

February

Wednesday, February 6th, Garden Walk

9:00 a.m., Stroll the gardens of Smiling Dog Landscapes with the owner, Tom McDonald, and learn what plants thrive in our Sonoran Desert landscape. This is an opportunity to ask the expert and discover how to keep your plants looking beautiful and healthy! 90 minutes. All classes are held outdoors and are free of charge. Space is limited to 16 participants per class. Call 480 288 8749 or email info@smilingdoglandscapes.com to reserve your seat.

Friday, February 8th, Rodney Marsalis and the Philadelphia Big Brass

7:30 p.m., In the tradition of the famous horn playing Marsalis brothers, Rodney's trumpet playing alongside his 6 piece Philadelphia Big Brass ensemble has reverberated throughout the world. Their performances include contemporary popular music, The Power of Love, Brothers on The Battlefield, Baroque-Renaissance, and the John Philip Sousa Project. Presented by the Gold Canyon Arts Council, Canyon Sounds at the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church, 6640 S. Kings Ranch Rd. Contact Canyon Rose Storage for tickets and information (480) 983-2171.

Saturday February 9th, Superstition Mountain Astronomical League 'Star Party'

6:30/9:00 p.m., The Superstition Mountain Astronomical League is hosting an Open House Public Astronomical Observing Session at the Lost Dutchman State Park to augment public education, to provide the community with telescopic views of celestial objects and to answer questions about astronomy and astronomical equipment. In short, this is an opportunity to see the moon, planets, stars, star clusters, galaxies and other astronomical phenomena using sophisticated telescopes and to talk with very knowledgeable and experienced amateur astronomers. All events held on a *Weather Permitting* basis. A \$7 per vehicle park entrance fee is assessed by Lost Dutchman State Park, unless you have a pass. To be notified of any schedule changes/additions and for detail information including maps and directions, or to contact us, please visit supermtnastro.com.

Sunday February 10th, The Incredible Rice Brothers

2:00 p.m. Piano and Cello virtuosos in a "must see" Concert at Gold Canyon United Methodist Church, 6640 S. Kings Ranch Rd. in Gold Canyon. Everyone is asked to bring a nonperishable food item for the Gold Canyon Food Bank. Contact (480) 982-3776 for information.

Friday February 15th, Barry Ward in Concert

7:00 p.m., Presented by the Broken Chair Band at the Queen Valley Rec Hall, 1464 E. Queen Valley Dr. in Queen Valley, AZ. Barry, or "Bear" as he has come to be known by his friends, worked alongside his father and grandfather, working cattle and farming. These rugged men of the land became equally at home in a saddle or on the seat of a tractor. His original songs deal not only with his experiences as a cowboy, but with his experiences as a farmer. The Broken Chair Band will open for Barry, refreshments available along with Barry's own Coffee Blend Pinon Coffee. Tickets available at the door, \$10, 12 and under \$5.

Saturday, February 16th, Authors and Artists of Superstition Mountain

9:00 a.m. /4:00 p.m., The Superstition Mountain Museum will host a gathering of artists and authors whose inspiration is the beauty and history of the Superstition Mountain area. Books and artwork will be on display and for sale. Admission and parking are free. Go to superstitionmountainmuseum.org or call 480-983-4888 for more information.

Sunday, February 17th, Keaton Fine Art "Paint & Wine" Class Theme: Butterflies

12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Boyce Thompson Arboretum. Carla Keaton, owner of the Keaton Fine Art Gallery, is leading these classes and Arboretum participants will learn to paint very simplified scenes from the arboretum, taking home with them a piece of memorabilia of their experiences in the lovely gardens." Enrollment of \$35 for Arboretum members and \$50 for nonmembers includes art supplies to

use during the session, plus two hours of coaching and encouragement from Carla Keaton. Signup by emailing Carla at unpetitmerlot@gmail.com, with the date of attendance and number of people. For more information visit <http://ag.arizona.edu/bta/events.html> or call (520) 689-2811. You may also email: BTainfo@ag.arizona.edu.

Sunday February 17th, Erin Downey

2:00 p.m. "The finest handbell soloist I've ever seen!", according to Doug Benton at Gold Canyon United Methodist Church, 6640 S. Kings Ranch Rd. in Gold Canyon. Everyone is asked to bring a nonperishable food item for the Gold Canyon Food Bank. Contact (480) 982-3776 for information.

Wednesday, February 20th, Irrigation Class

9:00 a.m., Tom McDonald and Bill Roe walk participants through the basics of your landscape irrigation system including clock setting, the frequency of watering and small system repairs. 2 ½ hours. Space is limited to 16 participants per class. Call 480 288 8749 or email info@smilingdoglandscapes.com to reserve your seat.

Friday February 22nd, The Lettermen

7:30 p.m. The Letterman are founder Tony Butala, Donovan Tea, and Bobby Poynton. The group's first romantic single, "The Way You Look Tonight," will never be forgotten and their follow-up "When I Fall in Love," reached the Top Ten in late 1961. With their trademark harmony, they have 11 gold records, 5 Grammy Nominations, 32 Billboard Magazine Chart Albums, and over a dozen Top 10 singles. In 1968, the group reached the top again with the medley "Goin' Out of My Head/Can't Take My Eyes Off of You". Presented by the Gold Canyon Arts Council, Canyon Sounds at the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church, 6640 S. Kings Ranch Rd. Contact Canyon Rose Storage for tickets and information (480) 983-2171.