

February Roundup

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Information: 861-1745 or elpasoicc@hotmail.com.

Parade/booth entry fee is \$75. Registration forms available at 861-0064.

Black History Month at UTEP — The African-American Studies program presents a variety of events throughout campus in February. Program schedule to be announced. Information: African American Studies Program, AASP@utep.edu, utep.edu/aasp, or on Facebook at UTEP African American Studies.

Valentine's Day

San Elizario Valentine's Day Weekend — Various celebrations will be sponsored **Feb. 9-10** in the San Elizario art district near the historic plaza.

- The artists and businesses at Placita Madrid, 1445 Main Street in San Elizario, host their Valentine celebration 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, with guest artists Candy Mayer, Hannah Luse, and Kirsten Jadamczik, vendors Sox Hop, jewelry, Mex Crafts and live music by Rocio Manriquez. There is also a pet photo booth, doggy treats, and artists taking painting commissions of pets from Robert Dozal and Alberto Escamilla. Admission is free; leashed pets welcome. Information: 851-0742 or albertoescamilla.com.
- Bert Saldana Art Gallery and JR's Gallery, 1501 N. Main in San Elizario, with Adobe Horseshoe Theatre, host Valentine's Day events 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, with art, vendors, "shotgun weddings," and gunfight reenactments from The Pistoleros. Live music by Fab4Cezz Saturday and Jerry Marquez Sunday. Information: 479-2926 or bertsaldana.com.

Seniors Love Conference — El Paso Community College's Senior Adult Program's 24th annual conference, celebrating the college's 50th anniversary is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 9**, at EPCC Administrative Service Center Auditorium, Building A, 9050 Viscount, featuring speakers, exhibitors, entertainment, art exhibit and more. Food donations accepted at the door. Information, conference passes are free: 831-7801 or eventbrite.com.

Valentine dinner and dance — Santa Lucia Catholic Church, 518 Gallagher, will host its annual Valentine fundraiser 6:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, **Feb. 9**, at the church's Centro Amistad Hall, featuring a dinner and live music by Tejas Band. The church is celebrating 40 years. Dinner served 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; dance 8:30 p.m. to midnight. BYOB for wine and liquor only; set-ups, sodas and beer available for purchase. No outside beer or coolers allowed. Cost: \$30 (\$250 per table for 10); reservations recommended. Tables for 10 available with advance reservation. Information: 592-5245 or santaluciachurch@sbcglobal.net.

'Sunday In The '40s Valentine's Dance' — Paso Del Norte Big Band, a 17-piece group, hosts 1940s style dancing and music 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, **Feb. 10**, at Woman's Club of El Paso. All ages welcome; BYOB, food and snacks. Door prizes and raffle offered; participants encouraged to wear 1940s theme attire. Admission: \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. Information: 532-2043, 203-7292 or on Facebook at PDNbigband.

Hidden Hearts in Downtown — Downtown Management District is giving the public the opportunity to win Valentine's

inspired prizes, sponsored by downtown businesses, with five papel picado hearts hidden in one downtown business each week, leading up to Valentine's Day. One prize winner per heart hidden each week **through Feb. 11**. Details at downtownelpaso.com

'I Heart Art' Valentine's Day Party — **NMSU Art Gallery**, D.W. Williams Art Center, 1390 E. University, hosts its 4th annual Valentine's party 6:30 p.m. Thursday, **Feb. 14**, with pop-up speed dating, a kissing photo booth, food and music. This year's theme is secret admirers. Funds raised go toward programming in the new University Art Museum in Devasthali Hall. RSVP at (575) 646-2545 or artglry@nmsu.edu.

Valentine's in Valentine — The 7th annual music event is Thursday, **Feb. 14**, at the Old Mercantile in Valentine, Texas. Information: bigbendbrewing.com.

Southern New Mexico

For the Love of Arts Fiesta — The town of Mesilla will host its annual art show starts at 2 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 9**, in the Old Mesilla Plaza, as part of For the Love of Art Month. The show features original works created by area artists. Admission is free. Information: mesillanm.gov.

Acro-Cats — The show featuring the trained "Rock Cats Rescue" is 3 and 7 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 9**, at Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main in Las Cruces. Tickets: \$22-\$40. Information: (575) 523-6403 or RioGrandeTheatre.com.

Chocolate Fantasia — Mimbres Region Arts Council's 20th annual celebration of arts and sweet delicacies is 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 9**, in historic downtown Silver City. This year's theme is "Children's Storybook Fantasia." Participants can enjoy 20 unique, locally made, handcrafted chocolates. Tickets: \$25 for 20 individual pieces of chocolate; available at eventbrite.com. Awards ceremony for best decorations and chocolates is 4:30 p.m. Event headquarters are at 416 Bullard. Information: (575) 538-2505 or chocolatefantasia.org.

Vines in the Pines — The Art and Wine Festival is noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, **Feb. 16-17** at Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca, with samples of New Mexico wines, local art, crafts, food, boutique vendors and other local brews. Live music 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday from Chris Baker. Tickets: \$20 through Feb. 15; \$25 at the door per day. Weekend passes are \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door; available at eventbrite.com.

Gathering of Quilts — The Winter Quilters of Sierra County's annual quilt Show is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, **Feb. 22-23**, at Ralph Edwards Convention Center, 400 W. Fourth, in Truth of Consequences, N.M. Admission is free. Information: (575) 894-2959.

The Museum Rocks Gem & Mineral Show — The 6th annual gem and mineral show is **Feb. 23-24**, at New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road in Las Cruces. More than 60 vendors from Arizona, California, Oregon, Texas, and Australia will sell both cut and uncut gemstones, rocks, minerals, fossils, meteorites, jewelry, jewelry-making supplies and more. The show includes educational displays, geology discussions, door prizes, children's activities, and food and beverage for sale. Sponsored by Friends of the New Mexico Farm & Ranch

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