

Footprints

Newsletter of the Southern Arizona Guides Association



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SAGA EVENTS & GUIDE-ED TOURS

Thursday, September 15 (6-8 p.m.): Geology of Southern Arizona

Join us at "The Keys" located at 445 West Wetmore Rd (diagonally across from the Tucson Mall). We will be in the "Piano Room."

Have you ever looked up at the mountains that surround Tucson and wondered about their origins? Are you fascinated by the towering rock walls, deep canyons, spires and hoodoos that form our mountain ranges – or are you an incurable rock hound? Perhaps, as a tour guide, you have had visitors say "tell us about those mountains." Well, here is your opportunity to enlighten those visitors and satisfy your own curiosity.

Networking and social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by a program with slides by Steve Richard, a research geologist with the Arizona Geological Survey

NOTE: **Happy Hour** at the Keys is from **3:00-7:00 p.m.** with half-price drinks & appetizers. The program is free and purchase of food and drink is optional. There will be a **Door Prize Drawing** for a book on "The Geologic History of the Tucson Mountains and Southern Arizona"

NOTE: This event is open to everyone

Tuesday, September 27 (5-7 p.m.): Private Tour at De Grazia "Gallery of the Sun"

Located at 6300 North Swan Rd (on the east side of Swan; just north of Sunrise Rd). This is an opportunity to visit the gallery after hours, enjoy some light refreshments and learn about our world renowned, local artist. Stroll the garden filled with little hidden treasures, visit the lovely little chapel built in honor of Father Kino and see the original house built by De Grazia. A special exhibit of his "Midnight Sketches" will close on October 2nd. These works have not been previously shown. Our host, Ilene Hurley, Gallery Outreach Director will be our personal guide. Learn about the unique features of the gallery itself and the life of Ettore "Ted" DeGrazia. Don't miss this chance to get a private tour and enhance your knowledge as a tourism professional. **NOTE: This event is for ALL members of the tourism industry so pass this on to guides, drivers, tour operators, meeting planners, hotel/resort/restaurant staff.**

Tour Guide Training Workshop—Tuesday, October 4

An introductory but comprehensive program on what is required to become a tour guide. Program Includes demonstration Historic Neighborhood Walking Tour, class sessions on Arizona History, Culture, Flora & Fauna, Airport Meet-&-Greet, Dine-Arounds, Guide Ethics & Etiquette.

Tour Guide Field Training—Saturday, October 22

Demonstration Step-on Guide/Historic Downtown Motorcoach Tour, Airport Tour, and a class sessions on Public Speaking.

Details and reservation forms are enclosed — More events listed on pages 5 & 6.

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During the year 1891 the city of Tucson sprinkled 17,000 gallons of water daily on downtown streets to settle the dust.

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Special Program Wednesday, November 9 The Historic Manning House "Connecting with History"

Join the Southern Arizona Guides Association and enjoy a lovely buffet luncheon in the Lavender Ballroom of the beautiful Manning House.

The Gourmet Buffet Luncheon will be: Mixed Greens Salad; Petite Grilled Salmon w/Rosemary Peppercorn Sauce; Pan Seared Chicken Picatta w/Lemon & Caper Sauce; Roasted Red Potato Quarters; Seasonal Vegetables; Double Chocolate Brownies; Lemon Squares; Fresh rolls & butter; Gourmet Coffee & Iced Tea

Program:

11:30 am Socializing & Time to admire the unique architecture and furnishings of the Manning House

12:00 pm Gourmet Buffet Luncheon

1:00-2:30 pm Meet the Historic Characters from Arizona's Past

Price: \$25/per person (Including tax & gratuity)

Reservations and payment due by Friday, October 28.

Reservation Form Enclosed



This Month in History

September 1, 1865 The first public mail to reach Tucson since the beginning of the Civil War arrived from California.

September 5, 1872 The first public school in Phoenix opened on First Avenue just south of Washington Street.

September Programs at Western National Parks Store Are Both Educational and Entertaining

Sept 17th at 12 Noon and 2:00 PM

The Santa Cruz Valley: A Natural and Cultural Treasure

Take a virtual tour of the Santa Cruz Valley, an that connects three nations: United States, Mexico, and the Tohono O'Odham Nation. Learn about the history and the mosaic of cultures that have converged and left a mark in this scenic riparian corridor, from prehistoric times to 19th century American pioneers. Discover the many plant and animal species found in the Santa Cruz watershed, considered one of the most ecologically important regions in North America. Presented by Dr. Jonathan Mabry, Senior Project Director, Desert Archeology, Inc.

September 24th at 12 Noon

Wildflowers of Monsoon: Desert to Mountains

Monsoon season in Southeastern Arizona brings many wonders, not the least of which is a *second springtime*. In fact, the "second spring" ushered in by summer rainstorms provides magnificent wildflower displays that are much more dependable (but less famous) than those of the real springtime. This program covers many of the most common—and some not so common—of the monsoon flowers, from the saguaro desert on up into the Chiricahua Mountains. Presented by Joe Bianculli, MA, WNPA Store Manager

NOTE: Reservations are required for all events unless otherwise noted. Reservations are accepted for each event beginning ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE EVENT, DURING BUSINESS HOURS ONLY: Monday through Friday, 9:30 AM to 5:00 Pm, and Saturdays 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Requests CANNOT be left on the answering machine. Please call 622-6014. Please arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the show, or we cannot guarantee seating. Editor's

Note: Most of these events not only fill but have a waiting list so be sure to call as soon as reservations are being accepted for the event you want to attend.

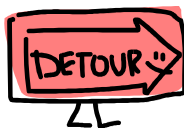
Flandrau Planetarium Closing

September 6, 2005 to August 31, 2006

The Science Center will be undergoing extensive renovations during this time.

The Flandrau Observatory will continue its normal schedule of public viewing from dusk to 10 p.m. on Wednesday through Saturday evenings at no charge. The University of Arizona Mineral Museum, located in the lower level of Flandrau Science Center, will be open by appointment

only. Mineral Museum visits can be scheduled in advance by calling 621-4227 (school reservations are expected to fill quickly, so groups should call early).



Gates Pass Road Closure Sept 6-30

With the closing of Gates Pass this week, visiting the Desert Museum, Old Tucson Studios and Saguaro Park West will mean taking a different route. There are two choices - the "southern route" - from I-19 take the Ajo exit westbound. Follow Ajo Way until you reach Kinney Road and make a right and follow Kinney Road approximately 6 miles to Old Tucson or 7.5 miles to the Museum. The "northern route" is probably best for Saguaro Park West and works well for people on the north side of town—take Ina Road west past I-10, turn left (south) onto Wade Rd; then right (west) onto Picture rocks Rd; continue west to Sandario Rd; turn left (south) onto Sandario and go about 5 miles; then left again (east) onto Mile Wide Rd; in about 2 miles it becomes Kinney Rd; continue about one more mile to ASDM.

Here is the official quote from the Pima County Department of Transportation on the project and closure schedule, "... the safety project consists of widening the roadway at the steep areas by reducing the rock-based slopes, repaving, and landscaping. The temporary road closure is necessary to protect public safety as a result of the narrow width of the current roadway and the blasting activities that will occur as part of this project. The temporary closure is tentatively schedule to begin September 6 and will last for approximately four (4) weeks."

Road Construction & Traffic Websites



The City of Tucson's Dept of Transportation site:

www.dot.ci.tucson.az.us/ also gives

traffic updates. The Pima County site is:

www.dot.co.pima.az.us/

Gates Pass info:

www.roadprojects.pima.gov/gatespass



“Flying Apartment House” comes to Tucson

A few weeks ago my copy of Smithsonian Air & Space arrived. In the first section – a compendium of news items – was a story entitled “Peacemaker Tug of War”. It seems that the last B-36 bomber, officially known as the “Peacemaker”, has been the centerpiece of a struggle between the Aviation Heritage Association and its rival, The B-36 Peacemaker Museum, both based in Fort Worth. The two organizations have been unable to agree on a plan to properly display the giant aircraft. (Interestingly, this particular airplane is named the City of Fort Worth.)



The Air Force looked around for another Texas museum to accept this Texas-sized bomber, but none had the facilities, or the cash, to take them up on the offer. As a result, the article continued, the B-36 was “scheduled to leave...for a museum in Pima Arizona.” Coincidentally, the morning after my magazine arrived, the Tucson Daily Star had a photo of the forward section of the fuselage of that B-36 on the highway, bound for Pima Air and Space Museum.

Assembly and further restoration will take a while, but the wait will be worth it. The B-36 had a wingspan of 230', compared to 185' for the B-52. For those long, long missions to wherever, the B-36 had accommodations for relief crewmen, and a galley. (A more detailed article on the B-36 will appear in Footprints when the aircraft actually goes on display.) So while it was officially the Peacemaker, it was also known as the Flying Apartment House.

We hope there won't be any hard feelings between Tucson and Fort Worth. In fact, if aircraft enthusiasts from Texas want to visit, we'll show them one of the world's premier air museums, with over 250 aircraft on display, including their beloved B-36. *(article by Les Sloan)*

FAREWELL TO SONORAN SUMMER

Sept. 22nd marks the Autumnal Equinox and the beginning of Fall here in the Northern Hemisphere as the sun heads south of the equator.

Following are some images of summer taken by SAGA member, Bob Dahms at the Annual Picnic back in June at Old Fort Lowell.

It was a bit warm but so was the hospitality as Henry Yanez our Hospitality Chairperson served up some great hot dogs & burgers from his grill.



Our special guest speaker, David Faust from the Arizona Historical Society provided a lively and educational program about the past and future of this historic site.

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed the tasty food and drink and good conversation. A very special thank you to David Faust for the tour of the Museum and all the stories and personal insights.



Alan Kruse & Helena Kummerli sample the fare



Kay Dahms shows off the new SAGA badge

Here's hoping for a successful & busy tour season for Tucson & all our members

SAGA Educational Tour
"Journey of Discovery
The Missions of Father Kino"
October 26—27

SAGA is sponsoring a two-day guided tour to see the missions of Father Kino and the lovely scenery of the area. During the trip, we will tell you the story of this famous priest and learn about the people and culture that formed the foundation of the 'Old Pueblo.'

We will begin at the little town of **Imuris** and then on to little village of **San Ignacio**. Next stop will be the town of **Magdalena de Kino**, where Padre Kino died in the year of 1711. We visit his mausoleum, the church. We can sit in the very beautiful plaza and enjoy our box lunch while we take in the sights and sounds of this historic place.

After lunch we see the village of **Tubutama** and one of the nicest churches of our tour. This is a nice little town with its plaza and zocalo and wonderful landscape.

Then, a short drive to **Atil**, where we can see the adobe ruins of the old mission; again nice plaza with a "zocalo" and a bell-tower.

After Atil, the road brings us to **Oquitoa**. That's a very special place. The village has a beautiful "main-road", with nice little houses and, on the top of the hills stands the white church surrounded by a beautiful old cemetery.

In the town of **Altar** we stop for a moment at the plaza and visit the very big church at this site.

On the way to **Caborca** we make a stop at **Pitiquito**; not a Padre Kino church but a "visita" during his life. However, it does have some very interesting and also surprising frescos and the town is very pleasant.

On our return trip we see the village of **Santa Ana** and will again be driving through **Magdalena de Kino** where we can visit the mausoleum of **Colosio**, a "child" of the town who was killed during a political speech in Tijuana in front of his public.

After this visit, we drive back to **Imuris**, visit the little church (this is a new one) and then, we take the road along the USA/Mexican border; a beauti-

ful, winding road that will bring us to one of Padre Kino's most beautiful missions—the **mission of Cocospera**. After this place of harmony, we head home to Tucson with a better understanding of the early missionaries, their journey of discovery and the roots of Tucson's past.

This two-day educational tour is currently priced for Double Occupancy at \$199/SAGA members; \$235/non-members; Single supplement is an additional \$30; The price includes Deluxe motorcoach transportation; lodging; one dinner; one lunch; one breakfast; juice & pastries on the morning of departure; snacks on the coach. NOTE: Prices are subject to possible fuel surcharge due to escalating petroleum costs.

**\$50 Deposit due by September 27.
 Final payment due by October 13**

Reservation form enclosed

Tucson's Historic Neighborhoods
October 11 (Tuesday) at 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Program by Alex Kimmelman

Southern Arizona Guides Association presents a slide program by Community Historian, Alex Kimmelman. Join us for a journey through Tucson's wonderful historic neighborhoods and learn about the buildings, architecture and people that helped develop the Old Pueblo. Alex has a slide program filled with pictures of Tucson's past. The program will be held at the historic Zellweger Mansion in the lovely old the El Presidio Historic District. There is no charge for the meeting but if you would like to bring along some cookies or dessert to share, we will have beverages to go along with the sweets.

The Zellweger Mansion is located at 288 North Church Avenue. There is a large parking lot just across the street with parking at no charge after 5:00 p.m. The mansion is across from the historic El Charro Café and just a couple of blocks north of Old Town Artisans and the excellent La Cocina Restaurant.

For more information on any programs or tours, please see the contact information in the box on page 2.



HISTORIC CHARACTERS

Do you have an alter ego?

Would like to be part of a bygone era?

Well ... Here is your chance to transform into a colorful character from Arizona's pioneer days. And what better place to go back in time than in one of Tucson's beautiful, historic mansions.

On November 9 there will be a special SAGA meeting and gourmet luncheon at the beautiful, historic Manning House. The meeting will be open to everyone who is interested in portraying a "Living History" character or would like to meet a person from Tucson's early days. The event will be called "Connecting with History."

This event will be an introduction to "Living History" portrayals. There will be people who already have their historic persona and will give everyone a glimpse into Tucson's past through a real person who lived during the sometimes wild and wooly days when the Old Pueblo was just beginning. Or perhaps you are interested in an era not quite so long ago. Aviation and military history, John Dillinger and a number of others are also helped to make Tucson and Southern Arizona what it is today. So let your imagination take you back to a time and personality that fits you.

This program is for both experienced Living History Characters and "Wannabees." We want to showcase our living history presenters, and provide incentive to new members to select a character. We are looking for people who already portray a historic character to give a 5-10 minute presentation: actually a vignette (in costume), why you chose that character, how you researched background, obtained costume, etc. Anyone in process of selecting a character, please tell us which character you are interested in, and where you are in your information/costume research.

Please email Ali Iliff at ali_iliff@hotmail.com prior to October 28, and let her know that you would like to participate (please put "SAGA" in the email subject line).

NOTE: A reservation form is enclosed for this event.

Following is a brief look into the character that Ali Iliff has chosen:

SARAH LEMMON'S MOUNTAIN

Sarah Allen Plummer was born in Maine in 1836. She was New England educated, but a bout with pneumonia headed her West to Santa Barbara, CA. To regain strength, she started hiking and sketching plants, which led to a keen interest in botany. She was also a teacher and active in her community.

Sarah married naturalist John Gill Lemmon in 1880. They came to Tucson on the first train (which carried President Rutherford B. Hayes) to pursue their joint interest in nature, or, as Sarah stated, "...to make a grand botanical raid into Arizona and try to touch the heart of the Santa Catalina." It was also their honeymoon; Sarah was 45.

In March, 1881, they attempted to access the Catalinas from the Sabino, now Hitchcock Highway areas. It took a week to determine a route, and they staged out of a cave shelter but, they couldn't cross the deep chasms.

A friend suggested trying from the Oracle side (Oracle Ridge). The Lemmons started up on horseback with rancher E. O. Stratton. Sarah wore a sturdy suit, calfskin shoes, leather leggings and heavy gloves, and a broad hat (cacti, snakes, and threat of Apaches were not things to trifle with). They had to finish the steep ascent on foot, passing two hermit miners who lived in a hut near what is now Summerhaven. At the top of the highest Catalina peak, they emblazoned their initials in a pine tree (since blown down in 1960). Stratton was so impressed with Sarah, the first Caucasian woman to reach this summit, that he dubbed the peak Mount Lemmon in her honor.

The Lemmons also visited the Chiricahuas and Fort Huachuca before returning to California. On their 25th anniversary, they returned to Tucson and again climbed Mt. Lemmon. Sarah was 70.

Sarah Lemmon accomplished much work in the field of botany, and was highly recognized. She was described by many as enthusiastic, sincere, artistic, intense, and cultured. She devoted her life to "doing something."

Sarah Lemmon died in 1929, at the age of 93, after a very full life which included "botanizing in the land of the Apaches and cowboys."



The Guide Ed News & Tips Page

Featuring News, Updates, Reference Information & Opportunities for Tour Guides, Planners & Tour Operators



Where to go—What to do? Tour guests may ask about where to go for entertainment around town. A good source of information is the Tucson Weekly newspaper which contains a very comprehensive listing of restaurants, plays, live entertainment, clubs, and many other activities of interest to visitors. You can also do some checking in advance on the Tucson LifeStyle website at: www.tucsonstyle.com for events, dining, movies, shopping, etc. Also having a copy of the latest "Tucson Official Visitors Guide" is always a good idea. You can also find listings of coming events in other local, free newspapers like the monthly Desert Leaf and Arizona Tourist News. Both the Arizona Daily Star and the Tucson Citizen publish a weekly magazine insert (Caliente, Calendar) with extensive information, articles and restaurant reviews. Armed with a Tucson map, and a couple of the above items you will be ready to assist your tour guests with information to make their stay more enjoyable. Just having some reference materials in a tote bag with you when doing a step-on guided tour can make you an expert to your guests and make you feel more confident that you have answers on hand.

New Member Badges

New full members of SAGA are entitled to receive a tour guide badge. We have spent some time searching for a new supplier and our recent member Mr. Morton Tuller of Tuller Trophy has helped us design a new badge for our guides. The badge is in the shape of the state of Arizona with a copper colored background (since Arizona is the "Copper State"). The badge has our state symbol, the saguaro and the SAGA logo (that you see directly beneath "**Footprints**" on the front page of this newsletter) and our name "Southern Arizona Guides Association" at the bottom. It attaches with a magnet so that it will not damage your clothing. If you have not yet received your new member badge please contact us to be sure that we have one ready for you to be picked up the next time we meet. Members who already have a guide badge but would like the new design or if you should lose your badge the new replacement badge cost is \$9.50.

Looking for Insurance Coverage?

A number of our members have asked about coverage for liability when conducting both private tours and working as a step-on guide. Some members are also interested in using their own vehicles for custom tours of 1-6 people. Thanks to one of our new members, Kay Dahms, we have located a broker that offers several types of coverage at a very reasonable annual rate. Following are some examples:

- » Business personal property for the office location and general liability for the company (rates vary).
- » Additional coverage for using your personal vehicle for tours is also available.

Anyone interested in receiving a quote for just getting information should contact Chris Ferrell of Ferrell Insurance Agency at 290-3353 or email him at: ferrelc2@nationwide.com.

Please note that Chris also offers health and life insurance as well. SAGA is offering this information as a courtesy to our members and has no affiliation with this agency.

There is also the State sponsored Healthcare Group for health insurance. You can check them out at: www.healthcaregroupaz.com.

Questions?

If any of our members have questions about other aspects of tour guiding, planning, business operations or issues of general interest, please contact us and we will be happy to assist you with a personal reply or include the information in a Footprints article or email update.





What's News

Downtown Paving & Parking Update

The paving project on Congress St. and Broadway Blvd. reduced the streets from three lanes to just two. This is to accommodate 150 additional on-street parking spaces. The streets will remain one-way. The next big downtown project is the new Fourth Avenue underpass set to begin this fall and to last approximately 18 months—so watch for detours later this year.

Arizona Among Top U.S. Destinations

Sunset Magazine and USA Today named the town of **Glendale** one of the "Top Ten Cities" in the U.S. for Antique Shopping.

Endangered Wildlife Update

A condor chick has hatched at the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument and another chick is believed to have hatched in Grand Canyon National Park but biologists from the Game & Fish Department have not yet been able to get to the nest to confirm since it is a very remote area of the park. In 1982 there were only 22 California condors left in the entire world and now there are 54 living in Arizona.

Once again brown pelicans have arrived in Tucson. Each year just prior to the monsoon young pelicans are blown off course and are found wandering in our area. A very young bird appeared near the Desert Museum and another on the runway at D-M Air Force Base. The endangered birds are cared for at ASDM and then transported out to Sea World in San Diego until they are ready for release back to the wild. The arrival of brown pelicans in Tucson usually means the monsoon is near.



Airline Industry News

Ticketing—What's next? Tickets encoded with your thumbprint—Lufthansa is testing this method of speeding up check-ins while maintaining security. If the initial testing is successful with Lufthansa employees, tickets for the general public may be coming as early as next year. This will be a strictly voluntary, alternated method of passen-

ger check-in.

U.S. Airways/America West Merger—Combining the two carriers will create the nation's largest low-fare, full-service airline according to a company spokesperson. The merged carriers will go by the name US Airways with headquarters in Tempe (America West's homebase) and aircraft will display a new color scheme. The first aircraft with the new color scheme carried its first paying customers Aug. 24, but it will take the airlines two to three years to repaint their entire combined fleet of approximately 360 mainline aircraft and 350 US Airways Express regional aircraft. A lighter-colored paint scheme will be easier to clean and will keep the planes cooler in hubs in Las Vegas and Phoenix. The design will also feature a new version of the US Airways stylized flag, along with waving stripes inspired by the ones that stream across the sides of current America West aircraft.

Ancient Hohokam Canals Unearthed

During work on a site in the Mesa area, archaeologists have discovered the largest canal system ever constructed by the Hohokam people in this area. Twenty canals, some 45 feet wide and 16 feet deep have been uncovered in the 240-acre site. A number of pit houses, burial remains and a large amount of pottery sherds and other artifacts are also being evaluated.

New Farmers Market Near Downtown

On July 28 a new spot to purchase fresh produce & other foods opened at the Santa Cruz River Park just south of Speedway. The market will be open Thursdays from 4-8pm. Note that many local tour groups, particularly seniors love to make a quick stop at places such as this on the way home from their tour.

UofA "Wildcat" Newspaper is # 1

According to The Princeton Review, the student newspaper ranks as the best college newspaper in the country. It's also a favorite on campus with the students. Many UofA students indicated that the "Wildcat" is a favorite 'read.' Over 150 students work on the daily periodical.

What's Happening

SEPTEMBER AT THE MOVIES: La Placita Cinema DOWNTOWN TUCSON

September 16 The Day the Earth Stood Still

September 23 Sullivan's Travels

September 30 It's a Mad Mad Mad Mad World
Every Thursday evening at 7:30p.m. Classic films and cool summer night breezes at Cinema La Placita. Bring a chair to sit on the courtyard steps or a blanket to sit on the lawn. Food and drinks available at the La Placita Courtyard restaurants. Admission is free but a \$3 donation at the popcorn table will keep the films rolling. Bring your well behaved kids for free. Location: South West Corner of Broadway and Church Street; More info 326-5282

SEP 9-11 FLAGSTAFF

Route 66 Days

Wheeler Park - Arts & crafts festival, classic car display, downtown parade, historic Bed & Breakfast tour, Beer Pavilion & BBQ, continuous entertainment; Harley Davidson Soft Tail will be raffled; Free; www.flagstaffroute66days.com

SEP 10-11 TUCSON

Annual Tekakwitha Indian Festival

Kateri Tekakwitha Parish located at 507 W 29th Street (just east of I-10) - Tohono O'odham, Yaqui & other native cultures. Drumming, singing, Waila, Yaqui & O'odham Dances, arts, crafts, authentic food, fry bread, Mass. Sat 12-10pm; Sun 12-9pm; 622-5363.

SEP 14-17 ST. JOHNS

Apache County Fair

Apache County Fairgrounds - Carnival, horse show, dog show, 4-H, horse racing, food & fun for the whole family; Free (except for racing); Wed 11am-7pm; Thur 11am-9pm; Fri 8am-9pm; Sat 7:30am-8pm; 928-337-4887/2621

SEP 17 MIAMI

4th Annual Historic Building & Cottage Home Tour and Art in the Park

Sullivan St, 1 block north of Hwy 60 - Tour \$5/adm incl's transport; 10am-3pm; 602-376-0466, 800-804-5623

Fiesta de Libertad

Memorial Park, Sullivan St - Live music, dance, raffles, vendors, beer garden, World Famous Chihuahua Races 3p, Salsa Contest, Piñata Breaks, 10a-8p, free adm. 928-473-4403; 800-804-5623

SEP 17-18 FLAGSTAFF

8th Annual Flagstaff Open Studios Tour

75+ artists open their workspaces & homes, view original art & talk with artists, see demos; free, self-guided tour, 10am-5pm; www.flagstaffopenstudios.com; 928-779-2300

SEP 30-OCT 2 WILLCOX

54th Annual Rex Allen Days

Celebration of Rex Allen Sr, hometown hero, "Last of the Silver Screen Cowboys." Parade, country fair, rodeo, Int'l Turtle Race, country music concert, golf tournament, & more. 800-200-2272

7th Annual Western Music, Cowboy Poetry & Rex Allen Film Festival

Rex Allen AZ Cowboy Museum - 2 stages continuous entertainment Fri & Sat; Rex Allen Jr. Celebrity Panel Discussion Fri; Cowboy Chuckwagon Breakfast Sun; 877-234-4111

TOHONO CHUL PARK CONCERT SERIES

SEP 29: Larry Redhouse Trio

OCT 6: Kokopelli Sound

Concerts are at 7:00p.m. Tickets- \$6/members; \$12/non-members; 742-6455

OCT 1 TUCSON

Reid Park Zoo—Zoocson Feast for the Beasts

6-8p.m. Food Sampling from over 20 of Tucson's fine restaurants; Show at 8 p.m.; Special Guest— Bill Nye "The Science Guy;" dancing under the stars, silent auction; proceeds benefit the Zoo. More info at 881-5743 or: www.tucsonzoo.org

OCT 1 TUCSON

4th Annual Children's Social Pow Wow

Armory Park - Hosted by Tucson Children's Museum & Tucson Indian Center; Native foods, demonstrations, children's activities, dancing, singing & drumming, 11:30a-4:30p, free. 520-792-9985 ext 112

OCT 1-2 SIERRA VISTA

34th Annual Art in the Park

Over 220 Artists show & sale; lots of good food also; Veterans memorial Park (Fry Blvd/Calle Portal); Sat 9am-6pm; Sun 9am-4pm; 520-378-1763

OCT 6-9 CASA GRANDE

COPPERSTATE Airshow & Fly-In

Casa Grande Airport - Airshow Fri/Sat/Sun, educational forum, aircraft displays, vendors, food court, 8am-5p,m; \$10/gen adm; \$7/active military; free/12 & under; 520-400-8887; www.copperstate.org

OCT 7-9 TUCSON

Tucson Meet Yourself

El Presidio Park - Explore cultures of Southern Arizona, 30+ food vendors, music, dance & folk art demos; free; 870-9004



REMINDERS

Ballots are enclosed for SAGA Election of Officers - Ballots are due by October 31

SAGA Membership Renewal Forms enclosed

Most members need to renew by October 15th to continue to receive Footprints in the mail and member discounts on tours & events.

Please note that in the future, all memberships will be due for renewal in October. If you have recently joined or renewed, you will receive a form when your renewal is due and the amount will be adjusted to coincide with our annual October renewal date.

Reservation Form Enclosed:

- ◆ Tour Guide Training Workshop—October 4
- ◆ Tour Guide Field Training—October 22
- ◆ Kino Missions Tour—October 26/27 (see page 5 for details & pricing)
- ◆ “Connecting with History” luncheon at Manning House—November 9 (details on page 2)

All checks for tours & events should be made out to: SAGA and sent to: SAGA, PO Box 41692, Tucson, AZ 85717

See box on page 2 for additional contact information

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