

August Roundup

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'Let's Cook, El Paso' — KTSM, KDBC and Western Wholesale Supply will host the learning event 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, **Aug. 21**, at El Paso County Coliseum, featuring classes, demonstrations and wine and food tastings from local and regional chefs. Class sizes limited; age 16 and older admitted. Class packages range from \$20-\$105, depending on number of classes taken. Admission (no classes): \$19; advance tickets at ktsm2.ticketfill.com. Information: 342-5465.

- Classes (each is one hour long):
- Breakfast with Chef Rudy Valdes of Crave Kitchen & Bar, 10 a.m.
 - Appetizer Class with Jane Steele, 11 a.m.
 - Grilling & Tailgating with Frank Mello, Darrell Plemons, and Colby Griffith of Bull Grills, noon, 2 and 4 p.m.
 - Italian Cuisine with Chef Diego Amigo of Coronado Country Club, noon and 3 p.m.
 - Asian: Thai Fusion, with Chef/Owner Sai Pituk of Tara Thai Restaurant, 1 p.m.
 - Pastry Class with Chef Charlie Chidiac of International Bakery & Deli, 4 p.m.
 - Healthy & Fast, 5 to 6 p.m.
 - Wine & Cheese Pairing with Mark Heins, owner of the Greenery and 2900, hourly from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - Beer-ology 101 with Adrian Perez of L&F Distributors, hourly 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - Table Decoration with Amy Leanse of Take Aim Special Events and Decor, 10 and 11 a.m. and noon.
 - Centerpiece Decoration with Amy Leanse, 2 and 3 p.m.
 - Personalization with Amy Leanse, 4 and 5 p.m.
 - Cupcake Decoration with Tona Ligorio, of Cakes and Cookies by T. Hourly 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Home and Garden Expo — The 11th annual expo is **Aug. 27-29** at El Paso Convention Center. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. More than 200 area companies display the latest products and services for homeowners. Admission: \$5; \$3 military/seniors 62 and older; free for ages 18 and younger. Seniors and military admitted free Friday. Information: (361) 882-2071 or expoltd.com.

Special guest is Kelly Edwards, currently appearing on several cable shows including co-host and design coordinator on STYLE Network's "Tacky House," HGTV's "Design on a Dime" and AOL Living.

Also featured are daily giveaways, educational seminars from area experts for interior design and décor ideas, home energy saving tips, current tax incentives and more. El Paso County Master Gardeners will provide fall planting tips.

St. Nicholas Greek Festival — The 23rd annual festival of vibrant Greek culture is **Aug. 27-29** at the Greek Orthodox Church of St. Nicholas, 124 S. Festival. Hours are 5 to 10 p.m. Friday, noon to 10 p.m. Saturday and noon to 9 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. Information: 833-0882.

Food is always the star of the show at the Greek Festival, and baklava and a plethora of other pastries such as koulourakia and paximadia will be sold. Lamb will be roasted Greek style on a spit. The famous Greek combination dinner plate will also be available with souvlakia (beef shish kebab) or chicken oreganato, rice pilaf, tyropita (cheese-filled phyllo), spanakopita (spinach-filled phyllo), keftedes (spicy meatballs), dolmathes (stuffed grape leaves), Greek salad and pita bread.

The items can be purchased separately, along with gyros sandwiches and loukanika (Greek sausage on pita bread), kalamari, moussaka (baked eggplant) and pistichio (Greek pasta dish). Pastries include baklava, sweet breads and loukamathes (honey puffs). Greek and American coffee also are sold with other beverages. Wine, beer and sodas will be available.

The Greek Souvenirs store will have several handmade and imported items, and live Greek music and dances are also featured.

El Paso Psychic Fair — The fair is 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, **Aug. 28-29**, at the Hawthorn Inn, 1700 Airway (at Boeing). Admission: \$5 for both days (private readings not included with admission). Free admission with active duty military I.D. Information: 345-6245 or elpasopsychicfair.com.

The fair features aura photos, tealeaf readings, handmade New Age crystal and gemstone jewelry, spirit writing, Feng Shui products, aromatherapy and readings by 14 professional psychic readers and mediums from across Texas and New Mexico. Readings offered in English and Spanish.

Stateliners Car Club — Anthony Texas's Stateliners Car Club's 4th annual fundraising show is 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, **Aug. 28**, at the Town of Anthony's Municipal Park in Anthony, Texas. The show features low riders, low rider bikes, hot rods, trucks, modified classics, muscle cars, bombs and original classics 1987 or older. Proceeds benefit local charities. Spectator admission by donation. Information: 409-7927 or 920-9247.

Entry fee for participants: \$25 pre-registration; \$30 day of show.

San Luis Rey Fiesta — San Luis Rey Church in Chamberino, N.M. will host its Gran Fiesta noon to 10 p.m. Sunday, **Aug. 29**, featuring food and refreshments (gorditas, enchiladas, tripitas, hamburgers, sodas, aguas frescas, snow cones, beer), loteria, dart throw and a softball tournament. Live music provided by Centauro Band as well as folklorico dancers and matachines. Information: (575) 882-2045.

Fiesta is preceded by a mass at 10 a.m.

Fiesta de las Flores — The Hispanic Cultural Center presents the festival **Sept. 3-5** at El Paso County Coliseum, 4100 Paisano, with food, vendors, music, dances and more. Tickets on sale Aug. 1. Information: 533-3730 or fiestadelasflores.com.

Headliners include Los Rieleros on Saturday and Los Intocables on Sunday. Military Appreciation Day is Sunday.

Minerpalooza 2010 — UTEP's 20th annual back-to-school bash and pep rally is 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, **Sept. 3**, in the center of UTEP's campus, corner of University and Hawthorne. The family-friendly event features fall sports teams, games, information booths and appearances by UTEP athletes. Live music by Sleepercar, Brown Betty, Radio La Chusma and Pan 8. Extended Kids Zone hours are 6 to 10 p.m. during the event. Admission is free; food and some activities sold separately. Miner game tickets will be sold. Information: 747-5670 or utep.edu/minerpalooza.

Southern New Mexico

Zia Weekend at Ruidoso Downs — The annual arts and craft show is 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, **July 31-Aug. 1**, at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack, featuring all-New Mexico made artworks, handmade items and live entertainment. Admission is free.

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