

## Museum

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Rod Linkous will portray Mayor Solomon Schutz, who served 1880-1881, at 2 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 18**, as part of the "Awakening our Giants" lecture series. "Schutz" will answer questions about El Paso in the early 1880s. Admission is free.

Free hands-on workshops (early registration encouraged):

- "Write like a Maya" with El Paso artist Gabriel Gaytan is 6:30 p.m. Thursday, **Feb. 16**. Learn how the ancient Maya communicated their ideas and words.

- "Make beads out of Roses" with artist Sherry White is 2 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 25**. Learn why a rosary is called a rosary and other rose-related trivia while using rose petals to make beads. All materials supplied.

Tai Chi I and II Saturday classes continue 10 a.m. to noon **through Feb. 25** and lunch classes are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays **through Feb. 29**. Cost: \$20 (\$10 members).

**Fort Bliss Museums and Study Center** — Building 1735, Marshall Road (old PX build-

ing), Fort Bliss. Exhibits range from Civil War artifacts to the Patriot Missile System. Admission is free. Open 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Information: 568-3390 or 568-5412.

With the relocation of the 1st Armored Cavalry Division to Fort Bliss, the museum is adding 35 tanks and 10 other vehicles to its outdoor displays. The museum is also expanding its exhibit on the post's history with Mexico, including the 1916 "Punitive Expedition" led by Gen. John "Blackjack" Pershing.

Also on Fort Bliss is Old Fort Bliss, Building 505 I, corner of Pershing and Pleasanton, a reproduction of the Magoffinsville Post of 1854 to 1868. Information: 568-4518.

**Insights El Paso Science Museum** — 505 N. Santa Fe. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission: \$6 (\$5 seniors, students and military; \$4 ages 4-11). Information: 534-0000 or insightseelpaso.org.

Science Saturday event for parents and children are 10 to 11 a.m. the second Saturday of each month (**Feb. 11**), for ages 6 to 8, sponsored by the museum and Junior League of El Paso. Children learn about telling time by reading a story about time and participate in a "Veggie Clock" science experiment. Limited to the first 30 children; must be accompanied by parent. Cost: \$2 per person; \$5 family of four.

Now showing is El Paso Fire Department's History and Science gallery with hands-on exhibits featuring safety in the home and in the environment. Also new are exhibits from Explora! a children's museum in Albuquerque, and the Tornado Machine.

**Los Portales Museum and Visitor Center** — 1521 San Elizario Road. The museum is operated by the San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Society in an 1850s Territorial-style building across from the San Elizario church. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. Information: 851-1682.

**LYNX Exhibits** — The exhibit space is at 300 W. San Antonio (just south of Convention Center). Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Closed Monday. Last admission is one hour before closing time. Information: 533-4330 or lynxexhibits.com.

Showing **through May 28**: "The Science of SuperCroc," with the world's largest crocodile, 40-foot-long. SuperCroc brings together "Sarcosuchus and Suchomimus," two of the fiercest prehistoric predators that lived 110 million years ago, in an exciting, hands-on experience. Included are original fossil specimens, life-sized skeletons, a flesh reconstruction of SuperCroc, and field tents mimicking life on a field expedition. Visitors have opportunities to "measure up" against the SuperCroc, "weigh in" as potential bait, mechanically move a dinosaur and more.

Also with SuperCroc are live animal displays by Dennis Breyer, of Noah's Ark Pets and

Supplies, including dwarf caimans and a Nile crocodile. Other local partners include the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department, displaying illegal and counterfeit reptile skins and products, and the El Paso Public Library and Historic Preservation Department, providing information on San Jacinto Plaza's famous alligator pond.

Supercroc admission: \$10; \$8 for seniors, students and military with ID and \$6 for children 4 to 11; free for ages 3 and younger.

**Motorcycle exhibit artifacts needed** — El Paso Museum of History is seeking unique motorcycles and artifacts for loan for its upcoming exhibit "Motorcycles and Museums" about one of El Paso's favorite forms of transportation, showing April through August. This project will reach out to all motorcycle aficionados in the West Texas, New Mexico region and beyond who would like to loan unique motorcycles and artifacts to the museum for the six-month exhibition. Information: Jim Murphy or Barbara Angus, 351-3588.

**National Border Patrol Museum and Memorial Library** — 4315 Transmountain Drive. The museum, in Northeast El Paso just west of U.S. 54, features the history of the Border Patrol with uniforms, equipment, photographs, guns, motor vehicles, airplanes, boats and other items, including hands-on exhibits for kids. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Closed Sunday, Monday and major holidays. Admission is free. Information: 759-6060 or borderpatrolmuseum.com.

**Railroad and Transportation Museum of El Paso** — More than 150 years of El Paso railroad history are on display at Union Depot Transit Terminal, 400 W. San Antonio, at Durango. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. Information: 422-3420, 256-4409 or elpasorails.org.

The museum hosts a Downtown Walking Tour of sites related to railroad history is 10:30 a.m. Saturday, **Feb. 18**, starting at Cleveland Square, near the Museum of History and Downtown library branch. Learn about two stage station sites, the Transcontinental rail line built by Chinese workers in 1881 for the Southern Pacific, El Paso & Southwestern Depot in the 1881 train yard, 1880s buildings and a Victorian neighborhood, Mule Car and Streetcar lines and more. The tour consists for two hour-long walks with lunch break in between. Registration begins at 10:15 a.m. Cost: \$5 (discounts for students, teachers and military; free for children).

**San Elizario Veterans Museum and Memorial Walk** — 1501-B Main Street in San Elizario. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. Information: Ann Lara, 345-3741 or Ray Borrego, 383-8529.

**War Eagles Air Museum** — 8012 Airport Road, Doña Ana County Airport, Santa Teresa. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Admission: \$5; \$4 senior citizens and military; free for children under 12. Information: (575) 589-2000 or war-eagles-air-museum.com.

The warbirds of World War II and Korea, and other historic military aircraft, are displayed in a 54,000-square-foot building and surrounding area. The collection of more than 30 aircraft and 40 automobiles includes the P-51 Mustang, P-38 Lightning, A-26 Invader and the German Fieseler-Storch. Among later aircraft are the F-86 Sabre and MiG-15s.

## Las Cruces area

**Branigan Cultural Center** — Branigan Building, 501 N. Main, (Downtown Mall) Las Cruces. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Closed Sunday and Monday. Admission is free. Information: (575) 541-2154 or las-cruces.org/museums.

Showing **Feb. 3-25**:

- ArtForms Artists Association annual "For The Love of Art" month exhibit with paintings, drawings, sculptures, jewelry, paper, fiber arts and wood.

- Works from a Doña Ana County Sculpture Class.

Opening reception for both exhibits is 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, **Feb. 3**, during the monthly Ramble. Also featured is a free concert by American Indian flutist Randy Granger.

In celebration of "For the Love of Art Month, the museum will host several free programs 1 to 2 p.m. Saturdays in February:

- **Feb. 4** — Voz Vaqueros, "The Singing Men of Las Cruces."

- **Feb. 11** — Local Flamenco dancers and Lucilene de Geus.

- **Feb. 18** — Ten Plus One percussionists.

- **Feb. 25** — Sin Fronteras poetry reading.

**Las Cruces Museum of Natural History** — Mesilla Valley Mall, Las Cruces (take Lohman exit east off I-25). Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and Saturdays; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fridays; 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays. Closed Feb. 20. All events are free unless otherwise noted. Information: (575) 522-3120 or las-cruces.org.

Showing **through May 6**: "To The Moon: Snoopy Soars with NASA," examining the history of Apollo 10 and the Peanuts characters' role in documenting that flight and in the NASA Manned Flight Awareness safety program, The Silver Snoopy Award.

On permanent exhibit is the Nature Center, highlighting the wildlife of Southern New Mexico with a broad collection of amphibians, reptiles, fish and arachnids native to the Chihuahuan Desert.

Upcoming events:

- Sky Safari 7 p.m. Saturday, **Jan. 28**, Tombaugh Observatory on the NMSU Campus.

- Saturday Science Class for elementary children is 11 a.m. Saturday, **Feb. 4**. Registration required. Topic: Space Travel.

- Share Fair, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 11**.

- Dinosaur Train for ages 3-5 is 9-9:30 a.m. Thursday, **Feb. 16**.

- Museum Lecture is 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, **Feb. 21**. Paolo Oemig, 8th grade science teacher at Zia Middle School and a volunteer for the NASA Solar System Educator Program in New Mexico, will discuss NASA telescope programs.

- Science Café is 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, **Feb. 23**.

- Sky Safari 7 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 25**, Tombaugh Observatory on the NMSU Campus.

The February session will give scouts an opportunity to earn a merit badge.

**Las Cruces Railroad Museum** — The museum is in the Santa Fe train depot, 351 N. Mesilla. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Admission is free; donations encouraged. Information: (575) 647-4480 or museums.las-cruces.org/rrmuseum.shtm.

- Dinosaur Train for ages 3-5 is 9-9:30 a.m. Thursday, **Feb. 2**.

- Family Game Day is 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, **Feb. 11**. Families can try out early 20th century games.

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