

# My Las Cruces: Feb. 7

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## SUNDAY FEB. 7

**ArtForms Member Show, Here & There:** Tombaugh Gallery, inside the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive, will open the second half of the For the Love of Art Month show with a reception from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. The show closes on Feb. 26. Comprised of photographs, fractal art, paintings, sculpture, and more, the exhibits reflects the diverse membership of ArtForms, which includes professional artists, art enthusiasts, business owners, hobbyists, retirees, students, and teachers. Info: [artformsnm.org/love\\_of\\_art.htm](http://artformsnm.org/love_of_art.htm).

**Super Sunday Road Race:** 1-mile fun run at 8:15 a.m. and the 5K/5-mile road race at 8:30 a.m. Sunday.

Registration at 7:30 a.m. Parking, registration and start/finish at University/Dripping Springs and Sonoma Ranch Blvd. Registration or info: [lascrucesrunningclub.com](http://lascrucesrunningclub.com).

## MONDAY FEB. 8

**Coaching Youth Baseball Class:** 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday and continues through March 7 at DACC Workforce Center, room 121. Instructor will be Mark O'Neill. Online registration at [dacc.augusoft.net](http://dacc.augusoft.net). Sign up, or info: 575-527-7527 or [commed@dacc.nmsu.edu](mailto:commed@dacc.nmsu.edu).

## TUESDAY FEB. 9

**Las Cruces Association of Educational Retirees:** 11:15 to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the NMSU Golf Course restaurant ball room, 3000 Herb Wimberly Drive. Speaker will be Celso Enciso, medical training captain with Doña Ana County Fire and Emergency Services. His topic will be "What happens when you call 911 and request an ambulance ... how to help the EMTs." The cost of the luncheon will be \$12.50 per person. Members are reminded to pay their 2016 annual dues. Reservations or info: Barbara Weskot, 575-373-1045 or Linda Morgan, 575-522-0203.

**Dignity Project:** 4 p.m. Tuesday at Good Samaritan auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Speaker will be Matt Holt, an attorney and law professor at NMSU regarding the Dignity homeless shower and bathroom project for Tent City at Camp Hope. Info: [jackie.e.barnett@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.e.barnett@gmail.com)

**Wire Swirl Chandelier Earrings:** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at DACC East Mesa DAEM, room 107. Instructor will be Marty Arndt. Sign up, or info: 575-527-7527 or [commed@dacc.nmsu.edu](mailto:commed@dacc.nmsu.edu).

## WEDNESDAY FEB. 10

**Native Plant Society Presentation:** 7 p.m. Wednesday in the conference room, Social Center, University Terrace Good Samaritan Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Lisa Mandelkern will present talk on Mexican gold poppies. One of the most spectacular spring wildflower displays is created by dazzling Mexican gold poppies. The Native Plant Society of New Mexico is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to conserving the native flora of New Mexico. The public is welcome. Info: Carolyn Gressitt, 575-523-8413 and leave a message.

**Reading Art Book Club:** 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. The book club will have an open, group discussion on the book "Capturing the Light: The Birth of Photography, a True Story of Genius and Rivalry" by Roger Watson and Helen Rappaport. "Captured Light: The Invention of Still Photography," from the History Channel's "Modern Marvels" series, will be shown prior to the meeting at 1:30 pm. Join them even if you haven't read the book. Free. Info: Stephanie Abdon, 575-541-2217 or [sabdon@las-cruces.org](mailto:sabdon@las-cruces.org).

**Umpiring Youth Baseball 101:** 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and continues through March 9 at DACC Workforce Center, room 123. Instructor will be Mark O'Neill. Sign up, or info: 575-527-7527 or [commed@dacc.nmsu.edu](mailto:commed@dacc.nmsu.edu).

**Doña Ana County Genealogical Society:** 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Roadrunner Room, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Trica Willey Hazelton will present the program "How to effectively use the U.S. Census Records from 1790-1840 in genealogical research." All visitors are welcome. Info: [dacgslc@gmail.com](mailto:dacgslc@gmail.com).

## THURSDAY FEB. 11

**Big Band Dance Club Dance:** Valentine Ball from 8 to 10 p.m. Thursday at Alma d'Arte Charter High School, 402 W. Court St. Music by Ron Thielman's Septet. Dance lesson taught by John Guisto, at 7 p.m. Decorations, finger food. Admission is \$8 members, \$10 nonmembers and \$5 students with ID.

Beginners, singles and couples are welcome. No dance partner necessary. Info: 575-526-6504.

**Planeteers:** 9 a.m. Thursday at the Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St., for children ages 3 to 5. They will be exploring the Sun. They will be counting down some of the top 10 facts about the Sun before creating a collage image to take home. Come learn about the final frontier. Info: 575-522-3120.

**Beginning Knitting Class:** Thomas Branigan Library will start a Beginning Knitting Class. The class will meet from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Thursday and continue through April 14. Adults are invited; class designed for those who have never knitted before and want to learn. Students will develop a solid foundation in 10 weeks. Men and women ages 18 and above are welcome to register for the classes. Supplies for the class will be \$5. Registration is required. Registration or info: Carmella Lee, 575-528-4024 or calee@las-cruces.org.

**Nature Kids Program:** 9 a.m. Thursday at the Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St., for children ages 3 to 5. They will learn about mushrooms and recyclers. They will read the book "Mushroom in the Rain" by Mirra Ginsburg and discuss the life cycle of mushrooms and how they help recycle waste in nature. Also will take a close up look at mushrooms with magnifiers and create a mushroom-themed art project. Free. Info: 575-522-3120.

**Memorial Cares Seminar:** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Memorial West Annex Conference Rooms, Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. Free screenings, question-and-answer with the doctors, and get a coupon for a free cholesterol screening. Presented by Memorial's Heart Team, Dr. Connor, Dr. Alkouz, Dr. Zaeem and Dr. Corral. Reserve your spot at this free seminar. Space is limited. RSVP or info: 575-532-4453 or 800-424-3627.

**History Notes Lecture:** 1 p.m. Thursday at Branigan Cultural Center, 501 North Main St. Lecture title, "Fabian Garcia and the Remaking of New Mexico Agriculture" presented by Dr. Peter Kopp. The influence of Fabian Garcia on the traditions and reputation of New Mexico extend far beyond NMSU. In this talk, Dr. Kopp will explore the long-lasting effects of Garcia's lifetime of research and advocacy in agricultural science. Come learn about how your kitchen and tastes might be part of his on-going legacy. This lecture is part of the Latino Americans: 500 years of history programming series. Latino Americans: 500 Years of History has been made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association. Info: 575-541-2154 or las-cruces.org/museums.

**Behavioral Health Local Collaborative 3 Membership Meeting:** 11:30 a.m. Thursday at La Clinica De Familia, 100 W. Griggs, upstairs conference room. Information sharing on local behavioral health issues with lunch included. Public welcome. Free.

## FRIDAY FEB. 12

**Dia Del Amor Downtown Dance Party:** 8 p.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the Crossroads Acupuncture, 130 S. Main St. Featuring live music from Simeon Beardsley and more, With DJ RiseOHM Shahid Mustafa. This is a joint fundraiser for Flores de Juarez, a barefoot health project in Mexico, and Developing Youth from the Ground Up/Sustain, a community organic farm in Mesilla. Info: 575-312-6569 or Crossroadsacupuncture.com.

**"An Iliad" and "Killing Buddha" Performances:** "An Iliad" one-night performance at 8 p.m. Friday and "Killing Buddha" performances at 8 p.m. Saturday; Feb. 19-20; and 2:30 p.m. Feb. 21. All performances are at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. No Strings Theatre Company in association with Theatre Dojo welcomes a return of the touring Southwestern premiere of the highly acclaimed Obie award-winning adaptation of Homer's Iliad. "An Iliad," written Lisa Peterson and Denis O'Hare, is performed by actor Algernon D'Amassa and musician Randy Granger. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors over 65 or students. Reservations or info: Black Box Theatre, 575-523-1223.

## SATURDAY FEB. 13

**New Mexico Heritage Series:** Josh Grider will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Grider teams up with the Doña Ana Arts Council for a Valentine's Day weekend show. This year, he'll perform a more intimate, acoustic-based set. Joining him onstage will be his colleague, collaborator and producer Bobby Hamrick, as well as his wife, Kristi Grider. Tickets are \$32 for main floor reserved seats; \$22 for balcony reserved seats (all fees included). \$10 student rush tickets (with valid Student ID) for balcony seating will be available 10 minutes before show time. Tickets or info: 575-523-6403 or riograndetheatre.com.

**Annual Cupid's Chase 5K:** 10 a.m. Saturday at Mesilla Plaza 2114 Calle De Santiago. Registration at 8 a.m. Registration fee is \$30 before Saturday and \$40 day of race. Community Options Inc. invites runners, walkers, and rollers (baby strollers and wheelchairs) to help make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities by participating in the Cupid's Chase 5K. All proceeds go to supporting the people with disabilities in the community. Registration at cupidchase.org. Info: comop.org.

**Fabulous 13 Program:** Teens from New Mexico, Texas, Arizona, and California will participate in a special program hosted by the University Church of Christ, 1555 E. University Ave., on Saturday. The special program is called Fabulous 13 because the teens spend 13 hours together in various activities throughout the day. Activities include serving the Las Cruces community in 19 different service projects. About 200 volunteers will take to the streets of Las Cruces from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday to share the joy of serving and loving on people. Info: University Church of Christ, 575-405-3382.

**Valentine's Date Day:** Two treatments for \$20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Crossroads Acupuncture, 130 S. Main St. Bring a date and share a treatment together, and share the cost of one treatment. Appointments or info: 575-312-6569 or book online, [Crossroadsacupuncture.com](http://Crossroadsacupuncture.com).

**Annual Studio Tours:** The tours will take place Saturday and on Feb. 14, Feb. 20-21 and the tours gives everyone a chance to see where art is created as well as talk to the artists. Hours are Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m., though hours may vary at some venues. These tours will feature special works by artists throughout the area and include a variety of art including paintings in all media, folk (Santero) art, photography, ceramics, fiber art, dolls, sculpture, weaving, jewelry, glass, gourd art, copper art, drawings, beadwork, clayboards, pastels, mixed media, metal creations, and digital art. The annual For the Love of Art Month, a regional, monthlong celebration of the visual, literary, and performing arts spearheaded by the ArtForms Artists Association. Info: [artformsnm.org/love\\_of\\_art.htm](http://artformsnm.org/love_of_art.htm).

**Crop and Cuisine Workshop:** 11 a.m. Saturday at Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St.

The first Crop and Cuisine workshop, "Latino American Culture and Food," food lies at the heart of your daily and communal identity. Dr. Lois Stanford of NMSU will present a talk examining the ways that agricultural traditions and local recipes and techniques have intertwined over time in the Southwest. In this four-part series hosted in conjunction with La Semilla Food Center and part of the Latino Americans: 500 years of history programming. This program is part of the Latino Americans: 500 years of history programming series. Latino Americans: 500 Years of History has been made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association. Learn more about this and other upcoming events at [tinyurl.com/LC-LA500](http://tinyurl.com/LC-LA500).

**Family Science Saturday:** 10 a.m. Saturday at the Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Topic is Gravitational Forces. Join them as they learn about the lives of some famous scientists and attempt to recreate one of their experiments. All ages welcome. Free. Info: 575-522-3120.

**Science and Art:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Museum of Art and the Museum of Nature and Science, 411 – 491 N. Main St. Topic will be Hearts. Recognizing the importance of interdisciplinary learning experiences, the program encourages visitors to embrace their artistic creativity while engaging in educational STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) activities. Children and their families are invited to join them for SNAP. Info: 575-541-3120 or [las-cruces.org/museums](http://las-cruces.org/museums).

**Sweet Sensations the Science of Romance:** Learn the science of romance from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday at Natural Grocers, 3970 E. Lohman Ave. Presenter will be Marianne McLaughlin. Learn how to make that special someone's heart melt, year in and year out, while sampling chocolate and a signature massage oil blend. Discover what's really going on in the brain and body when you entice all the senses and why romance really is a sweet science. Info: 575-522-1711.

**NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association) Chapter 182:** 8:30 a.m. Saturday in the Esperanza Room, Hilton Garden Inn, 2550 Don Roser Drive. Presenter will be Shaunna Foster. She has worked for the city of Las Cruces for 15 years and is a recreation leader senior, running programs mainly for individuals over 50. The programs include hiking, camping, outdoor biking, walking and spin classes. She is active in search and rescue, on both the Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad and Doña Ana County Search and Rescue. She is the co-founder of the West End Art Depot, and also runs art and hiking programs for kids ages 10 to 18. There is a cost (cash only) for the breakfast buffet beginning at 8:45 a.m. and reservations must be made by Tuesday Feb. 9. Reservations or info: Carol Main, 575-382-7686 or Carol Smith, 575-522-3033.

**Native Plant Society Field Trip:** 9 a.m. Saturday. Meet at First National Rio Grande, on corner of Telshor and University to carpool. The Native Plant Society of New Mexico is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to conserving the native flora of New Mexico. The public is welcome to attend our field trips. Attendees are required to sign a release. Please bring hat, sunscreen, good walking shoes, snacks, and water. Info: Carolyn Gressitt, 575-523-8413 and please leave a message.

**Competitive Comparison:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at DACC Workforce Center, room 106. Instructor will be James "Jimi" Hill. Sign up, or info: 575-527-7527 or [commmed@dacc.nmsu.edu](mailto:commmed@dacc.nmsu.edu).

**For Love of Art Performances:** Borderlands Bones Trombone Quartet will perform at 1 p.m. Saturday at Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. February is For the Love of Art Month in Las Cruces. Along with the ArtForms exhibition For the Love of Art, the Branigan Cultural Center will be hosting weekly performances celebrating the many forms of artistic expression in the community. Free. Info: 575-541-2154 or [las-cruces.org/museums](http://las-cruces.org/museums).

**AAUW-NM Meeting:** 10:15 a.m. Saturday in the Roadrunner Room, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Special guests will be several local young women who had the opportunity to attend AAUW Tech Trek New Mexico after completing seventh grade. They will talk about their life-changing experiences as part of the program that is supported by the National AAUW, businesses, and individual donations. Also Kathy Cooke, a member of the Las Cruces AAUW branch, will share experiences of her three-month stay in New Zealand last year. Info; national website, [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) and the Las Cruces Branch website, [lascruces-nm.aauw.net](http://lascruces-nm.aauw.net).

## UPCOMING

**Valentine's Day Dinner and Show:** Play Me celebrated the great Neil Diamond with a dinner and show on Feb. 14 at Picacho Peak Brewing Co., 3900 W. Picacho Ave. Four course dinner at 7 p.m. and show at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$50 for single and \$99 for couple. Tickets or info: Picacho Peak Brewing,

575-680-6394 or Boba Cafe, 575-647-5900.

**Every Other Tuesday:** Bruce Carlson will perform at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 16 at Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Carlson's music is a laid-back blend of originals and cover songs with an Americana style – folk music played on acoustic guitars. Every Other Tuesday is a Doña Ana Arts Council program that showcases local performers. Free. Info: 575-523-6403 or [riograndetheatre.com](http://riograndetheatre.com).

**Tri-Unity Conference:** The conference will take place Feb. 16 at the NMSU Corbett Center, 1600 International Mall. Building a network of care to promote the well-being of families and children experiencing adversity. Featured Speaker will be Brenda Jones Harden, Ph.D., an associate professor in the department of human development and quantitative methodology, University of Maryland College Park. Register online at [trinityconference.net](http://trinityconference.net). Info: Felicia, 575-526-6682 or [folivas@aitkids.com](mailto:folivas@aitkids.com).

#### FARMERS MARKETS

**Las Cruces Farmers and Crafts Market:** 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays on the Downtown Mall. Info: [lascrucesfarmersmarket.org](http://lascrucesfarmersmarket.org).

**Big Daddy's Flea Market:** 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays at 5580 Bataan Memorial Highway. Info: 575-382-9404.

**Old Mesilla Farmers and Crafts Market:** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays and noon to 4 p.m. Sundays in the Historic Mesilla Plaza. Info: 575-524-3262 ext. 116, [irenep@mesillanm.gov](mailto:irenep@mesillanm.gov).

**Farmers Market of New Mexico:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays at Tractor Supply, 1440 W. Picacho Ave. Vendors and live music. Info: [farmersmarketofnewmexico@gmail.com](mailto:farmersmarketofnewmexico@gmail.com).

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