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Intimate, elegant, and inviting, Vicky's of Santa Fe has been a dining and entertainment hot-spot since 1989. Join Marc and Vicky Laliberte at Vicky's of Santa Fe in Indian Wells, located at 45-100 Club Drive. To find out what's new, or to view the menu and wine list, visit the Vicky's of Santa Fe website at: [www.VickysofSantaFe.com](http://www.VickysofSantaFe.com)

### **A Night Out With Oscar**

#### **Palm Springs Public Library**

**6:30 PM, Friday, February 22**

Film and television director/producer, Robert Kline, will host the first annual "Night Out with Oscar" at the Palm Springs Public Library, Friday, February 22. Kline will share information and stories about all the events and festivities that happen off camera during Hollywood's biggest night, and present a very special insider's look at the night of glamor and glitz through a selection of film clips and personal stories. Tickets are \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door. The Palm Springs Public Library is located at 300 S. Sunrise Way in Palm Springs. For additional information call (760) 416-6731, or visit: [www.PalmSpringsLibrary.org](http://www.PalmSpringsLibrary.org)

## **McCormick's 44th Annual Collector Car Auction**



### **Spa Resort Casino, Palm Springs February 22-24**

The Spa Resort Casino in downtown Palm Springs will host the 44th Annual McCormick Collector Car Auction, February 22-24. This semi-annual auction presents approximately 500 unique, classic, sport, antique, and special interest automobiles available for auction throughout the weekend, and showcases an additional 200 street rods, muscle cars, and vintage show cars during the Invitational Car Show. A variety of vendors offering auto-related items and souvenirs are on site, with an additional 80 cars slated for auction on Friday evening beginning at 5:00 p.m. Gates open Saturday and Sunday at 8:00 a.m., with first bids beginning at 10:00 a.m. There is no cost to enter a vehicle in the car show, but you must call McCormick's Exotic Car Auctions in advance to see if your vehicle qualifies for entry. Admission on Saturday and Sunday is \$10/day or \$15 for a two-day ticket. Admission to the Friday night auction is free, and includes complimentary food for all registered bidders. Registration forms for bidders and sellers are available online. For additional information contact Palm Springs Exotic Car Auctions at 244 North Indian Canyon Drive in Palm Springs, (760) 320-3290, or visit: [www.Classic-CarAuction.com](http://www.Classic-CarAuction.com)

### **Healthy Family Fair Day**

#### **Children's Discovery Museum**

**11:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Saturday, February 23**

The Children's Discovery Museum invites families with children to attend a day of free activities, games and arts and crafts projects, as part of Healthy Family Fair Day. "Get fit Together" is the theme of this free activity filled event for the whole family. It all begins at 11:00 a.m. and continues until 3:00 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult in order to participate. The Children's Discovery Museum is located at 71-701 Gerald Ford Drive in Rancho Mirage. General admission to the Museum is \$8 per person and not included in Healthy Family Fair Day. Call (760) 321-0602 for additional information or visit: [www.cdmod.org](http://www.cdmod.org)



**Tuskegee Airmen and P-51 Flight Demonstration**  
**Palm Springs Air Museum**  
**1:00 PM, Saturday, February 23**

A total of 994 pilots comprised the famed Tuskegee Airmen, a group of African American pilots that escorted American bombers over Europe and North Africa during WWII. World-renowned military aviation artist, Stan Stokes, will host the Palm Springs Air Museum's recognition of the Tuskegee Airmen this Saturday afternoon beginning at 1:00 p.m. Stokes will introduce Rusty Burns, one of the original Tuskegee Airmen, and who is featured in a mural painted by Stokes on permanent display inside the Air Museum's European Theater Hangar. Burns, one of the few surviving Tuskegee pilots, will present a talk about the history of the famous "Red Tail Angel" fighters who never lost an escorted bomber to the enemy. A P-51 flight demonstration will occur following the talk at approximately 1400 hours. Admission is \$10 for adults; \$5 for youth ages 6-12. Retired military with ID and senior citizen admission is \$8.50. Enlisted military personnel with their spouses and children are admitted free, as are children under the age of 6. The museum is open daily from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and is located at 745 North Gene Autry Trail in Palm Springs. Call (760) 778-6262 for additional information, or visit: [www.palmspringsairmuseum.org](http://www.palmspringsairmuseum.org)

**Donald Wexler Lecture**  
**Palm Springs Public Library**  
**2:00 PM, Saturday, February 23**

Noted Palm Springs architect, Donald Wexler, will present a lecture on Saturday afternoon at the Palm Springs Public Library. Wexler will discuss many of the projects that he has been involved with in Palm Springs dating back to the early 60's when he worked for William Cody. Wexler is one of the area architects credited for the modern contemporary look that continues to influence projects in Palm Springs. The event is open to the public free of charge, but seating is limited. The Palm Springs Public Library is located at 300 South Sunrise Way in the city of Palm Springs. For additional information call (760) 416-6731, or visit: [www.PalmSpringsLibrary.org](http://www.PalmSpringsLibrary.org)

## **Wine & Music Concert to benefit the Living Desert**



### **The Gardens on El Paseo 5:15 PM, Saturday, February 23**

The Wine and Music Concert Series at the Gardens on El Paseo will present the sounds of Lori Andrews this Saturday evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to come out and share in this informal gathering, held on the center lawn in front of Sacks Fifth Avenue. The event begins with a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception at 5:15p.m., with the outdoor concert following at 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person with proceeds benefiting the the Living Desert. Tickets can be purchased at the concert. Spend an evening under the magnificent desert sky listening to the relaxing sounds of smooth jazz, while helping to support the Variety Club of the Desert. The Gardens on El Paseo is located in Palm Desert between San Pablo and Larkspur. For additional information contact (760) 320-6430.

### **Home First Aid Seminar Mizell Senior Center 1:00 PM, Thursday, February 28**

Desert Regional Medical Center will present a seminar on how to equip your home for emergencies that may require first aid supplies. Learn what items to have in your medicine cabinet and how to use them properly. The seminar is free and open to the public. The Mizell Senior Center is located at the corner of Sunrise Way and Ramon Road in the city of Palm Springs. For additional information call (760) 323-5689.

### **Family Excursion to Tahquitz Canyon 9:00 - 11:30 AM, Saturday, March 1**

Desert Naturalist, Joe Migliore, will lead an outdoor study of the Tahquitz Canyon area located in Palm Springs. "Amazing Adaptations, an Outdoor Study of Tahquitz Canyon," will provide a guided walk through the Tahquitz Canyon with one of the of the valley's experts in desert flora and fauna. The family excursion is open to the public as a free community service presented by the Friends of the Desert Mountains and the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians. Interested participants will meet at Tahquitz Canyon, 500 W. Mesquite, just west of Palm Canyon Drive near downtown Palm Springs. Call Program Director, Scott Segal to RSVP at (760) 862-9084, or for additional information visit: [www.FriendsoftheDesertMountains.org](http://www.FriendsoftheDesertMountains.org)

## Vicky's of Santa Fe



The season is in full swing at Vicky's of Santa Fe with the return of Doug Montgomery in the lounge Wednesday - Sunday, and the Desert Cities Jazz Band performing to over capacity crowds every Sunday afternoon. "***One of the finest, most entertaining pianists I've ever heard***" commented Arnold Palmer after one of Montgomery's performances. This talented Julliard-trained musician plays for a limited engagement every year at Vicky's of Santa Fe in Indian Wells, and attracts a host of celebrities to the piano bar and lounge, along with an ever-growing crowd of regulars that return year after year after year. You can hear Doug's beautiful music by visiting the Vicky's of Santa Fe website, or you can catch Doug live and in person every Wednesday through Sunday evening at Vicky's of Santa Fe starting at 7:00 p.m. On Sunday's, Vicky's of Santa Fe welcomes the Desert Cities Jazz Band to the lounge for the best gathering of the valley's musicians. Performing from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m., band leader Allen Goodman entertains on drums, Bill Marx on piano, Bill Saitta on bass, Kent McGarity on trombone, Stan Watkins on pocket trumpet, Don Shelton on woodwinds and Hal Linden (subject to availability) on clarinet. Celebrities ranging from Bob Hope to Paris Hilton have cozied around the piano bar and lounge at Vicky's of Santa Fe in Indian Wells for the friendly atmosphere and great entertainment. A cover charge of \$10 is all that's needed to be in *the* desert hot spot on Sunday afternoon to hear the Desert Cities Jazz Band. Vicky's of Santa Fe is located at 45-100 Club Drive in Indian Wells. For additional information call (760) 345-9770, or visit the Vicky's of Santa Fe web site at: [www.VickysofSantaFe.com](http://www.VickysofSantaFe.com)

### **Double Feature: "One of Our Own" and "Fair Trade"**

#### **A Desert Film Society Presentation**

#### **Camelot Theatre, Palm Springs**

#### **9:00 AM, Saturday, March 1**

The Desert Film Society will present two films on Saturday morning March 1st. "One of Our Own" is an American-made film by Wild Horse Productions, that looks at two middle-class families' struggle in a fight for custody of an unborn child. Film producer Jack Robinson will be conducting an introduction to the film, with a Q&A session after the screening. The second film, "Fair Trade" is an award-winning German short film that presents a look at two close but vastly different worlds near the Straits of Gibraltar. Complimentary coffee and pastry are served, with the movie beginning at 9:30 a.m. Admission is \$15. The Camelot Theatre is located at 2300 East Baristo Road in Palm Springs. For additional information call (760) 772-2999, or visit the Desert Film Society website at: [www.DesertFilmSociety.com](http://www.DesertFilmSociety.com)

## **Palm Springs Community Concert Association**



Tickets are on sale for the Palm Springs Community Concert Association's 2008 season. The season includes a total of four concerts that include Russia's Chamber Orchestra, performing February 26, and Presidio Brass, performing March 27, (pictured above) in addition to the Poulenc Trio, March 15, featuring Vladimir Lane, Bryan Young and Irina Lande. Season tickets are available for \$40 per person. Curtain is 7:30 p.m., at the Palm Springs High School Auditorium, located at 2248 Ramon Road in Palm Springs. Call (760) 322-6132 for additional information, or visit: [www.psconcerts.org](http://www.psconcerts.org)

### **Free Golf Instruction**

#### **Desert Willow Golf Academy**

**2:00 - 3:00 PM, Saturday, March 1**

The Desert Junior Golf program offers free golf instruction for juniors ages 6-17 interested in learning the simple basics. Clinics are held at the Desert Willow Golf Academy, located at 38-500 Portola Avenue in Palm Desert. Interested participants should arrive no later than 1:45 p.m. For additional information call (760) 341-4323.

### **Sandblasters Barbershop Harmony Show**

#### **Annenberg Center at Eisenhower**

**Saturday, March 1**

The Coachella Valley Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society will perform their 30th annual show at the Annenberg Center for Health Sciences at Eisenhower Medical Center on Saturday, March 1st. Members of the valley's *Sandblasters* chorus will join two visiting quartets as well as other Barbershop quartets, for this annual event that draws members of the Barbershop Society from throughout the U.S. and Canada. Two shows will take place with the first beginning at 2:30 p.m., and the second at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 at the door. The Annenberg Center is located at 39-000 Bob Hope Drive in the city of Rancho Mirage. For tickets and additional information call Dick Reed at (760) 340-5341.

**East Valley Relay For Life  
Empire Polo Club, Indio  
March 1 & 2**

The American Cancer Society's annual 24-hour "Relay for Life" is an opportunity for cancer survivors and their families to participate in an event to remember their loved ones and raise awareness and well needed funds for cancer research. If you're a cancer survivor, you're invited to participate in the Survivors Walk opening lap at 9:00 a.m. Later that evening, at 9:00 p.m., the lights at the polo grounds will be dimmed during a luminaria ceremony when hundreds of candles will be lit in remembrance of those who have lost the fight against cancer. Join a team, form a team, volunteer, donate, or sponsor a walker to participate in the 24 Relay for Life. For additional information contact the local American Cancer Society office at (760) 568-2691, or learn more about how you can help at: [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

**Desert Swing 'N Dixie Jazz Festival  
March 14-16**

The Dixieland Jazz Society of the Desert brings the great sounds of Dixieland Jazz and Swing to the desert for the annual Desert Swing N Dixie Jazz Festival. Over ten bands are scheduled to perform at four different locations in the city of Palm Springs. The Festival begins at 11:30 a.m. Friday and concludes Sunday at 10:00 p.m. Single day tickets on Friday and Sunday are \$25, and \$45 for Saturday. A three-day ticket is available \$75. Bands scheduled to perform include: the Palm Springs Jazz Band, Marshall Hawkins Quartet, featuring Pat Rizzo, South Burgundy Jazz Band, Prime Time Jazz Band, Chicago Six, Night Blooming Jazzmen, Yve Evans & Company, Coyote Hills Jazz Band, Fulton Street Jazz Band, Jim Kirwan's Hot Sand Stompers, the Ted Herman Orchestra, Manny Lopez Latin Dance Band, Johnny Meza Band featuring Lola Rossi and Herb Jeffries, Yve Evans and Company, High Sierra Jazz Band, Chicago Six, Reece Mashburn Band, Titanic Jazz Band, Gino Antonacci Quintet, Jim Beatty Jazz Band, featuring David Christopher, Gordon Parr and the Dixiecats. For performance locations and other information visit: [www.DesertJazz.org](http://www.DesertJazz.org)



When oilman Thomas O'Donnell was planting the seeds of what would become the first golf course in the city of Palm Springs, car-designer-to-the-stars, Howard "Dutch" Darrin was in Paris perfecting what would become his legacy. The Desert Classic Concours d'Elegance will bring the creations of these two visionaries together for the first time, in a two-day event set to be held on the historic O'Donnell Golf Course, February 29 and March 1.

This rare 1941 Packard, photographed above, was custom-designed by Dutch Darrin and is one of the early entries confirmed in the inaugural event, says Desert Classic Concours organizer, Paul Merrigan. "One of just a limited few built, this automobile is a perfect match for our event because of its association with Darrin, who crafted many of his cars for the same celebrities that brought worldwide attention to Palm Springs in the early 1940's. We anticipate that the Desert Classic Concours d'Elegance will have the same effect, and return some of that attention back to a city so rich in history during an era of exceptional car design," stated Merrigan. The featured marque for the inaugural event is Maserati, with early participants from Ferrari, Austin-Healey and Alfa Romeo clubs, the Classic Car Club of America, as well as Maserati and Packard clubs.

Unlike anything before in Palm Springs, the event kicks-off on Friday, February 29, with the Tour Classique. Beginning at 11:00 a.m., the Tour Classique will initiate from the O'Donnell Golf Course, with a 30-mile tour consisting of the first thirty automobiles that qualify for entry in the inaugural event. Spectators are invited to catch a glimpse of these rarely seen automobiles as they parade the streets of Palm Springs before returning for a gathering at the O'Donnell Golf Course.

The opening ceremonies kick off on Saturday, March 1, when the gates to the O'Donnell Golf Course open to the public at 9:00 a.m. General admission tickets are \$20; clubhouse and grounds \$40. A limited amount of VIP tickets are still available for \$150. Students and Children under 17 are \$5, and enlisted military are free. For details and other information call (760) 360-4047, or visit [www.DesertConcours.com](http://www.DesertConcours.com)

## **Palm Springs Corvette Club - Annual Car Show & Auto-Cross Challenge**



### **Riverside County Fairgrounds 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM, March 15 & 16**

One of the favorite car events held in the desert each year is organized by the Palm Springs Corvette Club. The event allows participants to race their cars through a slalom course to compete with for best times, while raising funds to assist Coachella Valley patients with Lou Gehrig's Disease. A \$20 fee is required to enter a vehicle in the car show and/or auto cross competition. Entered vehicles may purchase a 3-race ticket for \$20, or single race ticket for \$8. All auto-cross contestants are timed and trophies and prizes are presented each day following competition. The Ninth Annual Auto-Cross and Car Show is sponsored by Jessup Motors and admission is free. Parking however, will cost you \$5. If you don't have a car to race, members of the Palm Springs Corvette Club will be offering ride-along passengers throughout the two-day event. The Riverside County Fairground is located in the city of Indio. Enter through Gate 6 near Arabia Street at Dr. Carreon Blvd. For additional information visit: [www.PalmSpringsCorvettes.com](http://www.PalmSpringsCorvettes.com)

### **World Affairs Council of the Desert Rancho Las Palmas Resort and Spa Sunday, March 16**

The World Affairs Council of the Desert holds monthly dinner and speaker programs during the season at the Rancho Las Palmas Resort and Spa in Rancho Mirage. The programs provide education on vital issues of global importance to diverse audiences in the Coachella Valley. On Sunday, March 16, the World Affairs Council of the Desert will introduce Dr. Paul R. Pillar as the keynote speaker. Pillar is the former Executive Assistant to the Director of Central Intelligence at the CIA, where he spent 28 years and was Chief of Analysis at the Counterterrorist Center. He is currently a visiting professor at Georgetown University, and author of *Negotiating Peace and Terrorism*. His address to the World Affairs Council is entitled: "Counterterrorism, Intelligence and the Middle East." A reception begins at 5:00 p.m., followed by dinner, the presentation and a question and answer session following. Admission including dinner is \$55 and requires advance reservations. The Rancho Las Palmas Resort and Spa is located at 41000 Bob Hope Drive in the city of Rancho Mirage. For details call (760) 322-7711, or visit: [www.WorldAffairsDesert.org](http://www.WorldAffairsDesert.org)

**The Work of Julius Shulman  
Palm Springs Public Library  
1:00 PM, Thursday, March 20**

Robert Brasier, director of education at the Palm Springs Art Museum, will present a lecture on the photographic genius of Julius Shulman. Get an in-depth look at this celebrated architectural photographer, whose work is currently on display at the Palm Springs Art Museum. Admission is free and open to the public. The Palm Springs Public Library is located at 300 S. Sunrise Way, in Palm Springs. Call (760) 416-6731 for additional information.

**YMCA Easter Egg Hunt & Healthy Kids Day  
YMCA Palm Desert  
9:00 AM - 12:30 AM, Saturday, March 22**

The Family YMCA of the Desert will host a traditional Easter egg hunt at the the Civic Center Park in Palm Desert on Saturday, March 22. Families with children are invited to meet the Easter bunny and participate in the hunt for hidden treats. The event is free, and one complimentary photograph from Grins2Go will be taken of all children wishing to be photographed with "The Bunny." One adult must accompany children participating in the hunt. Following the traditional hunt for eggs, games and activities will be available for children as part of the "Put Play in your Day" Healthy Kids Day event sponsored by Rabobank. A bounce house, as well as a variety of educational and sports activities will be offered. For additional information call the YMCA office at (760) 341-9622, or visit: [www.DesertYMCA.org](http://www.DesertYMCA.org)

**Well in the Desert Easter Egg Hunt  
12:00 - 3:00 PM, Sunday, March 23  
Sunrise Park, Palm Springs**

Families with children are invited to celebrate Easter at this free event in Palm Springs. A fun zone for children will include face painting, Easter basket making, as well as a traditional hunt for eggs. The event is open to the public and will include music and food. Sunrise Park is located on Baristo Road at Sunrise Way in Palm Springs, For additional information call Well in the Desert at (760) 327-8577.

**Women Running Wild 5K Run/Walk  
Ruth Hardy Park, Palm Springs  
Sunday, March 30**

The 12th Annual Women Running Wild 5K Run/Walk will begin and end at Ruth Hardy Park in Palm Springs, March 30th. The event benefits the Suzanne Jackson Breast Cancer Fund and attracts nearly 1,000 participants that run or walk in support or in memory of someone they love. The event also remembers Jody Klein, and benefits the Jody Klein Breast Cancer Fund that provides breast cancer diagnostic services for valley residents. Women Running Wild invites all ages of men, women and children to participate. Special event categories include a stroller and baby jogger event, pregnant women division and a doggie dash, with first, second and third place awards presented in every category. For details and registration forms, call Greg Klein at (760) 324-7069, or visit: [www.KleinClarkSports.com](http://www.KleinClarkSports.com)

### **Sunday Afternoon Music Series**

#### **Palm Desert Library**

**2:00 PM, Sunday, March 30**

Enjoy an afternoon of music with pianist Bob Allen as he presents musical selections from the 1960's. Admission is free, but advance reservations are advised. The Palm Desert Library is located on the campus of College of the Desert, at 73-300 Fred Waring Drive in the city of Palm Desert. For reservations and additional information call (760) 346-6552, ext. 253.

### **Family Excursion Horse Ride**

**8:30 - 1:30 PM, Saturday, April 5**

Take a 90-minute horseback ride through the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument with Scott Segal, director of programs at the Friends of the Desert Mountains. The family excursion is open to the public as a free community service presented by the Friends of the Desert Mountains and the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians. Meet at the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center, located at 51-500 Highway 74 in Palm Desert. Cost is \$50 per person, and open to anyone over the age of seven. Call Program Director, Scott Segal to RSVP at (760) 862-9084, or for additional information visit: [www.FriendsoftheDesertMountains.org](http://www.FriendsoftheDesertMountains.org)

### **Income Tax Assistance**

#### **Palm Springs Public Library**

**Through April 12**

Free tax preparation assistance will be available to low-income individuals and senior citizens beginning Thursday, February 7. Trained volunteers are available every Thursday evening from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., every Saturday from 10:00 am. - 3:00 p.m., through April 12. The service is free to senior citizens and low-income individuals on a first come first served basis. The Palm Springs Public Library is located at 300 South Sunrise Way in the city of Palm Springs. For additional information call (760) 416-6731, or visit: [www.PalmSpringsLibrary.org](http://www.PalmSpringsLibrary.org)

### **The Art of Palm Desert: A Guided Tour**

#### **Civic Center Park**

**10:00 AM, Saturday, April 12**

The City of Palm Desert will offer a free guided tour of their public art collection on Saturday, April 12. The docent-guided tour begins at 10:00 a.m., at Civic Center Park's south entrance off of Fred Waring Drive in Palm Desert. The tour lasts approximately one hour and includes a walk through the public art sculptures along El Paseo. Reservations are not required. For additional information, or to schedule a private group tour, call Deborah Schwartz at (760) 568-5240, or visit: [www.PalmDesertArt.org](http://www.PalmDesertArt.org)



**The River in Rancho Mirage - 1:00 - 5:00 PM, Saturday, April 12**

The River in Rancho Mirage will again play host for the annual Discovery Duck Pluck on Saturday, April 12. The annual event benefiting the Children's Discovery Museum in Rancho Mirage, allows participants to purchase rubber ducks that will be plucked (netted) for an array of prizes. Ducks may be purchased for \$10 at various valley locations, or online at the Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert website. Winners need not be present to be "plucked" or to win prizes! 10,000 ducks are available for the plucking so, call for details on how to adopt your lucky ducky duck at (760) 321-0602, or visit: [www.cdmod.org](http://www.cdmod.org)



**Opera in the Park - Sunday, April 20 - Sunrise Park, Palm Springs**

Spring is in the air, and that means that it's time to reserve your canopied seating for the tenth annual presentation of Opera in the Park. This annual springtime event, presented by the Palm Springs Opera Guild, is one of the finest outdoor productions held in the desert. Under the outstanding direction of Arlene Rosenthal, the always-popular opera festival, brings almost everyone in the valley out for a day in the warm desert sun. Ten outstanding opera singers will highlight the afternoon, accompanied by a 33-piece orchestra under the direction of Bill Vendice of the Los Angeles Opera. The event is presented to the public free of charge and includes an art show, community information booths, activities for children and an assortment of picnic-style refreshments. Canopies that provide shading for 5-6 adults may be reserved in advance at a cost of \$75 each, but are limited, so early reservations are advised. For this and other information call (760) 325-6107, or visit: [www.palmspringsoperaguild.org](http://www.palmspringsoperaguild.org)



**Agua Caliente Resort, Rancho Mirage  
6:00 PM, Saturday, April 19**

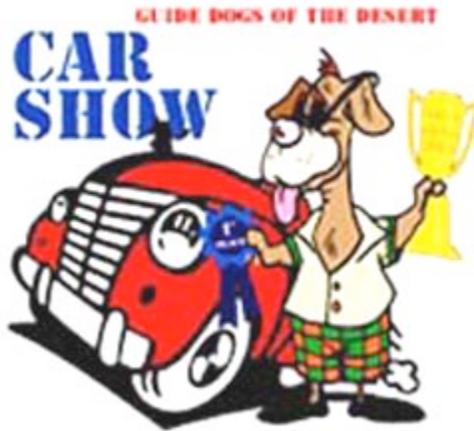
The 12th Annual International Hispanic Awards gala will be held on Saturday, April 19 at the Agua Caliente Resort in Rancho Mirage. The black-tie event will present awards of recognition to individuals that have made significant contributions to the Hispanic community through public service, communications, humanitarian efforts, business, education, law enforcement, or philanthropic works. Sponsors include the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, Time Warner Cable, the Cities of Indio and Coachella, Spa Resort Casino, Agua Caliente Casino, Congresswoman Mary Bono-Mack, Senator Jim Battin, Assemblywoman Bonnie Garcia and County Supervisor Roy Wilson. Tickets are \$125. For reservations and information call (760) 342-2565, or visit: [www.InternationalHispanicAwards.com](http://www.InternationalHispanicAwards.com)

**TOYOTA Desert International & Sprint Triathlon**



**Lake Cahuilla, La Quinta  
Sunday, April 20**

The City of La Quinta will host 1,000 athletes competing in the TOYOTA Desert International & Sprint Triathlon on Sunday, April 20. Beginning at 7:00 a.m., the International competition consists of a 3/4 mile swim, 24 mile bike, followed by a 6 mile run. The Sprint competition consists of a 500 meter swim, 14 mile bike and 3 mile run. An awards ceremony will be presented with music, prizes and post-race refreshments for contestants and their supporters. Proceeds benefit the Policeman's Athletic League. For details and registration forms, call Greg Klein at (760) 324-7069, or visit: [www.KleinClarkSports.com](http://www.KleinClarkSports.com)



**Guide Dogs of the Desert  
Fifth Annual Car & Motorcycle Show  
Sunday, April 20**

The fifth annual Guide Dogs of the Desert Car Show will be held on Saturday, April 20 at the Guide Dogs of the Desert training facility. All classes of vehicles are invited to enter this annual event benefiting Guide Dogs of the Desert International. Advance entry fee is \$15, or \$20 on the day of the event. Entertainment and food will be available on site, as well as training demonstrations and tours of the facility. Trophy, raffle and events sponsorship opportunities are available. The event is located at the Guide Dogs of the Desert facility. Traveling north on Hwy. 62 towards the 29 Palms, exit Dillon Road and drive west on Dillon Road to GDDI. Spectator admission is free. Call (760) 329-6257 for registration and information, or visit: [www.GuideDogsoftheDesert.com](http://www.GuideDogsoftheDesert.com)



**May 2-3  
2nd and "D" Streets, San Bernardino**

The inaugural Berdoo Bikes and Blues Rendezvous promises to be a fun-filled event for motorcycle buffs and music lovers. Located in historic downtown San Bernardino, (where the annual Route 66 Rendezvous is held,) the streets will be closed and fenced for the ultimate festival experience. There will be non-stop music on two stages, and on Saturday evening, enjoy the blues and jazz sound of Rod Piazza and the Mighty Flyers. Other activities include a poker run, bike show with awards, dyno drags, custom builder displays, riding demonstrations, vendors, food and so much more! The Berdoo Bikes and Blues Rendezvous is held in cooperation with the San Bernardino Professional Fire Fighters. Proceeds benefit the Edward G. Hirschman Burn Center at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. For additional information call (909) 388-2934, or visit: [www.route-66.org](http://www.route-66.org)



**Evening Under the Stars - O'Donnell Golf Club  
6:00 PM, Saturday, May 3**

The 15th Annual Evening Under the Stars Gala to benefit the AIDS Assistance Program, will be held Saturday evening, May 3, at the O'Donnell Golf Club in Palm Springs. The highlight of the evening will be the awards presentation that recognizes those in the community that have made significant contributions to assist those with HIV/AIDS and the AIDS Assistance Program. 2008 honorees include Arlene Rosenthal, Bill Jones and Jim Murdock. Also being honored with the Jeannette Rockefeller Humanitarian Award is the Wells Fargo Foundation receiving the award named in memory of a co-founder of the AIDS Assistance Program. Evening Under the Stars begins at 6:00 p.m. with a cocktail reception on the greens of the golf course, followed by the dinner presentation at 7:30 p.m., and entertainment by Pink Martini. Tickets are \$395 per person, and can be purchased by contacting the AIDS Assistance Program at (760) 325-8481. For additional information visit: [www.EveningUnderTheStars.com](http://www.EveningUnderTheStars.com)

**Palm Springs Historical Society**

The McCallum Adobe Museum and the Cornelia White House, located at 221 South Palm Canyon Drive, exhibits a variety of items from the early days of Palm Springs. In total, over 25,000 photographs, historical records and videos are archived by Museum Curator, Sally McManus. The Palm Springs Historical Society is currently open for the season. Inquiries may be made by calling (760) 323-8297, or by visiting the Palm Springs Historical Society website at: [www.PalmSpringsHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.PalmSpringsHistoricalSociety.org)

**Weekly Jam Sessions**

Dick Broadie continues to play piano at the Mizell Senior Center for lunch every Monday, as well as his popular Jam Sessions, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 every Wednesday. The Jam Sessions are organized and led by Dick Broadie, who was once recognized as one of the most interesting men in the Coachella Valley. Dick Broadie is one of those unique talents that the desert is proud to have as their very own. He is one of those rare and gifted musicians that plays numerous instruments, and plays them well. His resume includes a long list of performances with many headline acts that include Frank Sinatra, Hoagy Carmichael and Buddy Rogers to name only a few. The public is invited to join Dick Broadie at the Mizell Senior Center, 480 South Sunrise Way in Palm Springs. Musicians of all skill levels are also welcome to join Dick and his friends during the jam sessions on Wednesday's. For additional information call Dick at (760) 325-8181, or visit: [www.richardbroadie.com](http://www.richardbroadie.com)

## **Take a Hike!**

### **Thursday Morning Hikes in the National Monument**

#### **Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center**

##### **8:30 AM, Every Thursday Morning**

Take a hike with the Friends of the Desert Mountains every Thursday morning in Palm Desert. The guided hikes beginning at the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto National Monument Visitor Center are free to the public and beginners are welcome. The hikes will last one to two hours and will tour the Art Smith, Randall Henderson and Hopalong Cassidy Trails. Hikers should arrive at 8:30 a.m., for hikes beginning at 8:45. Hikers should wear sturdy shoes (hiking shoes/boots if possible) and bring at least 1-liter (33 oz.) of water. The Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center is located at 51-500 State Highway 74 in Palm Desert. Call Program Director, Scott Segal at (760) 862-9084 for additional information, or visit [www.FriendsoftheDesertMountains.org](http://www.FriendsoftheDesertMountains.org)

## **Free Museum Admission for Teens**

### **Palm Springs Art Museum, Palm Springs**

As part of its 70-year anniversary activities, the Palm Springs Art Museum will be offering free admission to youth under the age of 17 throughout 2008. This Palm Springs treasure is located in the heart of Downtown Palm Springs and features contemporary, Native American, Western and Pre-Columbian art, as well as two sculpture gardens. Zone 101 also provides visitors with children with an opportunity to experience the Museum, with free family activities held monthly in an interactive space. The museum is located at 101 Museum Drive, one block west of Palm Canyon Drive. Call (760) 325-7186 for additional information, or visit the museum website at: [www.psmuseum.org](http://www.psmuseum.org)

## **Free Museum Admission Every Weekend**

### **Agua Caliente Cultural Museum, Palm Springs**

Admission to the Agua Caliente Cultural Museum in Palm Springs is always free. Since 1991, the Agua Caliente Cultural Museum has provided residents, visitors and students with a rich history of the Cahuilla Tribe of Palm Springs. The museum contains numerous historical artifacts and materials that highlight the Native American culture of the Agua Caliente Indians. Museum exhibits include Cahuilla pottery and basketry art of Agua Caliente basket weaver, Flora Patencio. The museum also houses the finest collection of Native American reference materials in the desert. The Museum is located at 219 South Palm Canyon Drive. For additional information call (760) 778-1079, or visit: [www.ACCMuseum.org](http://www.ACCMuseum.org)

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