



## **SIGNATURE EVENTS**

*The Arizona Centennial Commission, through its Arizona Centennial 2012 Foundation, will take the leadership role in creating, managing, and implementing these events. In addition, the Commission assumes responsibility for raising funds or creating revenue streams to support each of the Signature Events, including sponsorship opportunities and recognition for privately contributed dollars from individuals, corporations and/or foundations.*

*If you only do one thing to celebrate the Centennial, it should be to attend one of our Signature Events. Choc-full of world-class musical acts, historical trivia, and unrivaled cultural offerings, these events will truly only happen once in your lifetime. So take a look at our Signature Events – we know you'll want to go to all of them!*

Arizona Centennial Copper Chopper: Unveiled October 2010 and touring the state until February 2012

Arizona Centennial Best Fest:

- Prescott: September 16-18, 2011

Arizona Centennial Union Pacific Steam Locomotive Tour: November (TBD)

Arizona Centennial Best Fest:

- Tucson: January 20-22, 2012 (Pending)
- Phoenix: February 10-12, 2012

Mormon Tabernacle Choir Concerts: February 10-11, 2012

Centennial Ride: February 11, 2012

STATEHOOD DAY CELEBRATIONS – February 14, 2012

First Day Issue USPS Arizona Centennial Stamp Ceremony

Centenarian Brunch

Centennial Celebration

Fandango Arizona! Celebrating 100 Years

## **OFFICIAL CENTENNIAL EVENTS**

*Official Centennial Events are grassroots efforts organized by communities and entities across the state and then sanctioned by the Arizona Centennial 2012 Foundation. Official Centennial Events have a focus on education and community building and range from culinary celebrations to down-home rodeos. Communities throughout Arizona have already begun to plan and execute Official Centennial Events to encourage their communities to give our state the commemoration it deserves. Browse our **Calendar of Events** to see the Official Centennial Events that will be going on in your area*

Sanctioned Official Centennial Events to date:

100<sup>TH</sup> APACHE COUNTRY RODEO & PARADE "100 YEARS: OUR WAY", Springerville | July 4th, 2012 is the 100th consecutive Sheriff's Posse Rodeo in Round Valley. The annual parade is the morning of the 4th. Community events include free pancake breakfast by the Eagar Fire Department; skateboard competitions, racquetball competitions, art walk with wine and cheese reception, vendors, bicycle racing, educational forums, and two evening dances at the rodeo grounds. (June 29, 2012 – July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012)

100 YEARS OF ARIZONA AT WORK, Phoenix | A unique exhibit of historical photographs depicting 100 years of Arizona's economic growth. Alliance Bank of Arizona's collections of photographs portrays the people- entrepreneurs, small business owners, and workers- in the industries and infrastructure that shaped Arizona's growth. (January – February 2012)

**17th ANNUAL CHANDLER MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL, Chandler** | The Chandler Multicultural Festival is a five hour event where culture and diversity is celebrated through two stages of entertainment, food/beverage booths, craft and information booths, and a kids area. Entertainment ranges from dancing to singing to playing instruments and much more. (January 14, 2012)

**54th HEARD MUSEUM GUILD INDIAN FAIR AND MARKET, Phoenix** | One of Arizona's most significant cultural events, the Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair and Market is a world-acclaimed festival that draws nearly 20,000 visitors and over 700 of the nation's most outstanding and successful American Indian artists. (March 3-4, 2012)

**AMERICAN MUSICAL SALUTE TO ARIZONA, Statewide** | The American Musical Salute is a patriotic themed program that has been in existence for 20 years. This program will feature youth bands, choirs and orchestras from all 50 states in a year-long tribute to Arizona, commemorating her past and celebrating her future. (January – December 2012)

**ARIPEX STAMP SHOW** | The 54th Annual Stamp Show. The show will feature rare items of postal history from throughout Arizona. Up to 60 stamp dealer booths, stamp club information, 300 frames of competitive exhibits. (February 24-26, 2012)

**ARIZONA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION CONCERT, Chandler** | The Chandler Symphony Orchestra will provide a free Centennial Celebration Concert, featuring music that celebrates the beauty of the Grand Canyon State and our long standing Native American, Hispanic, Prospector and Pioneer roots. (February 3, 2012)

**ARIZONA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IN PEORIA, Peoria Sports Complex** | The Friday evening event will feature an old time's baseball game with retired Major League Baseball players, kids activities and a fireworks display following the baseball game. Saturday morning, Centennial Plaza and Decade walk – an approved AHAC Legacy Project – will be dedicated by members of the Peoria City Council. Following the dedication are a community breakfast and art gallery exhibits from Cooperstown in the City Hall Art Gallery. (February 3-4, 2012)

**ARIZONA CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE, Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort, Phoenix, Maricopa** | The Arizona Centennial Conference is a convention that highlights the cultural and natural resources of the state through presentations, workshops, tours, and other activities. (April 18-21<sup>st</sup> 2012)

**ARIZONA CENTENNIAL FILM FESTIVAL, Prescott** | The Prescott Film Festival is thrilled to pay homage to the history of filmmaking in Arizona that continues to this day. We will be screening three days of Arizona films; past, present and future. (September 16-18, 2011)

**ARIZONA CENTENNIAL TRAIN AND CENTENNIAL SWEETHEART DINNER, Grand Canyon** | Ride behind a steam locomotive to the Grand Canyon with the nostalgic Harriman coaches to one of the famous seven natural wonders of the world. The train ride will be followed by a Centennial Sweetheart Dinner at the Sultana Theatre which was built in 1912. Enjoy a first class meal while viewing a photographic account of Williams history that will be displayed throughout the Theatre. (February 14, 2012)

**ARIZONA COWBOY POETS GATHERING, Yavapai College Campus Prescott, Arizona Yavapai** | Arizona has a rich history in cowboy poetry. Many of what is considered to be classic cowboy poetry today can be attributed to leaders and historical figures in Arizona. Over 50 poets and musicians will perform cowboy songs and poetry in seven venues throughout the campus. (September 15-17 2011)

**ARIZONA FARMING AND RANCHING HALL OF FAME HONOREES DINNER, Avondale ~ 2011 and Laveen ~ 2012** | Established in 2007, the Arizona Farming and Ranching Hall of Fame honors the pioneers of agriculture that have created an enduring legacy for future generations. To-date, 27 honorees (living and posthumous) include farmers, ranchers, publishers, educators and businesses that support the industry and represent areas from Snowflake to Douglas, Florence to Parker, Maricopa County and many towns in between. (Avondale ~ March 5, 2011 | Laveen ~ March 3, 2012)

**ARIZONA GAME AND FISH OUTDOOR FESTIVAL, Coconino** | An event to highlight the outdoors, wildlife, outdoor activities, environmental education and more. There will be booths each with something special and one booth in particular celebrating the Centennial. (TBD)

**ARIZONA'S JUBILEE JAMBOREE, Phoenix** | During the month of February 2012, all 17 Phoenix Public Library branches will bring to life stories that feature the amazing geography, unique plants and animals, and wonderful people of our state. To further celebrate Arizona's Centennial, storytimes during the week of the 13th through the 18th will have a birthday theme, and families will be encouraged to participate by singing Happy Birthday to Arizona. Colorful bookmarks will be available at all library locations, and they will highlight additional children's books which celebrate Arizona's heritage. (February 1-29, 2012)

**ARIZONA MILITARY AVIATION WALK OF HONOR, AZ Wing Aviation Museum, Mesa** | The Arizona Wing Aviation Museum is dedicating pedestals to past and present Arizona influencers in the field of military aviation. They will be hosting a walk of honor for those who are being celebrated and honored. (January 2012)

**ARIZONA NATIONAL LIVESTOCK SHOW, Arizona State Fairgrounds, Phoenix** | Established in 1948, the Arizona National Livestock Show educates the public on the importance of the livestock industry and Arizona's diverse agriculture and ranching heritage. Interactive educational activities, Arizona Ranch Memorabilia displays, 4-H and FFA youth program members showing their livestock, and the Pioneer Stockmen's Organization annual luncheon are features of this show. (December 28-January 1, 2011 and 2012)

**ARIZONA QSO PARTY, Worldwide** | Amateur radio operators in the state of Arizona contact as many operators world-wide during a 24 hour contest period spreading the news about the centennial. Awards are given to operators in AZ who contact the most people. (October 8-9, 2011 | October 13-14, 2012)

**ARIZONA SCITECH FESTIVAL, Venues throughout the state** | Over 90% of the events will be free of charge, however some may have a small attendance fee to reimburse costs of materials and/or venue. (February 1 – March 12, 2012)

**ARIZONA STATE FAIR, Phoenix** | Since 1884, the Arizona State Fair (then, the Territorial Fair), has been a community gathering place rich with heritage that highlights the state's agriculture and livestock industries, as well as provides a forum to showcase the many talents that Arizonans have through entry contests and community stage performances. The Fair also features national headline concert artists, state of the art carnival rides, and the latest wacky foods, with literally something for everyone to enjoy. Drawing over a million people per year, the Arizona State Fair offers the best in affordable, family entertainment. (October 14 – November 6, 2011 Closed Mondays and Tuesdays, Centennial Event Oct 22- Oct 23)

**ARIZONA'S STRENGTH – PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE, Tucson** | Commerce Bank of Arizona in partnership with El Charro Café and the Stillwell House will host a free, public exhibition highlighting the strong Mexican American heritage of Tucson as lived through generations of the Flin/Flores families. The event, on the grounds of the historic 1901 Stillwell House – originally a boarding house for railroad workers – its adjoining gardens and casita – will feature a collection of articles about and reproductions of excerpts from the 1848 Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo – the treaty that ended the Mexican-American War and whose exhibition (partially funded by the Bank) in honor of Arizona's centennial year of statehood recently concluded at the Arizona State Museum (ASM). (September 22, 2011)

**ARIZONA TRAIL CENTENNIAL ADVENTURE, |** The Arizona Trail Centennial Adventure is to celebrate our state's 100th birthday by enjoying many beautiful Arizona outdoor areas and out state's communities, flora, fauna and history. The goal is for the many different groups to traverse a section of the Arizona National Scenic Trail and in so doing, traverse the entire 800+ mile trail within the six week event time frame. (September 15 – October 31, 2011)

**ARIZONA VALENTINE, Phoenix** | The museum will be showcasing artwork from Arizona artists depicting their love of the state through their art. The artwork will have different formats, but each depicting a unique aspect of the 100-year-old state. (November 12, 2011 – June 3, 2012)

**ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE, Downtown Flagstaff** | The Armed Forces Day Parade in Historic Downtown Flagstaff is a celebration for all Arizona citizens and all American's who cherish and want to learn more about the time honored traditions of the U.S. Military. (May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011)

**AZ AUTHORS CENTENNIAL WRITING CONTEST, Statewide** | The Arizona Authors Association has run a writing contest for 30 years and, in 2011, the contest will honor the Centennial by creating a special category for stories on Arizona by Arizona residents. Contest winners will be awarded a monetary prize and publication in the 2011 Arizona Literary Magazine – Centennial Edition. (January – July, 2011)

**AZ CENTENNIAL MOMENT OF STATEHOOD BELL COMMUNITY RINGING, Sedona** | A celebratory bell ringing for Arizona's 100th Birthday! Dignitaries, professional bell-ringers music, refreshments, 2:14 pm simultaneous community-wide ringing of bells including "Sedona's bell" which hangs in the steeple at Wayside Chapel. A public birthday party is to follow the bell ringing. (February 14, 2012)

**AZ CENTENNIAL SPLATTER DAB BREAKFAST, |**A breakfast event honoring descendants of families who were living in Arizona in 1912. The breakfast will include music, dignitaries, and a ceremony honoring Arizona pioneers. (February 12, 2012)

**AZCA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS** | The Leadership Team of Arizona's Children Association has committed itself to hosting a series of twenty-one (21) Arizona's Children Centennial Celebration receptions across Arizona during 2011-2012. Each reception will be two hours in length with an "open house" format. All receptions will be free and open to the public. (March 10, 2011 – May 7, 2012)

**BACK TO SCHOOL DAY, Mohave Country** | Join Sara "Sally" Bundy and a group of alumni students to commemorate the Arizona Centennial at the one-room Mt. Trumbull Schoolhouse. Festival events include guest speakers, cowboy poetry, music, square dancing, roping demonstrations, historic activities, vendors, and a fundraiser luncheon. (September 17, 2011)

**CELEBRATING ARIZONA'S INFLUENCERS, Phoenix** | Leading up to Arizona's Centennial in 2012, The Stockyards will host a series of private events for honorees, thanking them for their impact on the history and future of Arizona. To commemorate each honoree's Arizona legacy, The Stockyards also will dedicate a temporary booth in his/her name along with a plaque featuring historical photographs and press pieces. (June, October, December 2010 | January, April, October, December 2011 | February 2012)

**CELEBRATING OUR ARIZONA, Prescott** | Fine Arts & Fine Crafts by Local & Statewide Arizona Artists (September 19, 2011 – January 3, 2012)

**CENTENNIAL ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE, Yuma** | Yuma's Electric Light Parade will take on a Centennial theme this year. Scheduled for December 10, 2011, the parade winds through Yuma city streets ending in the Historic Downtown District. The parade theme this year will be "Yuma.. 100 years in the making." (December 10, 2011)

**CENTRAL AZ ASSOC. CENTENNIAL, Prescott, Tucson, Phoenix** | A special event operation where several amateur radio operators will be operating their radio stations from their homes using the call letters K7UGA. K7UGA were the call letters from the late Senior Senator Barry Goldwater. As the radio stations make contact with radio stations throughout the country and the world, a log will be maintained of each station's call letters. Afterwards, a conformation will be sent to each station contacted by K7UGA. The radio stations will be operating from Phoenix, Tucson, as well as Prescott. (February 13-19, 2012)

**CHRISTMAS VILLAGE AT THE QUARTERMASTER DEPOT STATE HISTORIC PARK, Yuma** | The Christmas Village at the Quartermaster Depot State Historic Park is a magical Christmas village with thousands of lights decorating the park, along with walk-in sized playhouses including stores, a gingerbread cottage, and Santa's Workshop. These playhouses have been sponsored by local businesses. Admission to the village is \$5 for the first visit and \$1 for subsequent visits. Visitors purchase a Polar Pass for admittance. (December 16 – 23, 2011)

**DAISY MOUNTAIN VETERANS PARADE, Maricopa** | The Daisy Mountain Veterans Parade has a substantial connection to the Arizona Centennial through the participation of numerous historic groups. In addition to the parade there will be models of several well-known national monuments with historical connections to Arizona. (November 12, 2011)

**EXPO 2012, SALT RIVER AMERICAN INDIAN COMMUNITY** | In honor of the State's 2012 Centennial, The Solanna Group –a Salt River American Indian member-owned economic development and land advisory/investment firm, will establish a 10-month long World's Fair styled EXPO on its property at Salt River, as a 100 year birthday tribute to the people of Arizona. Themed "Nature's Wisdom" and "The Future," the Fair is designed as a symbolic portal to the next 100 years and recognition of the significantly intertwined legacy of both Salt River and Arizona as innovative, industrious, and indomitable peoples. (February 14, 2012-November 2012)

**FIESTA DE TUMACACORI, Tumacacori** | The 2011 Fiesta will be the 41st annual Fiesta held at Tumacacori National Historical Park. The fiesta celebrates all of the cultures which have lived and influenced life in the Santa Cruz Valley, including O'odham, Yaqui, Apache, Mexican, Spanish, American, and others. There are approximately 50 booths with traditional foods and handicrafts, craft demonstrations, and information. All booths are held by local and regional non-profit organizations. Entertainment is scheduled on the main stage all day, both days, representing all of the described cultures. A multi-cultural mariachi procession and mass takes place in front of the old mission church on Sunday morning. There is an area of hands-on activities for kids provided by Tumacacori and other National and State parks and organizations from around southern Arizona. (December 3-4, 2011)

**FIESTA SAHUARITA** | The Fiesta brings the community of Sahuarita together for a day of family fun and community support. It is a great time to enjoy the beautiful southern Arizona community with family and friends, network, and make new friends. (September 24, 2011)

**FROM STORY ROCK TO STORY BOOKS, Phoenix** | Exhibit featuring important pieces including Navajo Artist Shonto Begay's eight-foot wide acrylic painting on canvas My Story Rock II and beloved children's book author Marguerite Henry's original manuscript and illustrations of the award winning classic Brightly of the Grand Canyon. These and other items from the historic collection will be on display in Children's Place to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Arizona's Statehood. (January 1, 2012 – August 31, 2012).

**GILBERT HISTORY AWARDS, Gilbert** | The Gilbert History Awards is a project born from the brainstorming of Gilbert's State Centennial Committee that started meeting in 2010. The purpose of the Gilbert History Awards is to recognize and honor excellence during the period of Arizona statehood of citizens, either living or deceased, associated with Gilbert, AZ. The categories for the award include: Agriculture, Sports, Religion, Commerce, Arts, Military, Science, Community Service, Social Service, Education and Medicine. The awards will be given out at a ceremony in Town of Gilbert Council Chambers on Tuesday, November 15th at 6 p.m. (November 15, 2011).

**GLENDALE FOLK & HERITAGE FESTIVAL, Glendale** | The City of Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival is a one of a kind special event held in the Valley of the Sun. Formally known as the Phoenix Folk Traditions Music Festival, Glendale Parks and Recreation adopted this engaging cultural event in 2009 and transformed it into a full-scale folk and heritage festival at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area. The event is now a nationally recognized, two-day celebration of folk music and related history and culture. A festival committee comprised of recreation staff and six community volunteers formed in July of 2008 to bring the event to Glendale. Committee volunteers were carefully recruited based on experience with folk music events and their ability to reach the folk music community. The volunteers on the committee have over 100 years of combined experience with folk music. This event offers 150 individual performances and 52 workshops throughout the weekend. All talent for performances and workshops is completely donated by musicians and instructors. Patrons choose from musical styles ranging from folk and bluegrass to cowboy poetry and storytelling. Workshops are developed to attract an audience of beginner musicians to accomplished songwriters. The workshops focus on providing a non-intimidating environment for new musicians/songwriters to learn and grow their skills as well as introducing instruments and music to children in a fun atmosphere. This innovative event takes advantage of the entire 17-acre Sahuaro Ranch historic site. The facility hosts five music performance venues, four workshop venues, and an established "jam session" area for musician participation. (March 24-25, 2012).

**GRAND CANYON HISTORY SYMPOSIUM, Phoenix** | The 2012 Grand Canyon History Symposium is a three-day symposium of talks, presentations and tours focusing on all aspects of Grand Canyon history and the history of the Colorado Plateau. The symposium will be held at the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park over the weekend of (January 26-29, 2012).

**HASHKNIFE PONY EXPRESS, Holbrook, Payson, Scottsdale** | Every year, Arizonans gather to honor the days when mail was delivered the old fashioned way – by horse. The 54th Annual Hashknife Pony Express ceremonial trail begins in Holbrook, stops in Payson, and ends in Scottsdale, delivering first class mail along the way. (February 7-10, 2012)

**HASSAYAMPA HERITAGE DAYS, Wickenburg** | This event celebrates The Nature Conservancy's Hassayampa River Preserve's 147 years of history from its beginning as the Frederic Brill Ranch through its evolution as the "Garden of Allah", one of Arizona's first dude ranches, the Lazy RC cattle ranch, and finally as a nature preserve. This event showcases the history of the people and commerce along the Hassayampa River near Wickenburg and the critical role this area played in the development of Central Arizona. (November 5 – 6, 2011)

**HIGH COUNTRY HUMMERS FESTIVAL, Eagar** | The High Country Hummers Festival is an annual nature festival based on educating the public on the natural history of hummingbird species occurring in Arizona's higher elevation forests. It is hosted by the Arizona Game and Fish Department at the Department's Sipe White Mountain Wildlife Area (Sipe), and has been conducted each year beginning in 2003. The one-day event is always conducted on the last Saturday in July because it is the peak of the hummingbird migration through this part of Arizona and to maintain consistent data collection each year on captured birds. It is open to the public from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

The primary program consists of staff and volunteers from the Southeastern Arizona Bird Observatory (SABO) – a non-profit scientific and educational organization based in Bisbee – capturing, measuring and banding hummingbirds on site. The public is able to observe each phase of this process up close, ask questions and take close-up photos. The SABO staff also presents a detailed PowerPoint on hummingbird natural history.

There are other peripheral exhibitors, booths and activities during the morning, including a program on basic birding skills given by the White Mountain Audubon

Chapter and a live wildlife exhibit set up by the Department's Adobe Mountain Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. The public moves at its own pace among exhibitors and presentations. (July 28, 2012)

**HISTORIC ROUTE 66 FUN RUN** | Approximately 900 vintage vehicle, and thousands of spectators from all over the world come to Northern Arizona to celebrate the history of Route 66. Activities take place in every community from Seligman to Topock/Golden along this longest remaining continuous stretch of the Route including a show & shine in Kingman, a BBQ hosted by the Hualapai Tribe in Peach Springs, gunfights in Oatman, and an award ceremony in Topock. Vintage cars, great entertainment, vendor, and family-friendly activities make this an event that has something for everyone. (May 4-6, 2012)

**IN THE DEVIL'S FRYING PAN**, Cave Creek, Flagstaff, Tucson | A cast of actors of all ages will present this original play with music based on the oral histories of Arizonans from the state's territorial period through the time of its statehood. The play will tell stories of extraordinary Arizonans from all over the state and illustrate how these disparate characters came together to form a unified state. The play will be written so that portions of it can be made available to schools. (January-August 2012)

**LINCOLN FAMILY DOWNTOWN HALF MARATHON + 5K WALK & RUN**, Phoenix | Oldest foot race in Arizona – 2011 is the 43rd year – Booths & Entertainment – Wyatt Earp starts the race with his double barrel shot gun. The race takes place on the roads through scenic South Mountain park. (October 22, 2011)

**OPENING THE FLOODGATES : ROOSEVELT DAM AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SALT RIVER VALLEY**, Phoenix| The exhibit will pay homage to the Roosevelt Dam. Roosevelt Dam is an historically significant landmark that is celebrating its own centennial during 2011. Its construction created jobs in Arizona, and was instrumental in furthering settlement by harnessing water for use in irrigation, in generating power, in ensuring water for domestic use, and for recreation. (November 1, 2011 – January 31, 2012)

**PARADA DEL SOL PARADE**, Scottsdale |The Parada Del Sol Parade is world-famous for having the longest horse-drawn parade. People young and old love to watch horse-drawn stage coaches, wagons, buggies and carriages make their way down Scottsdale Road ridden by cowboys and cowgirls in Old West attire. (February 11, 2012)

**PASSAGE OF TIME: A HISTORY OF ARIZONA**, Scottsdale| This event will take attendees through the period of Arizona history beginning with the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo and into the period of becoming the 48th state ending with our present day. (February 13, 2012)

**PRESCOTT FRONTIER DAYS® 125<sup>TH</sup> WORLD'S OLDEST RODEO®** , Prescott| This annual event, consisting of an eight performance rodeo, parade, and three night dance, has taken place since 1888. In 2012, the event will focus on the historical happenings in and around Prescott and Yavapai County, including ranching and mining. (Rodeo |June 28-July 3, 2012; Parade | June 30, 2012; Dance | June 28-30, 2012)

**PRESCOTT WESTERN HERITAGE DAYS**, Prescott | The 2nd Annual Prescott Western Heritage Days event will celebrate the western heritage of Prescott and Yavapai County between 1864 and 1912. The event will be held on Whiskey Row, at Sharlot Hall Museum and various nearby venues and will feature the largest historical reenactment group gathering in Arizona. Family activities will include unique photo opportunities, reenactment skits, a period costume contest and fashion show, cowboy music and poetry, present-day rodeo events, a Wild West show and a film festival with Prescott-area movies. (September 15-18, 2011)

**Pueblo Grande Museum Indian Market**, Phoenix | Confirmed artists of the 2012 Pueblo Grande Museum Indian Market will be invited to create an art piece based on a theme —A Hundred Years of History.|| Artists who choose to participate will provide a written narrative describing the story behind the art as it relates to Arizona's past century. Photographs and narratives will be posted on the market website [www.pgindianmarket.com](http://www.pgindianmarket.com). There will be an exhibit and sell of these specially created artworks which is a kickoff to the 36th annual Indian Market. The public is invited to this event. No admission required. (December 7-9, 2011)

**ROOSEVELT'S RIDE**, Apache Junction |The project will feature a President Theodore Roosevelt re-enactor who will be the Grand Marshall for the annual Lost Dutchman Days Parade. He will be riding in an era-specific vehicle. After the parade he will drive to more locations on the historic Apache Trail where he will speak about the building of the road to carry materials for the construction of the Roosevelt Dam. (February 24 – 26, 2012)

**SAHUARITA PECAN FESTIVAL**, Sahuarita| The Sahuarita Pecan Festival is a special event held in Sahuarita, Arizona to showcase local foods, products and crafts from the Santa Cruz River Valley. The event is hosted by Farmers Investment Co. (FICO), the world's largest grower-processor of pecans. This unique, community-oriented celebration will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2011 from 10 am — 8 pm. Now entering its third year, the event is quickly becoming an annual Southern Arizona tradition. The Festival averaged nearly 15,000 attendees in 2009 and 2010. (November 12, 2011)

**SEDONA CENTENNIAL QUILT**, Sedona| The Sedona Centennial Quilt has been designed by local quilting artists and members of the Red Rock Quilters to depict important periods of local history over the last 100 years. The 50"x70" quilt wall hanging will feature hand stitching, hand-appliqué and be hand quilted. (December 30, 2011 – February 14, 2012)

**SHOW LOW 1912-2012 – PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE**, Show Low| Two new exhibits in the Show Low Historical Society Museum. Show Low 1912-2012 Past, Present and Future is a beautiful room dedicated to Arizona's Centennial. Silver Creek Railroaders, a model train club, is building "The Last Train to Maverick." This exhibit honors the timber industry in the White Mountains. (February 14, 2011 February 14, 2013)

**SIX DEGREES TO JAMES H. McCLINTOCK**, Phoenix| James H. McClintock was a newspaper man, soldier, government appointee, historian, and most importantly, a booster and observer of the people and events in the capitol city of Phoenix and the territory of Arizona. Using photos and documents from his collection at Phoenix Public Library and other local institutions, we will recreate the network of people who formed the city's early population and contributed to its development. (February 1 – April 30, 2012)

**STAMPING THROUGH ARIZONA, Show Low** | This is a youth educational program that chronicles the history of Arizona from the early 1400's to the present. The emphasis being on the 1800-1900's when Arizona was a territory and fledgling state. (June 7, 2011 – July 31, 2012)

**TAKE A HIKE! HIKING SPREE, Prescott** | The Take a Hike! Hiking Spree is an annual event in which 12 trails within the Prescott National Forest and the City of Prescott are chosen. We strive to choose 12 new trails each year and to fairly represent each of the three districts within the Forest. Participants have nine weeks to hike 8 out of the 12 trails. (September 17 – November 21, 2011)

**TEMPE TARDEADA, Tempe** | The Tempe Tardeada's mission statement reads: "To identify the Hispanic historical roots of Tempe and educate the community with a celebration of the Hispanic culture". A tardeada is a social gathering that was traditionally held on Sunday afternoons in the Hispanic community. The Tempe Tardeada adopted this name to reflect on and remember the old-time feeling of the Sunday afternoon gatherings of the past. Held during Hispanic Heritage Month, the Tempe Tardeada celebrates the historical significance of Hispanics within our community. The event features 8 hours of live entertainment, both music and dance, which presents a timeline from traditional performances such as Mariachis, charros, orchestras, and folklorico dancers to the current music trends of salsa and zumba dance. Community booths are at the event to educate the participants on the many free social services available in the valley. The Tempe History Museum is open during the festival and displays the Hispanic Family Albums collection, which highlights photos from Tempe's founding Hispanic families. Food is also an important component to all cultures and is very important to have at festivals. We give our food vendors free booth space, and ask in return that they keep their prices at low family-friendly prices. We offer a family-friendly, multi-generational event where parents can bring their children and not worry about spending too much money. All the Hispanic-themed arts and crafts are free, as is the face painter, balloon artist, inflatables and Game Truck. In keeping alive some Mexican traditions, there is a tortilla-making demonstration with free recipe-cards. A coloring contest is held, whereby every student in the Tempe Elementary School District receives an entry sheet and is encouraged to draw a picture of Hispanic heritage in Tempe. The teachers are given a "History of Hispanics in Tempe" handout as a lesson plan as part of the coloring contest. During the Tardeada, the Mayor of Tempe presents the contest winners with a certificate and a \$25 Target gift card. Finally, a scholarship is presented to two graduating high school seniors. Criteria is residency in Tempe and/or attendance at a high school in Tempe. Scholarships are selected based on grades, community and school activities, and a written essay with one of the topics being: "How has the Arizona Hispanic culture influenced our community?" (October 9, 2011)

**THE FOUR HIKES OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA, Oro Valley** | The hiking event will focus on the beauty of the natural environment and education. A celebration at the historic Steam Pump Ranch in Oro Valley will involve activities for all family members and will focus on the historical aspect of the property and the heritage of Arizona. (TBD)

**THE HEART OF ARIZONA, Prescott** | This is concert three (3) of the 2011-12 season. This concert is titled "The Heart of Arizona" in honor of the Centennial. The symphony is commissioning a musical selection by Henry Flurry in recognition of the event. Additionally, the symphony will perform the Sy Brannon piece commissioned by the state. The concert will also feature the beloved Toni Tennille. Both composers will be in attendance. The conductor is Paul Manz. (February 12, 2012)

**THE SOUNDS OF STATEHOOD, Tempe** | The Sounds of Statehood is a musical story which portrays the history of Arizona from about 1870 to February 14, 1912, culminating with statehood. Using two fictional characters, Mariquita Hernandez and Captain Jesse Wrightson, The Sounds of Statehood depicts the lives of actual, true-to life town founders, such as Judge Charles Hayden and his wife Sallie Hayden of the Hayden Flour Mill in Tempe. Historical events and prominent Arizona pioneers are also brought to life on stage, from areas such as; Flagstaff, The Grand Canyon, Prescott, Jerome, Pinedale and Tucson. (February 14, 2012 – March 3, 2012)

**TREASURES OF THE RARE BOOK ROOM: THE ALFRED KNIGHT COLLECTION, Phoenix** | An exhibition of items from the Alfred Knight Rare Book collection including illuminated manuscripts, cuneiform tablets, Shakespeare folios and great works in the history of the book. (September 19-October 30, 2011)

**TUBAC ANZA DAYS, Tubac** | Living history event commemorating the 1775-1776 expedition led by Captain Juan Bautista de Anza of the Spanish Presidio in Tubac to establish what was to become San Francisco. The event will include re-enactments, street theater, food, educational presentations, and on-stage entertainment. (October 22, 2011)

**TUCSON GEM & MINERAL SHOW, Tucson** | The acclaimed "Tucson Gem and Mineral Show" is held every year on the second full weekend of February. It has set the standard for gem and mineral shows around the world, and is now the largest gem and mineral show in the United States. It is the cornerstone event of the Tucson Gem, Mineral & Fossil Showcase, bringing 55,000 visitors to Tucson annually. The Show is open to the public and presents educational exhibits and retail dealers only. Proceeds from the Show remain in the Tucson economy and are used to support mineral knowledge and appreciation. (February 9 – 12, 2012)

**TUCSON RODEO PARADE, Tucson** | The Tucson Rodeo Parade is going on their 87<sup>th</sup> annual Parade. Their parade maintains the spirit and embodies the state heritage every year. (February 23, 2012)

**TUMBLEWEED TREE LIGHTING AND PARADE OF LIGHTS, Chandler** | The Tumbleweed Tree Lighting and Parade of Lights is the City's largest single day attended event. The event is free to attend and is family friendly. Activities include kids games, two stages with entertainment, food booths, arts and crafts booth, pony rides, along with free pictures with Santa. The two main features of the evening are Parade of Lights and the lighting of the Tumbleweed Tree. (December 3, 2011)

**UNTOLD STORIES AND UNSUNG HEROES, | ASU's School of Theatre and Film** is creating a play that will be interactive, educational, historical and celebrate the centennial. (February 9-19, 2012)

**VAIL PRIDE DAY 2012, Pima County Fairgrounds** | Vail Pride Day is an annual event showcasing the Vail School District and Vail area community. It is highlighted by student and community organization fine arts performances, academic competitions and displays, hands-on activities and community displays. This event has the 2nd highest annual attendance at the Pima County Fairgrounds after the Pima County Fair. (February 18, 2012)

**VERDE VALLEY BIRDING AND NATURE FESTIVAL, Cottonwood** | The natural world is a pivotal component of tourism in Arizona. Watchable Wildlife brings visitors from all over to enjoy Arizona's resources. Bird watching is the number two recreational hobby in America today. The Verde Valley Birding and Nature Festival hosts field trips to IBA's (Important Birding Areas) in the Verde Valley attracting outdoor enthusiasts from all over the country and internationally to this annual event. This is a well-rounded event that has become one of the leading festivals of its kind in the US today. The festival has been awarded the Governor's Tourism Treasure Award. The Verde Valley Birding and Nature Festival has celebrated eleven years in Central Arizona. During this four-day event participants enjoy field trips, workshops, speakers, vendors, exhibitors and special programs. This event is the result of a partnership between Arizona State Parks, the Cottonwood Chamber of Commerce and Northern Arizona Audubon. Run completely by volunteers, many other agencies and organizations have joined to produce this event including the City of Cottonwood, National Park Service, US Forest Service, Arizona Game and Fish, local businesses and organizations, and public agencies. (April 26-29, 2012)

**VERTIELEE FLOYD MEMORIAL PAYSON OLD TIMES FIDDLERS CONTEST, Payson** | The Old Time fiddling State Championship (National Qualifier) & Acoustic Music celebration. Incorporates over 2 days of family fun including Old Time, Acoustic, Music Concerts, Old Time fiddling contest for all ages, camping, Jamming, crafts and vending operations (September 23-25, 2011)

**VULTURE MINE LIVING HISTORY DAY, Wickenburg** | Mining is the core of Arizona's history. Gold ore from the Vulture and other mines attracted the men and industries that led to statehood. Mining continues to be one of Arizona's mainstay industries. This family oriented event celebrates AZ's colorful mining history and Henry Wickenburg's 1863 discovery of what became the fabled Vulture Gold Mine (March 25, 2012)

**WALKIN' ON MAIN STREET, Cottonwood** | Walkin On Main Street is an annual one-day event celebrated the 2 Saturday of November. The theme for the event this year is Arizona's 100th Year of Statehood and the historic significance of State Route 89A. Nestled between Jerome and Sedona, Cottonwood is blessed with a lively history. (November 12, 2012)

**WINGS OVER WILLCOX, Willcox** | Wings Over Willcox is southeastern Arizona's premier birding and nature festival that is held annually. Willcox is home to the cowboy movie star Rex Allen and the gateway to the Chiricahua National Monument. (January 11-15, 2012)

**WYATT EARP'S VENDETTA RIDE, Tombstone, Cochise County** | Wyatt Earp and Tombstone became legendary across the country in 1882 during his Vendetta Ride against the Cowboy faction – a group of outlaws and cattle rustlers responsible for maiming his older brother and assassinating his younger brother. This five-day horseback ride follows Wyatt and his posse's trail of retribution to those locales where Wyatt tracked and killed Curly Bill (in the Whetstone Mountains), Florentio Cruz (South Pass, Dragoon MTNs), Johnny Ringo's Gravesite (Chiricahua MTNs), etc. Our ride also includes: An historic walk-around of Tombstone with an historian, who will also meet us at different locales we visit, a ride to Cochise's Stronghold and history of the area and Cochise, a ride from Fairbank to Charleston along the San Pedro River. Lots of local history with local historians. We have used Marshall Trimble, Don Taylor, Bob Boze Bell and Nancy Sosa as our historians during the past two years. (October 16-21, 2011)

**YCGA 79<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CALF SALE & BBQ, Peeples Valley** | The Yavapai Cattle Grower's Association will hold their Annual Calf Sale & BBQ for the 79th year. The event began in 1933 as a way to raise money for the national organization-today known as The National Cattlemen's Beef Association-which was, at the time, in danger of financial collapse. The roster of activities is enormous this year! Activities begin with the Maughan Ranches Quarterhorse sale at 8:00 a.m. A 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging Clinic will begin with sign-ups at 8:00 a.m. Western art, crafts, and jewelry as well as industry information booths will open at 10:00 a.m. Arizona Game & Fish in cooperation with Adobe Mountain Wildlife Rehab Center is providing a sport shooting trailer and an Arizona Wildlife Display. Adobe Mountain Wildlife will also be holding a live release of three American Kestrel Falcons. In addition there will be gold panning, mutton busting (for kids 60 pounds and under, weigh-in begins at 10:00 a.m.), a horseshoeing demonstration, KVRD radio live remote with ?Mark in the Morning?, a quilt drawing and of course the best BBQ BEEF in the state! Take a scenic drive to beautiful Peeples Valley, bring a chair or blanket, spend the day at a historic ranch, meet a real cowboy, enjoy the best BBQ BEEF around, and get to know your local, county, and state politicians and candidates. We'll see you at the Calf Sale! From Phoenix take US 60 to Wickenburg, then take Highway 89 30 miles to Maughan Ranch West Fork (formerly the Hays Ranch). From Prescott take Highway 89 30 miles to Peeples Valley and Maughan Ranch West Fork, look for the white fencing and banners-you can't miss it! Admission is free; the BBQ is \$10 and \$5 for children 12 and under. (September 24, 2011)

**YUMA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FESTIVAL, Yuma** | Three days of square and round dancing and lessons. Family-oriented event. That pays tribute to the hard lives early Arizona citizens had and the ways they found to have fun by square and round dancing. (February 10-12, 2012)