

Museum

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Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science — 411 N. Main in the Las Cruces Downtown Mall. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, plus 5 to 7 p.m. during the First Friday Ramble. Information: (575) 522-3120 or las-cruces.org/museums.

A free "Light & Shadow" Saturday Family Science event is 11:30 a.m. Saturday, **Feb. 2**. Learn about the properties of the speed of light and create a shadow frame.

Las Cruces Railroad Museum — The museum is in the Santa Fe train depot, 351 N. Mesilla (at Las Cruces avenue west of the Downtown Mall). Hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, plus 5 to 7 p.m. during the First Friday Ramble. Admission is free. Information: (575) 528-3444 or museums.las-cruces.org.

New Mexico Watercolor Society, Southern Chapter presents "Toy Trains, Model Trains, Miniature Trains" **Feb. 1-March 2**. Opening reception is 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, **Feb. 1**.

Family Game Day is 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, **Feb. 9**.

Brown Bag Lectures series is noon, Tuesday, **Feb. 12**. Patricia Kidney, president of the Concordia Heritage Association of El Paso, presents "Hobos of the Great Depression of the Southwest."

NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum

— 4100 Dripping Springs, Las Cruces. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission: \$5 for adults, \$4 seniors 60 and older; \$3 children age 4-17; free for members, veterans and children

age 3 and under. Information: (575) 522-4100 or nmfarmandranchmuseum.org.

The 6th annual Museum Rocks Gem & Mineral Show is **Feb. 23-24**, with more than 60 vendors, geology discussions, door prizes, children's activities, and food and beverage for sale. Admission: \$7 (\$4 age 6-11; free for age 5 and younger); includes museum admission. Information: lcmuseumrocks.com.

The 20th annual Cowboy Days celebration of Southwest pioneer heritage is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, **March 2-3**, with cowboy demonstrations, chuckwagon cooking, children's activities, mounted shooting, the 3rd annual CASI Chili Cook-Off, cowboy music, pony rides, gunfight re-enactments, and food and craft vendors. Admission: \$5; age 4 and younger free. Mechanical bull and mini-train rides are \$3 each, and pony rides are \$5.

Showing **through March 9**: "Dressed for the Occasion," featuring women's clothing from the pioneer days of the 1870s to the Depression Era of the 1930s.

Showing **through March 31** in the Arts Corridor: "Around the Farm & Ranch: Watercolors by Penny Thomas Simpson," with 33 paintings of life around the farm and ranch.

Showing **through Sept. 13**: "Drawn to the Land: Peter Hurd's New Mexico."

Craft for Kids are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays; free with museum admission.

Pre-registration required for workshops at (575) 522-4100 or luannr.kilday@state.nm.us:

- A Felting Workshop is 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 2**. Participants are invited to create their own piece of felted artwork out of wool. All materials provided. Class: \$10, space is limited.
- A three-day Weaving Workshop is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday, **Feb. 15-16**, and Friday, **Feb. 22**, for adults, and youth age 14 and over accompanied by adults. Fee: \$60;

space is limited.

NMSU Art Gallery — D.W. Williams Art Center, 1390 E. University Ave, NMSU. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free. Information: (575) 646-2545, uag.nmsu.edu.

Showing **Jan. 31-March 2**: "Light Tricks," new installation, sculpture, drawing, and interactive video by Julie Alpert and Andy Arkley. Each artist utilizes various forms of light and shadow (projected, reflected, and emitted) to draw attention to their invented visual language of signs and symbols abstracted from childhood memories. Opening reception is 5:30 p.m. Thursday, **Jan. 31**.

The 4th annual "I Heart Art" Valentine's Day Party is 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, scheduled to open in the fall. RSVP at (575) 646-2545 or artgtry@nmsu.edu.

A NMSU Collaborative Theatre-Making Project is 5:30 p.m. Thursday, **Feb. 28**.

NMSU Museum — Kent Hall, University at Solano, Las Cruces. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Admission is free. Information: (575) 646-5161 or nmsu.edu/museum/.

Showing through Spring 2019 is "Live Long & Prosper: Sci-Fi Images in Contemporary Indigenous Art," with more than 40 works of art by contemporary indigenous artists including Debra Yepa-Pappan, Will Wilson, Suzanne Kite, Frank Buffalo Hyde, Sarah Sense, Neal Ambrose Smith, Hoka Skenadore, Nicholas Galanin, Andy Everson, Ryan Singer, Jamison Chas Banks, Sonny Assu and Skawennati.

Also

New Mexico Museum of Space History — 3198 SR 2001, Alamogordo. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission: \$6 (\$5 seniors and military, \$4 ages 4-12, children 3 and younger free). Information: (877) 333-6589, (575) 437-2840 or nmspacesmuseum.org.

New to the museum is the German Air Force Tornado jet fighter.

The Launch Pad Lecture Series is 9 to 11 a.m. the first Friday of each month. The **Feb. 1** lecture is "Big Bang – And Its Afterglow" with Museum Education Director Dave Dooling. Admission is free; coffee and donuts provided.

Next month's lecture is "Unsung Women Heroes of the Space Race" with Museum Curator Sue Taylor on **March 1**.

Science Saturday events for kids and their parents are 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, **Feb. 9**, with planetarium programs and more.

Silver City Museum — 312 W. Broadway, Silver City. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Open until 7 p.m. the first Friday of the month. The museum covers the settlement of southwest New Mexico, the two centuries of mining in the region and early commerce in Silver City. Admission: \$5. Information: (575) 538-5921, silvercitymuseum.org, or on Facebook.

Opening reception for the "Ranching in Grant County" exhibit exploring the history, art, social organizations, sports, and culture that surround this rural lifestyle is 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, **Feb. 1**. Exhibit runs through 2019.

Toy Train Depot — Alameda Park, 1991 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo. Hours are noon to 4:40 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Admission: \$4. Information: (575) 437-2855.



NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

March 2-3
Saturday, 9am to 5pm
Sunday, 10am to 4pm

- 3rd Annual CASI Chili Cook-Off
- Chuck wagon cooking • Mounted shooting
- Demonstrations • Children's activities
- Stagecoach rides • Plant sale • Living History
- Gunfight re-enactments • Food / craft vendors
- Mechanical bull, mini-train & pony rides*

* Pony rides \$5, train and bull rides \$3.



In
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\$5 per person
5 years old and up



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