

~ SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23 ~

GILA RIVER EXTRAVAGANZA

Puppet Parade, Music, Art, Tastings, Talks, Demonstrations, Dancing

The family fun starts at 12:30 and ends at 10:00 p.m.

Come for some or all of the festivities. **FREE!**

Schedule

12:30–1:30 p.m. **Mask Making** at Gough Park

1:30–2:00 p.m. **Monsoon Puppet Theater Parade**, ending at Big Ditch Park
Join the zany Monsoon Puppet Theater for a family-friendly parade, full of fun costumes, music, dance, and giant puppets! At 12:30 p.m., at the Gough Park gazebo, we'll do face painting and mask making, with all materials provided, and line up for the parade at 1:30. Show off your painted faces, puppets, and masks! When the parade ends at Big Ditch Park, the party continues with more kid- and family-centered fun from 2:00–10:00 p.m. It's all FREE!

Big Ditch Park Events

- 2:00–2:30 p.m. **Music & sing-a-long** Miguel Santistevan
2:30–2:45 p.m. **Poetry Reading** Raven Drake
2:45–3:15 p.m. **Music & dancing** Big Ditch Crickets
3:15–3:30 p.m. **Talk: Curanderismo** Dr. Gilbert Arizaga
3:30–4:00 p.m. **Drumming** Andrew Dahl-Bredine & friends
4:00–4:15 p.m. **Food demo** Consuelo Hester
4:15–5:15 p.m. **Music & dancing** The Black Teas
5:15–5:30 p.m. **Talk: Native American traditional foods** Stephanie Muise
5:30–5:45 p.m. **Poetry Reading** Elise Stuart
5:45–6:00 p.m. **Talk: Chiricahua Apaches** Joe Saenz
6:00–8:00 p.m. **Music & dancing** Caliente
8:00–10:00 p.m. **Dance of the Mountain Spirits**
Fort Sill Apache Tribe Fire Dancers with the Gooday Family

Big Ditch Park Booths

- 2:00–4:00 p.m. **Tastings & Sales**
Mesquite, sacaton, Apache red grass: Richard Felger, Gabriel Feldman, Chelsea Rittchen & Adrienne Booth
Insects: Carol Fugagli
Fermented foods: Margaret Garcia (Taos Real Foods), Harolene Pitts

Acorns, prickly pear: John Slattery
Chile roasting: Kyle & Meggie Skaggs (Frisco Farms)

Herbal medicine

Monica Rude (Desert Woman Botanicals)

Nikki Tesnow

Brooke Feldman (Lizard Dreaming Remedies)

Naava Koenigsberg (Bear Creek Herbs)

Native plant dyes

Ann Hedlund & Hosana Eilert

Kids' activities

Fire-making, Andrew Dahl-Bredine

Weaving with native plants, Cedar Smith

Native plant game, Andrea Warner

2:00–4:00 p.m. **Sunburst: An Organic Mandala**

Join artist Zoe Wolfe and architect Steven Shelendich to create a mandala out of natural materials in the Big Ditch Park. Feel free to bring organics to add to the mandala, which will remain on the site to decompose with the elements.

Downtown

10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. **Bowl glazing:** Empty Bowls Project bowl glazing at Syzygy Tile, 106 N. Bullard St.

Bowls made by participants during the Clay Festival will be glazed at this free workshop. On October 28th, the bowls will be offered for sale, filled with homemade food. Proceeds benefit the Volunteer Center's food pantry.

2:00–9:00 p.m. **Pub Crawl:** Food & drinks made with local ingredients



Caliente: This hot Las Cruces band plays Latin, Reggae, Tejano, R&B, Top 40, and Country—guaranteed to be 100% danceable and hotter than Hatch chile!