

## Museum

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### Las Cruces area

**Branigan Cultural Center** — Branigan Building, 501 N. Main, (Downtown Mall) Las Cruces. Hours through August) are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, open until 8 p.m. Wednesdays. Information: (575) 541-2154, las-cruces.org/museums or on Facebook.

Showing **through Aug. 25**: "League of Women Voters: 50 Years of Study, Action and Service in Las Cruces."

Showing **through Sept. 15**: "Flamenco: From Spain to New Mexico," traveling exhibition from Museum of International Folk Art exploring the origins, influences, development and appreciation of flamenco.

Showing **through Oct. 13**: "Melding History and Art — The Bracero Program," an exhibit by Diana LeMarbe, Jeri Desrochers and Raymond Cobos. Exhibit features sculptures, paintings and historic photographs on the two-nation guest worker program.

**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 Saturday, open until 8 p.m. Wednesdays. Information: (575) 522-3120 or las-cruces.org/museums.

Saturday Family Science is 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Saturday, **Aug. 4** on "Solar Energy 2: Solar Ovens."

A Science of Space Expo is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, **Aug. 11**, with interactive activities and experiments.

STEAMPunk lecture is 11:45 Saturday, **Aug. 18** on Nikola Tesla.

**Las Cruces Railroad Museum** — 351 N. Mesilla. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, open until 8 p.m. Wednesdays, plus 5 to 7 p.m. during the First Friday Ramble. Admission is free. Information: (575) 647-4480 or museums.las-cruces.org.

**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.

As part of the Blue Star Program, active duty military personnel and their families are admitted free through Labor Day.

Photographer Stacia Spragg-Braude presents "The Churro and the Navajo: One Family's Journey to Save the Sacred Sheep," at 7 p.m. Thursday, **Aug. 9**.

The 3rd annual Community Appreciation Day is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, **Aug. 25**, with free admission, demonstrations such as black-smithing, milking, wool spinning, sewing, weaving and wood-carving, as well as the Parade of Breeds cattle program, pony rides, living history, children's games, a plant sale, and more.

Showing **Aug. 17-Dec. 2** in the Arts Corridor: "Jacob Pfeiffer: My Long Journey." Pfeiffer specializes in oil painting on canvas and linen. Opening reception is 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, **Aug. 16**. Refreshments served.

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

Showing **through Sept. 21**: "Jenny Morgan: A Higher Ground." The exhibition tracks Morgan's work starting from graduate school at the School of Visual Arts to her more recent

paintings exploring the individual through high-def, glimmering layered portraits.

Lecture and artist reception with Morgan is 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, **Aug. 30**.

**Summer Wednesday Evening Programs** — The four museums of the Las Cruces Museum System will be open until 8 p.m. every Wednesday during the summer months, with special programs each week. Programs are 5 to 7 p.m., unless otherwise listed. All museums closed July 4. Information: las-cruces.org/museums or on Facebook.

The museums are the Las Cruces Museum of Art, Branigan Cultural Center and the Museum of Nature and Science, at 411-501 N. Main in the Las Cruces Downtown Mall, and the Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla.

August events:

• **Aug. 1**: Family Art Night at Museum of Art; and Flamenco Dancing with Paco Antonio at Branigan.

• **Aug. 8**: Fantasy Sports Workshop (5:30 p.m.) at Museum of Nature & Science; and Operation Lifesaver (6 p.m.) at Railroad Museum.

• **Aug. 15**: Yoga in the Courtyard at Branigan; and Nocturnal Bedtime Stories at Museum of Nature & Science.

• **Aug. 22**: Open Mic Night (5:30 p.m.) at Railroad Museum; and Film Screening of "The Weird World of Eadweard Muybridge (5:30 p.m., recommended for age 13 and older) at Museum of Art.

• **Aug. 29**: History Game Night at Branigan.

### Also

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

The Launch Pad Lecture Series is 9 to 11 a.m. the first Friday of each month. The **Aug. 3** lecture is "Nuclear Legacy: The People of the Manhattan Project" with curator Sue Taylor. Admission is free; coffee and donuts provided.

**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. Admission: \$5 suggested donation. Information: (575) 538-5921, silvercitymuseum.org, or on Facebook.

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Showing **through Sept. 30**:

• Contemporary Casta Portraiture: "Nuestra Calidad" by Delilah Montoya. This ethnographic art project examines the roots of colonial heritage families by photographing and DNA-testing their descendants. "Nuestra Calidad" refers to racial categorizing as expressed in the Colonial Casta painting of New Spain.

• The Hobarts: A Look at a New Mexican Family, with photographs, documents, and personal items.

**Toy Train Depot** — Alameda Park, 1991 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo. An actual train depot built in 1898, the building now houses a gift shop and model shop, with more than 1,200 feet of model railroad track and hundreds of model and toy trains on display. Hours are noon to 4:40 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Admission: \$4. Information: (575) 437-2855.

The 1/5 scale train track offers rides around Alameda Park 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Cost: \$4.

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