Arts, actor and comedian, \$65, 8 pm, 480-994-2787 or www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org

20-22 CAVE CREEK/CAREFREE: 13th Annual Hidden in the Hills Artists Studio Tour - Desert Foothills, free, self-guided tour, tour 35-40 art studios meet more than 125 artists, art demonstrations, free, 10 am - 5 pm, 480-575-6624 or www.sonoranartsleague.org

20-22 GILBERT: 2009 Gilbert Days - Pony Express Ride recreation, fun run, Little Dude rodeo, pet show, carnival, rodeo dance, rodeo, arts crafts, stage entertainment, 480-380-8399 or www.gilbertdays.com

20-22 PEORIA: 14th Annual Peoria Stadium Fall Arts Crafts Festival – Peoria Stadium, arts and crafts show, more than 100 arts crafts exhibits, international food, Kiddie Inflatable Zone, free, 10 am – 5 pm, www.magicbirdfestivals.com

20-22 SCOTTSDALE: 12th Annual Southwest National Good Guys Rod Custom Car Show – WestWorld, features more than 2,000 rods, customs, classics and muscle cars thru 1972, vendor manufacturer exhibits, a swap meet with the Cars 4 Sale Corral, a model and pedal car show, kid's play area, Friday night Hot Rod Cruise event, 925-838-9876 or www.good-guys.com

20-22 TUCSON: 28th Annual Holiday Craft Market - Tucson Museum of Art, 120+ booths of juried work, including jewelry, metalwork, painting, pottery, ceramics, watercolors, food, free, 10 am - 5 pm, 520-624-2333 or www.tucsonmuseumofart.org

20-22 YUMA: 19th Annual Colorado River Crossing Balloon Festival - Cibola H.S., 50 balloons, sunrise balloon liftoffs, sunset balloon glow fireworks, entertainment, food, free, 928-343-1715 or www.caballeros.org

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20-12/3 TEMPE: Sylvia (comedy) – Tempe Center for the Arts, (700 W. Rio Salado Parkway), the life-changing dog enters the life shared by Greg and Kate, the trio experiences both comic and heartwarming situations that enable them to accept each other and realize their importance in each other's lives, by Tempe Little Theatre, 2, 8 7 pm, 480-350-2822 or www.tempe.gov/TCA or www.tempelittletheatre.org

20-12/20 SCOTTSDALE: The Snow Queen – Scottsdale Desert Stages Theatre, (4720 N. Scottsdale Rd. 85251), part of the Children's Theatre Productions, heartwarming musical adaptation by Gerry Cullity, based on the beloved classic from Hans Christian Andersen, a tale of sadness, redemption and the power of love, for all ages, \$12-15, 7:30, 1 3 pm, 480-483-1664 or www.desertstages.com

20-1/2 CHANDLER: Art Quilts XIV – Chandler Center for the Arts, an annual, international juried exhibition of art quilts from established and emerging artists, free, 480-917-6859 or www.chandlercenter.org or <http://sweeteasyfeeling.blogspot.com/2009/07/art-quilts-xiv-significant-stitching.html>

21 ANTHEM: 8th Annual Lighting of Arizona's Tallest Animated Holiday Tree – Outlets at Anthem, more than 80 feet and decorated with more than 20,000 lights and ornaments, Santa will lead the countdown to flip the switch along with local celebrities and special guests, holiday-themed entertainment throughout the evening, free, 5-8 pm, 623-465-9500 or www.outletsanthem.com

21 BUCKEYE: Fall Demolition Derby - Rodeo Arena, more than 30 drivers compete for prize money, powder puff derby, kids tractor races, lawn mower races, \$2-5, 6 pm, 623-386-2727 or www.buckeyevalleychamber.org

21 LAVEEN: 3rd Annual Turkey Trot Harvest Daze – 5K run, 1 mile fun-run or kids' dash, \$20-25, registration at 7:30 am, www.Laveen.org

21 PARKER: 9th Annual CRIT Fall Gathering - Blue Water Resort Casino, Native American cultural event that celebrates the traditional, cultural arts and crafts, language through song and dance groups, focuses on the sharing and education with other Arizona tribes, free, 1:30 pm, 928-669-6757 or www.critonline.com 928 669-6511 or <http://parkerareatourism.com>

21 PHOENIX: Dust Devil Mountain Bike Series #3 – White Tank Mountain Regional Park – a race for every level of rider, marathon, cross country races, kid's races, sanctioned by NORBA, awards to the top three males and females in each category, 6:30 am, www.dcbadventures.com

21 PHOENIX: 5th Annual American Indian Heritage Festival – Deer Valley Rock Art Center, (3711 W. Deer Valley Rd.) featuring activities and attractions for the family, storytelling with "The Three Little Javelina" children's author Susan Lowell, meet Native American artists, guest exhibitors and performers, bead a bracelet, guided hikes, free, 10 am – 3 pm, 623-582-8007 or <http://dvrac.asu.edu>

21 SURPRISE: 3rd Annual Running West with the Heard . . . YEEEO! – Heard Museum West, a 10K, 5K run/walk and 2 mile fun walk, 623-344-2200 or 602-954-8341 or www.arizonaroadracers.com

21 TEMPE: Undy 5000 (5K) – Kiwanis Park, 5K run, 1 mile fun run/walk, 8 am, www.arizonarunningeventsco.com or www.arizonaroadracers.com

21 TEMPE: Guitarist Rafael Aguirre – Katzin Concert Hall, \$7-22, 7:30 pm, 480-965-6447 or <http://herbergercollege.asu.edu/calendar/>

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- 21 TUCSON: University Medical Center 27th Annual El Tour de Tucson presented by Diamond Ventures – TCC, thousands of cyclists from around the world compete, perimeter tour with 109-, 80-, 66-, 35-, 4-, and ¼- mile courses, open to pros, fitness buffs, fun-lovers and kids, by Perimeter Bicycling Association of America, 520-745-2033 or www.pbaa.com
- 21 WINSLOW: 63rd Annual Christmas Parade - AZ's largest Christmas parade, also arts crafts booths, food, Santa, free, 1 pm, 928-289-2434 or www.winslowarizona.org
- 21-22 PHOENIX: Fairgrounds Antique Market - AZ State Fairgrounds, featuring verbal appraisal clinic \$5 per item, free, Sat. 9 am - 5 pm, Sun. 10 am - 4 pm, 602-717-7337 or www.azantiqueshow.com
- 21-22 PRESCOTT/PRESCOTT VALLEY: Quad-City Artists Studio Tour – watch artists demonstrate their creative talents during this free self-guided tour of their studios, maps available at Mountain Artists Guild, (228 N. Alarcon St. 86301), 928-445-2510 or www.mountainartistsguild.org
- 21-22 SCOTTSDALE: 16th Annual ArtFest of Scottsdale - Civic Center Plaza, (7380 E. Second St.) featuring more than 200 juried artists craftspeople from across the nation, continuous live music, international foods, family area featuring hands-on art activities and creative challenges for children, “Book Street” Arizona authors, free, 10 am – 5 pm, 480-968-5353 or 888-278-3378 or www.888artfest.com
- 21-22 SEDONA: Art Craft Show - Bell Rock Plaza, between 35-55 artists with paintings, leather, jewelry, wood, metal, fountains, carvings and many Native American artists too, 928-284-9627 or www.bellrockartshows.150m.com
- 21-22 SIERRA VISTA: At the Arizona Folklore Preserve – featuring award-winning singer/songwriter Kip Calahan, \$15, reservations required, 2 pm , 520-378-6165 or www.arizonafolklore.com
- 21-22 SUPERIOR: Plants-of-the-Bible Guided Tours – Boyce Thompson Arboretum, learn about botany, history and scripture on a walk alongside volunteer and Bible scholar David Oberpriller, \$3-7.50, 1:30 pm, 520-689-2811 or <http://arboretum.ag.arizona.edu>
- 22 BENSON: Thanksgiving Fiesta – Singing Wind Book Shop, listen to readings by ten Southwestern authors of history, fiction, natural history and children’s book, cowboy poets and western historians alternating with live music, free, 520-586-2425 or www.bensonvisitorcenter.com
- 22 PHOENIX: 8th Annual Discover India Diwali Festival - Heritage Science Park, a celebration of Indian art, history and culture, free, 1-6 pm, 602-262-5071 or 602-485-9761 or www.iaphx.org or www.phoenix.gov/PARKS/heritage.html
- 22 SUPERIOR: Edible Medicinal Plants Walk – Boyce Thompson Arboretum, one-hour walk up the Curandero Trail to learn about Sonoran Desert plants, a few moderately steep sections, guided by Choctaw nation member and ethno botanist David Morris and “Foods of the Superstitions” cookbook author Jean Groen, \$3-7.50, 1:30 pm, 520-689-2811 or <http://arboretum.ag.arizona.edu>
- 22 TEMPE: Ford Ironman Arizona – Tempe Beach Park, features a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bike and a complete marathon 26.2 miles in succession, 888-280-9097 or www.ironmanarizona.com

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22 TEMPE: Pianist Andrew Campbell and Friends – Katzin Concert Hall, \$4-8, 7:30 pm, 480-965-6447 or <http://herbergercollege.asu.edu/calendar/>

22-12/3 SIERRA VISTA: 10th Annual Festival of Trees – The Mall at Sierra Vista, a winter wonderland of uniquely decorated trees, wreaths, gingerbread houses and stockings, individuals and organizations vie for awards, trees are then auctioned, free, 520-417-4990 or www.VisitSierraVista.com

23 TEMPE: ASU Symphony Orchestra and Sinfonietta – ASU Gammage, free, 7:30 pm, 480-965-8863 or <http://herbergercollege.asu.edu/calendar/>

24 SCOTTSDALE: ASU Concert Jazz Band – ASU Kerr Cultural Center, \$5, 7:30 pm, 480-596-2660 or <http://herbergercollege.asu.edu/calendar/>
Wednesday, November 25, 2009

25-28 FLAGSTAFF: Thanksgiving Star Fest - Lowell Observatory, features numerous telescopes set up for viewing throughout the Lowell campus, \$, 7:30 pm, 928-233-3211 or www.lowell.edu
Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2009

26 ANTHEM: Anthem Turkey Trot – Community Park, 5K run, 5K walk, 1K kid's run, 9 am, 623-330-0913 or www.getsetaz.com or www.dcbadventures.com

26 FOUNTAIN HILLS: Thanksgiving Day Parade - Saguaro Blvd, the state's only Thanksgiving Day parade with up to 75 units including bands, floats marching units, free, 9 am, 480-837-1654 or www.fountainhillschamber.com H x

26 MESA: Mesa mi amigo's Turkey Trot – Red Mountain Park, 10K at 9 am, 1 mile at 8:15 am, 2 miles at 8:30 am, 602-277-4333 or www.raceplaceevents.com

26 PEORIA: 22nd Annual ARR Thanksgiving Day Classic – Peoria Sports Complex, participate in a 10-mile, 5K and a 2-mile Fun Run/walk, 6:30 am, 602-954-8341 or www.arizonaroadracers.com

26 PIMA: 4th Annual Pima Turkey Trot – Vard Lines Roping Arena, 1 mile at 8 am, 5K at 8:30 am, 928-485-8981 or www.getsetaz.com

26 TUCSON: Thanksgiving Cross-Country Classic - Reid Park, a European-style 5K, separate men's women's events, grass course, hurdle hay bales and water jumps, prizes including turkeys pumpkin pies, 8 am, 520-325-5097 or 520-326-9383 or www.azroadrunners.org

26-29 SCOTTSDALE: Arizona Paint Horse Club Arizona Harvest of Color – WestWorld, 480-312-6802 or www.azpaints.org www.scottsdaleaz.gov/westworld

26-12/30 PRESCOTT VALLEY: Valley of Lights - Fain Park, drive through thousands of lighted animated displays, 6 pm - midnight, 928-772-8857 or www.pvchamber.org

26-1/10 PHOENIX: 18th Annual ZooLights - Phoenix Zoo, to celebrate the opening of the Zoo's new Komodo Dragon exhibit, a new life-sized lighted Komodo display will debut this year, 600,000+ lights, music of the season, lighted animal exhibits, live animals are not on exhibit, \$7-9, 6-10 pm, 602-273-1341 or www.phoenixzoo.org H

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- 27 BISBEE: 38th Annual Festival of Lights - live nativity, parade, dancers, tree street lighting in Old Historic Bisbee, free, 520-432-5421 or www.discoverbisbee.com
- 27 PRESCOTT: 4th Friday Art Walk - 15 galleries stay open late and offer food, musical entertainment, artist receptions and painting demonstrations, www.artthe4th.com
- 27-28 BISBEE: 27th Annual Historic Home Tour - Historic District, privately owned historic homes open to the public for tours, \$12-15, Fri 10 am - 4 pm, Sat 10 am - 3 pm, 520-432-5421 or 866-2BISBEE or www.bisbearizona.com
- 27-28 BISBEE: 8th Annual “Chairs of Bisbee” Art Chair Auction – chairs, painted and decorated, in a variety of mediums, by local artists will be available for silent auction bids at one of the homes on the Historic Home Tour, \$3-15, Sat. 10 am – 4 pm, Sun. noon – 4 pm, 520-432-3554 or 888-224-7233 or www.discoverbisbee.com
- 27-28 GLENDALE: 15th Annual Glendale Glitters Spectacular - Murphy Park, nighttime sky lights up with 1.5 million twinkling lights, opening nights include holiday entertainment, food, crafts, children's wonderland and snow, horse-drawn carriage rides, and special lighting ceremony, free, 5-10 pm, 623-930-2299 or www.glendaleaz.com/events
- 27-28 LAKE HAVASU CITY: Havasu Art Guild Christmas Shoppe – Community Center, 10 am – 4 pm, 928-855-8078 or www.golakehavasu.com
- 27-28 MESA: Symphony of the Southwest Annual Holiday Boutique – Symphony House, (122 N. MacDonald St, 85201), a unique collection of arts, crafts, jewelry and holiday décor, musical performances by members of the symphony, 10 am – 4 pm, 480-827-2143
- 27-28 PATAGONIA: 8th Annual Patagonia Holiday Walking Tour – Downtown, featuring local artists and a “Moveable Feast”, nearly all the town’s shops, studios, galleries and restaurants participate by featuring local art, artists and refreshments, including painters, potters, weavers, toy makers, gourd crafters, water colorists and quilters, free, 11 am – 5 pm, 520-394-0060 or 888-794-0030 or www.patagoniaaz.com
- 27-28 SAFFORD: 29th Annual Cowboy Christmas Arts Crafts Show – Graham County Fairgrounds, 50+ vendors, free, 928-428-5990 or 928-428-2511 or www.visitgrahamcounty.com
- 27-28 SCOTTSDALE: Capitol Steps – Center for the Performing Arts, singing comedians are back performing their up-to-the-minute repertoire, including songs and skits from their latest album, Obama Mia!, \$50, 8 5 pm, 480-994-2787 or www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org
- 27-28 TUCSON: Holiday Nights at Tohono Chul Park – music, home-baked cookies, shopping, holiday dining, stroll through thousands of twinkling lights, live music featuring Gabriel Ayala and Joe Bourne, \$8, 5:30-8:30 pm, 520-742-6455 or www.tohonochulpark.org
- 27-28 SUN CITY: 38th Annual Fall Arts and Crafts Fair – Sundial Recreation Center, (14801 N. 103rd Ave.), award-winning crafts from more than 40 clubs, items such as ceramics, metal art, lapidary, jewelry, stained glass, baskets, pottery, baby items, accessories, paintings, sculptures, toys, photos, ornaments, quilts, and others, free, Fri 8 am – 4 pm, Sat 8 am – 3 pm, www.Sunaz.com

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27-29 TOMBSTONE: 10th Annual Tombstone Territorial “Ace La Rue Memorial” Championship – an exhilarating cowboy shootout presented by the Tombstone Buscaderos, free, 9 am, 520-743-0179 or www.tombstonebuscaderos.com/

27-29 TUCSON: Native American Indian Heritage Month Social Indian Craft Market - Rillito Raceway Park, Indian craft market, pow wow contest, children’s activities area, traditional food, exhibition dancing, craft demonstrations, \$7 plus a new unopened Christmas Toy, noon – dusk, 520-622-4900 or www.usaindianinfo.org

27-12/27 PEORIA: A Christmas Carol – Arizona Broadway Theatre, (7701 W. Paradise Lane, 85382), one of the most enduring Christmas tales of all time, with added special effects and the score by Tony Award-winner Lynn Ahrens and Oscar Award-winner Alan Menken, 623-776-8400 or www.azbroadwaytheatre.com

27- 1/1 LAKE HAVASU CITY: 13th Annual Festival of Lights - English Village and London Bridge, more than one million lights on display, free, 6-10 pm, 928-855-0888 or 800-2HAVASU or www.golakehavasus.com

27-1/2 SHOW LOW: Show Low Shines - holiday lights and, Christmas tree Lighting Ceremony, Electric Light Parade, Santa at Gingerbread Lane, Santa’s POOLar Party, 888-SHOW LOW or www.showlowchamberofcommerce.com

28 BISBEE: Old Bisbee Holiday Bazaar – Historic Bisbee, local and regional artists offer their hand-made crafts, 10 am – 5 pm, 520-432-3554 or www.discoverbisbee.com

28 PARKER: 11th Annual Holiday Lighted Boat Parade - from River Lodge Resort to Blue Water Marina, free, dusk, 928 669-6511 or <http://parkerareatourism.com>

28 PATAGONIA: Aldo Leopold Centennial Event – Sonoita Creek State Natural Area, Kim Stone will portray Aldo Leopold, also a unique canoe/kayak trip on Patagonia Lake, or register for an overnight backpack trip, part of a yearlong celebration of Aldo Leopold – ecologist, forester and environmentalist - arrival in the southwest, (in Springerville, AZ in 1909), preregister, 11 am - 3 pm, 520-287-2791 or www.azstateparks.com

28 TEMPE: APS Fantasy of Lights Opening Night Parade - Mill Avenue District, Light-Up-A-Luminaria at 5 pm, parade at 6:30 pm, Santa at 7 pm, thousands of sparkling lights and lighted displays, presented by Kiwanis Club of Tempe, free, 5-9 pm, 480-894-8158 or www.downtowntempe.com

28 WILLIAMS: Mountain Village Holiday – includes the Williams Parade of Lights and Official Tree Lighting Ceremony on 11/28 at 7 pm along Historic Route 66, tree lighting immediately follows, presented by the Grand Canyon Railway, APS and the Chamber of Commerce, 800-863-0546 or www.williamschamber.com

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28 YUMA: 24th Annual Holiday Pageant Friendship Tower Lighting - Desert Sun Stadium, entertainment by choral dance groups, tower lighting ceremony, donate a non-perishable food, 6:30 pm, 928-343-1715 or www.caballeros.org

28-29 FLORENCE: 77th Annual Florence Junior Parada - Charles Whitlow Rodeo Arena, world's oldest continuous junior rodeo, rodeo parade on Sat. vendors and entertainment on Saturday on Main Street, features junior cowboys cowgirls ages 5-18, in competition from calf roping, bull dogging, barrel pole racing, saddle bronc, breakaway roping to goat tying, benefits youth programs across Pinal County., \$5/car, 520-868-4382 or florencejuniorparada@yahoo.com or www.visitflorenceaz.com

28-29 ORO VALLEY: Festival of the Arts – Riverfront Park, (551 W. Lambert Ln.), a holiday arts and craft fair, culinary and fine arts festival, 2 and 3 dimensional artwork by more than 75 local and national fine artisans, ten live music performances, free, Sat. 9 am – 4 pm, Sun. 10 am – 4 pm, www.saaca.org

28-29 PARKER: 53rd Anniversary SCSC Thanksgiving Regatta - Blue Water Resort, powerboat/speedboat racing on the Parker Strip/Colorado River, endurance, speed circle racing, also a parade, 7 am - 7 pm, 928 669-6511 or <http://parkerareatourism.com>

28-29 PEARCE: 10th Annual Old Pearce Holiday Festival – Ghost Town Trail, arts crafts show, antiques, must by the Bost Family Tradition and the Dragoon Mountain Boys, blacksmith demonstration, antique engines display, petting zoo, the old general store will be open to the public, free, 9 am – 5 pm, 520-826-3588 or www.oldpearcestore.com

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28-29 WICKENBURG: 9th Annual Gem Art Fair - Community Center, sponsored by the Wickenburg Gem Mineral Society, 928-684-0380 or www.wickenburgchamber.com

28-1/1 AHWATUKEE: Festival of Lights - the light display boasts more than one million white lights artistically displayed amongst desert landscape as well as a variety of community events from charity golf tournaments, microbrew and wine tasting festivals, kick-off events and hayrides on 11/28, www.folaz.org

28-1/1 TEMPE: Mill Avenue Holiday Lighting Display - Mill Avenue District, festively-lighted trees line Mill Avenue, free, www.downtowntempe.com

28-1/4 FLAGSTAFF: Annual Holiday of Lights Festival - Little America Hotel, 2 million+ lights illuminating trees creating a true winter wonderland, opening with cookies cider, local choir groups, Santa, 800 luminaries, 6 pm, 928-779-7979 or 800-435-2493 or www.littleamerica.com

Calendar of Events November – December 2009

29 SCOTTSDALE: Show Circuit All Breed Horse Show - WestWorld, 480-488-5711 or 480-312-6802 or www.scottsdaleaz.gov/westworld/events.asp or www.sundustaz.com

29 SUPERIOR: Fall Foliage Finale Festival - Boyce Thompson Arboretum, the beauty of falling leaves, tasty apple pie, live music, arts crafts for the kids, nature trails, \$3-7.50, 11 am - 3 pm, 520-689-2811 or www.pr.state.az.us or <http://arboretum.ag.arizona.edu>

December

3-30 PHOENIX: Las Noches de las Luminaries - The Garden's distinctive and world-renowned plant collection provides the ideal setting to enjoy more than 7,000 hand-lit luminaries that line its trails, buildings and courtyards. A sumptuous buffet dinner is available at an additional cost from Fabulous Food Fine Catering and Events and the Garden's Patio Café will also be open for ala carte items. The Garden's gift and plant shop will be open each night of Luminaries and is the ideal place to find unique gifts for the holiday season. Meal tickets are \$16.50 for adults and \$8.95 for children. Desert Botanical Garden, 1201 North Galvin Parkway (in Papago Park), Phoenix, AZ. For additional information, a full list of entertainment and a detailed menu, call 480-481-8188 or visit www.dbg.org.

4 Lake Havasu City, AZ at dusk. View 50 plus lighted boats decorated with the theme of "A Star-Spangled Havasu Christmas" pass under the historic London Bridge in the Bridgewater Channel. www.lhcboatparadeoflights.com.

11-25/1-10 PHOENIX: 18th Annual Zoo Lights - Over 2.5 million lights and more than 500 custom-made animal and nature light sculptures. To celebrate the opening of the Zoo's new Komodo Dragon exhibit, a new life-sized lighted Komodo display will debut this year, 600,000+ lights, music of the season, lighted animal exhibits, live animals are not on exhibit. \$9-10 admission 602-273-1341

11-27–12-31 MESA: Arizona Temple Christmas Lighting - Hundreds of thousands of lights in the garden and a lighted reflection pool, free, special music performances each evening at 7 pm, lighting from 5:30 pm, 480-964-7164 or www.mesachristmaslights.com

11-28 - 01-01 AHWATUKEE: Festival of Lights - The light display boasts more than one million white lights artistically displayed amongst desert landscape as well as a variety of community events from charity golf tournaments, microbrew and wine tasting festivals, kick-off events and hayrides <http://www.folaz.org>

11-19 –01-02.10 SEDONA: 19th Annual Red Rock Fantasy of Lights - More than a million holiday lights create 60 different themed displays to stroll thru while enjoying holiday music, "dancing lights" show with lights synchronized to classical holiday music, dusk, Sun-Thu 5-9 pm, Fri & Sat 5-10 pm. \$2-5 <http://www.redrockfantasy.com>