

2024 Arizona Archaeology and Heritage Awareness Month Listing of Events

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Upcoming Events

Tours of Goodfellow Lodge at Tonto Natural Bridge State Park

Sundays and Wednesdays 11 a.m. (Wed. & Sundays) | 2 p.m. (Sundays)



Join us for a ranger or volunteer led walk through the Goodfellow Lodge, with a history of the property, the Lodge, and the people that called Tonto Natural Bridge home. The history, former use, and present use of these buildings will be included. Tour is approximately 45 minutes and is available at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays and Sundays, as well as at 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tour registration covers the standard park entry fee.

This event will have limited space, so [sign up here](#) today.

Lunchtime Lecture: Lost and Found - Archaeology in Glen Canyon Before and After Lake Powell

Riordan Mansion State Historic Park - - March 11, 2024 12:15 p.m.

As a result of prolonged drought and changing climate, in 2023 Lake Powell reached its lowest water level since 1968, when the reservoir was initially filling. With a decrease in lake-based recreation, the number of backcountry visitors and the popularity of Off-Road Vehicles is climbing. These trends bring the potential for damage to the rich archaeological record of

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Glen Canyon that stretches back more than 10,000 years. Archeologist Kim Spurr will present recent and ongoing field studies by the Museum of Northern Arizona aimed at identifying threats to cultural sites and methods to preserve them.

This event is free, but space is limited. Reserve your spot online at <https://azstateparks.com/reserve/Activities/Search.aspx> or call 928-779-4395 for additional information and same-day availability.

Beaver Creek Heritage Days (formerly V-V Days)

Saturday, March 16 and Sunday, March 17: 9:30am - 3:00pm

At The Crane Petroglyph Heritage Site and the V-V Historic Ranch

Celebrate Arizona Archaeology and Heritage Awareness Month and methods of Indigenous technologies with the USDA Forest Service, Arizona Archaeology Society: Verde Valley Chapter, Verde Valley Archaeology Center & Museum, and Friends of the Forest! Beaver Creek Heritage Days is a Verde Valley tradition, and returns for its first time since the Pandemic.

Join us for a fun and inclusive two-day event featuring engaging activities for adults, kids, and families! Hands-on experiences include: prehistoric atlatl throwing, flint knapping, and tool technology. Try your skills at prehistoric methods of cordage making, fire making, hunting technology, fiber spinning and textile weaving, create your own split twig figurine, as well as rock art demonstrations and blade demonstrations!

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Discover new insights about The Crane petroglyph panel that features over 1,200 rock art images! The site is an advanced solar and lunar calendar, and is the largest known petroglyph site in the Verde Valley. Acquire information about 3D photo documentation of prehistoric sites, Ethnobotany of the region, a history of Homolovi, wilderness preservation, Native American Graves Repatriation and Protection Act (NAGPRA) compliance, American Indian Religious Freedom Act (AIRFA) compliance, traditional cultural property identification, Tribal cooperative agreements, and burial agreements with Arizona State Museum and appropriate Tribes.

Beaver Creek Heritage Days is approved by the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office and the Yavapai-Apache Nation.

Tour the Easton Collection Center at Museum of Northern Arizona

Monday, March 18: 10:00am

MEMBERS ONLY: \$40 Per Person - includes admission - Limit of 10 Participants

Join Richard McGaugh and Monica Buckle for a behind-the-scenes visit to the Easton Collection Center at Museum of Northern Arizona (MNA). We have the privilege of being guided through the impressive collections by Tony Thibodeau, MNA's Director of Research and Collections, and Signe Valentinsson, Collections Manager.

The Easton Collection Center (ECC) houses most of MNA's collection, and is an architectural masterpiece combining the most advanced environmental design techniques with the worldviews of the region's Native people. Dedicated in June 2009, the ECC is named in honor of the facility's donors, Betsy and Harry Easton. The ECC provides a stable and secure environment for collections, with optimal ranges of temperature and humidity; a fire suppression system; protection from insect damage; and a high degree of security. Built in consultation with a Native American Advisory Committee, the building faces East to greet the rising sun and has a curving shape to invoke the cycles of

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life. The building lobby captures dramatic views of the sacred San Francisco Peaks. A glazed solar aperture next to the main entry door casts rays from the rising sun onto the structure's inner door on the vernal and autumnal equinoxes and marks the path between the summer and winter solstices on the inner wall of the building's vestibule. The exterior landscape design consists of plants native to this region.

Afterwards, we will drive to Delhi Palace Cuisine of India restaurant, where we can discuss the tour over fabulous traditional Indian food. This excursion is exclusive to VVAC members. Advance registration is required. [Click HERE to register](#), where you will also find further details.

March 20:

Nature's Bounty - Discovering the Herbal Riches of the Desert



Lost Dutchman State Park

March 20, April 17 9 a.m.

Got a tummy ache? Did you wake up with a head-ache or sore muscles? Come out to the park and find out how the Native Peoples of the Sonoran Desert treated a variety of ailments using the plants found in their habitat. The Sonoran Desert is home to a rich variety of plant life used for centuries by Native Peoples medicinally, as a food source, for fuel, shelters, fishing hooks, fibers and even the occasional alcoholic beverage. If

you would like to learn more about this thriving environment, join us on our morning hike the third Wednesday of the month at 9:00 AM.

Bring water, a hat, good walking shoes and lots of questions. Meet at Cholla ramada. Event is weather permitting. ([link](#))

March Lecture with Borderlandia


Tubac Presidio State Historic Park

Saturday, March 23, 2024 2 p.m.

Discover the captivating life and legacy of one of the most important figures in the history of the Southwest and Mexico, Padre Eusebio Francisco Kino by public historian Alex La Pierre.

While his name graces geographical locations, streets, and businesses, there is a deeper story to be told about the region's first peacemaker and how he has impacted our past, and present.

RSVP for this event to [Friends of Tubac Presidio State Historic Park and Museum](#). ([link](#))



Who was Padre Kino?

Saturday, March 23, 2024
2 PM
Tubac Presidio

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Many of our Sonoran Desert folkways can be traced back to his encounters with the Indigenous people and the cultural syncretism between the Old and New

Civil War Living History Displays

Picacho Peak State Park

March 23, 2024 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Come see Civil War living history displays at Picacho Peak State Park, the site of the furthest west battlefield of the Civil War. Living history demonstrations and interpretive talks will occur throughout the day. Walk through the Union and Confederate camps and chat with reenactors to learn about the life of a Civil War soldier.

This will not be a reenactment event.

At the Quail Group Area.

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The Soldier's March

Picacho Peak State Park

March 23, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Have you ever heard of the Battle of Picacho Pass? Do you want to know what happened that fateful day? Join Ranger Noah for a short walk through the history of the most westward Civil War battle that took place in Arizona. Learn the who, what, where, and why of the battle and how it affected the path to statehood for Arizona.

Those who are interested in the history of this battle will meet in the Memorial Loop parking lot. There will be a short hike involved so please wear appropriate footwear and bring water! ([link](#))

Ethnobotany Guided Hike at Red Rock



Red Rock State Park

Sunday, March 24, April 28 1:00 p.m.

Learning more about the native plants and trees here in the Sedona area is a great way to enhance any hike. Our volunteer guides explain how plant life is interconnected with indigenous cultures, pioneer settlers, people in our contemporary times and wildlife. This interpretive experience is for both the beginner and experienced hiker, lasting between 1½-2 hours with an elevation gain of 250 feet. Please bring water, wear suitable footwear and meet in the Visitor Center a little before 1:00 p.m.

Hike is included with park entrance fee.

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- \$7.00 ages 14 and up
- \$4.00 ages 7 - 13
- Free for ages 6 and under

If you have any questions, please call (928) 282-6907. The park is located at 4050 Red Rock Loop Rd, Sedona AZ.

Reservations are encouraged. Call the park starting the first day of the month of the event to reserve your spot. ([link](#))

Perspective on Sustainability



McFarland State Historic Park

Thursday, March 28, 2024 11 a.m.

Ernest Talks: Archaeology's Deep Time Perspective on Environmental and Social Sustainability with Allen Dart

The deep-time perspective that archaeology, geology, and related disciplines provide about natural hazards, environmental change, and societal development is often ignored when societies today make decisions affecting social sustainability and human safety. Studies of ancient peoples and natural events can help modern society deal with

problems of environmental and social change, overpopulation, and sustainability. This presentation looks at the long-term effects of exposure to natural chemical hazards, ancient and modern agricultural techniques, and biological and geological records of past climate and natural disasters, to show the value of research in subject areas that are “beyond history.”

About the speaker:

Native Americans in the US Southwest developed sophisticated skills in astronomy and predicting the seasons, centuries before non-Indigenous peoples entered the region. In this presentation, archaeologist Allen Dart discusses archaeological and ethnographic evidence of ancient astronomical and calendrical reckoning practices seen in petroglyphs, architecture, and settlement layouts in Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and Utah, and interprets how these discoveries may relate to ancient Native American rituals.

This program has been made possible by Arizona Humanities. Arizona Humanities is a statewide 501(c)3 non-profit organization and the Arizona affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. This program is free to the public.

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