

ARIZONA-SONORA
DESERT
MUSEUM

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ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM OPEN FOR NIGHTTIME VISITS

Tucson, AZ (October 28, 2014) For those who would like to experience the desert at night, the Desert Museum will open its doors on Saturday, November 15th from 6 to 10 pm for ***Desert Night Life***. The event provides an opportunity for guests to explore the museum grounds and exhibits while experiencing a spectacular sunset, twilight, and night skies on a balmy fall evening.

“This event will surely appeal seasonal Tucson residents who aren’t usually in town during the summer when the Museum is open on Saturday nights,” states Craig Ivanyi, the Museum Executive Director. “Experiencing the desert at night is a completely different experience and one that many won’t want to miss!”

Not only will guests have an opportunity to see the gardens and animals – which are more active at night – the Museum will host presentations of *Live and (sort of) on the Loose* featuring venomous desert reptiles. The evening’s activities also include glow-in-the-dark family art activities and star-gazing telescope stations. Music will bring the night to life with performances by Domingo Degrazia and Beth Daunis, with special guest Juan Barreda. Degrazia

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and Daunis been writing and performing together for six years, with original songs that weave in elements of flamenco, pop, gypsy-folk, classical and latin music.

In partnership with the University of Arizona, visitors will also have an opportunity to attend a special presentation on the OSIRIS-REx Mission, by Dante Lauretta, Principal Investigator, OSIRIS-Rex and Professor, in the Department of Planetary Sciences at the University. The OSIRIS-Rex Mission, to launch in 2016, will be the first U.S. mission to return an asteroid sample to Earth in an effort to understand Earth's earliest origins.

Guests are encouraged to arrive early for the best parking and enjoy dining at the Museum. Both the casual Ironwood Terraces Restaurant and fine-dining Ocotillo Café will be open. Reservations for the Ocotillo Café are recommended. Call: 520-883-5705.

To attend *Desert Night Life*, regular public admission rates apply. Member admission pricing is \$7.00 and \$3.00 for ages 4-12. The Museum Gift Shop will offer a 20% Member discount just in time for holiday gift shopping. For more information visit www.desertmuseum.org.

The Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum

The Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum is one of the nation's leading outdoor, living museums, featuring more than 230 animals and 1,200 varieties of desert plants. Its purpose is to inspire people to live in harmony with the natural world by fostering love, appreciation, and understanding of the bi-national, Sonoran Desert region. The museum is located at 2021 N. Kinney Road, in Tucson Mountain Park adjacent to Saguaro National Park (West). It is open daily year round with operating hours varying by season. Call (520) 883-2702 or visit www.desertmuseum.org for more information.

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