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THINGS TO DO



Natasha Numkena, left, and Carlos Valencia compete in a free throw competition during Indigenous Peoples' Day Phoenix Fest in downtown Phoenix on Oct. 10, 2022. ALEX GOULD/THE REPUBLIC

Tempe Festival of the Arts. DOWNTOWN TEMPE AUTHORITY

From left, Kyli Applegate, Tasha Messina and Pam Mayer perform with flowing scarfed fans at the Tempe Festival of the Arts on April 2. JOE RONDONE/THE REPUBLIC

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Witness: Backpacker website sold sex
A backpacker website has been sold to a new owner, raising questions about the future of the site.

STORMS RIP VALLEY
A series of storms hit the Valley, causing significant damage to property and infrastructure.

Lawmaker hands solar project enabled for him the support
A lawmaker has introduced legislation to support solar projects in the Valley.

Tempe fight has on abortions for generic observations in court
A fight in Tempe has led to court cases regarding generic observations.

Temper within the USLB
Temperatures within the USLB are rising, posing a risk to the environment.

Valley's best fall festivals
Discover the top fall festivals in the Valley, from hot air balloons to Dia de los Muertos.

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Valley's best fall festivals

With the weather getting a little bit cooler, now is the time to enjoy festivals around the Valley — from hot air balloons to Dia de los Muertos. IC

Don't miss the top festivals in the Valley this fall

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Seasons change from summer to fall, and as the weather gets just a little bit cooler in Arizona, people are going out to enjoy the weather. • Attending festivals and events is a fantastic way to break from routine and infuse life with fun and excitement. From pumpkin patches at local farms to Arizona Fall Festival and Pride Festival, these gatherings offer a chance to immerse oneself in unique experiences, whether it's enjoying live music, savoring delicious food, exploring diverse cultures, or simply connecting with others who share similar interests. • Here is your full guide to some of the upcoming Fall events and festivals around the valley. See **FESTIVALS, Page 2C**

Festivals

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Things to do in September

Junk in the Trunk Vintage Market

Go on a shopping spree at the Junk in the Trunk Vintage Market. This popular semiannual shopping experience hosts over 160 small businesses from across the country selling home goods, jewelry, appliances, clothing and vintage items.

Details: Sept. 15-17. 4-9 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. WestWorld of Scottsdale, 16601 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale. junkinthe-trunkvintagemarket.com.

Things to do in October

Vertuccio Farms Fall Festival

Get in the autumn spirit and enjoy the Valley's longest-running corn maze at the Vertuccio Farms Fall Festival. The event also includes a petting zoo, carnival rides, barrel train rides, pumpkin sales, mini golf and duck races.

Details: Sept. 29-Oct. 29. 3-9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, noon-7 p.m. Sunday. Closed Monday. Vertuccio Farms, 4011 S. Power Road, Mesa. \$15. vertucciofarm-s.com.

Mariachi and Folklórico Festival

Experience the rich cultural history of Mexico through music and dance. The annual Mariachi and Folklórico Festival hosts performances by mariachi bands and folkloric dance groups celebrating the heritage and artistic expressions of Mexican communities.

Details: 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7. Chandler Center for the Arts, 250 N. Arizona Ave. \$48. 480-782-2680, chandler-raz.gov.

Indigenous People's Day Festival

Celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day at this festival which honors the cultures, traditions and contributions of Indigenous communities. There will be cultural performances, art exhibitions and food vendors.

Details: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9. Margaret T. Hance Park, 67 W. Culver St., Phoenix. Free. ipdphx.com

Phoenix Fashion Week

Calling all fashionistas: Phoenix Fashion Week will showcase fall and

holiday 2023 collections from over 20 established and emerging designers and accessory brands, offering couture, ready-to-wear, resort collections and luxury items.

Details: 5:30-11:59 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 20-21. Chateau Luxe, 1175 E. Lone Cactus Drive, Phoenix. \$25. phoenixfashionweek.com.

Arizona Jazz Festival

Bebop to the music and channel your inner blues at the Arizona Jazz Festival. This event is dedicated to celebrating and showcasing jazz music and its various subgenres. Look for feature performances by renowned musicians and bands like Kenny G and Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue.

Details: Friday-Sunday, Oct. 20-22. High Street, 5415 E. High St., Phoenix. Single-day tickets from \$95; weekend packages available. 602-244-8444 azjazzfest.com.

Phoenix Pride

Celebrate diversity, inclusion and the LGBTQ+ community at the annual Phoenix Pride Festival. Vendors, drag queens, artists, live performances and a parade help promote awareness and support for the community.

Details: Noon-9 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 21-22. Steele Indian School Park, 300 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix. \$30. 602-277-7433, phoenixpride-org.

Spooktacular Hot Air Balloon Festival

Take trick-or-treating to the next level. The Spooktacular Hot Air Balloon Festival will feature over 20 hot air balloons serving as trick-or-treating stations with candy and treats, giving out over 4,000 pounds of candy. Additionally, festival-goers can enjoy tethered balloon rides offering aerial views of the festival.

Details: 5-9 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Oct. 27-29. Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, 7555 N. Pima Road, on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community near Scottsdale. \$17. azspooktacular.com.

Día de los Muertos Festival

Celebrate the iconic Mexican holiday that honors deceased loved ones. The festival will feature a variety of activities and traditions, such as colorful ofrendas (altars), sugar skulls, marigold flowers, music and dance performances, face painting and arts and crafts.

Details: 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29.



People visit the Glamazon booth, a group image of Amazon employees celebrating Pride, during the 41st annual Phoenix Pride Festival at Steele Indian School Park in Phoenix on Oct. 15, 2022. JOEL ANGEL JUAREZ/THE REPUBLIC

Steele Indian School Park, 300 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix. Free. diadelosmuertosphx.com.

Things to do in November

Fountain Hills Festival of Fine Arts and Crafts

The Fountain Hills Festival of Fine Arts and Crafts has grown from 60 artists in its inaugural year in 1974 to now featuring nearly 500 artists and craftspersons from around the world. It's a great place for holiday shopping for ornaments and artwork or getting inspired by looking at the many art styles.

Details: Nov. 10-12. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. Fountain Hills Chamber of Commerce, 16837 E. Palisades Blvd., Fountain Hills. Free. fhchamber.com.

Arizona Fall Festival

The annual Arizona Fall Festival presents 200 vendors representing local businesses, wineries, breweries, a food court with more than 40 eateries, games, live music and a silent auction with more than 100 local gifts and experiences up for bids. The first 300 attendees will receive a free goodie bag.

Details: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. Margaret T. Hance Park, near Third and Moreland streets, downtown Phoenix. Free. localfirstaz.com.

Things to do in December

Tempe Festival of the Arts

With a history spanning over 50 years, the Tempe Festival of the Arts features over 350 artists from around the country and has become a point of pride for Tempe, attracting nearly 225,000 visitors to the historic Mill Avenue area for each spring and fall event, offering a diverse range of art, music and food.

Details: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Dec. 1-3. Along Mill Avenue in downtown Tempe. Free. tempefestivalofthearts.com.

Phoenix Festival of the Arts

Presented by Phoenix Center for the Arts, the Phoenix Festival of the Arts celebrates its 11th anniversary by featuring over 150 vendors, local music, food trucks and a wide range of activities, providing an opportunity for attendees of all ages to connect with the local art community.

Details: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 9-10. Margaret T. Hance Park, 1202 N. Third St., Phoenix. Free. phoenixfestivalofthearts.org.

Got a story you want to share? Reach out at Tiffany.Acosta@gannett.com. Follow @tiffsario on Instagram.