



Flamenco del Pueblo Viejo

Far left: A cross-town scavenger hunt to raise awareness of the declining Mexican-gray-wolf population ends on Saturday, Sept. 17. Fifty large wolf silhouettes are distributed throughout the city; whoever finds the most wolves can win a six-day, five-night Apache Wilderness journey, among other prizes. Call 623-9653, ext. 6, or visit whereslobo.org for more information.

## MUSIC

### Break Out Your Lederhosen!

Oktoberfest at Café Passé  
Saturday, Sept. 17, through Saturday, Oct. 1  
Café Passé  
415 N. Fourth Ave.  
624-4411;  
www.cafepasse.com

Café Passé will host its first Oktoberfest this year, complete with live music, traditional German cuisine and—of course—beer.

"You can't do Oktoberfest without beer," said Sabine Blaese, the owner of Café Passé. The café just acquired a liquor license in May, and after new renovations, has become Tucson's first self-proclaimed beer garden.

Modeling this Oktoberfest after the traditional Munich celebration, Café Passé will serve traditional foods like bratwurst, weisswurst—a sweet onion pie known as zwiebelkuchen—and pretzels. Oktoberfest beer will also be served on tap.

"It's really a celebration of all things good—good food, good beer," Blaese said. "If you're on a diet ... just celebrate good food and enjoy it."

People who wear traditional German costumes can get a free beer, Blaese said, and staff members will be decked out in Oktoberfest threads—including lederhosen for men and dirndls for women.

"We're just going to try to make it as authentic as possible," Blaese said.

Added to the mix are The Bouncing Czechs, a local German polka band, who are playing on the first and last day of the celebration (Saturdays, Sept. 17 and Oct. 1, at 6-30 p.m.), as well as local folksters Jimmy Carr and the Awkward Moments, who will play at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 24 and 25.

For Blaese, Oktoberfest has been a long-awaited event—she's dreamed of having a beer-garden atmosphere for a while now.

"A beer garden is somewhere you can unwind, settle down and not work," Blaese said. And now, at her renovated Café Passé, "finally, I can do Oktoberfest," she said. —K.M.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Spain Meets the Old Pueblo

Tucson Spanish and Flamenco Festival  
Doors at 8 p.m., next Thursday, Sept. 22, through Sunday, Sept. 25  
Casa Vicente  
375 S. Stone Ave.  
884-5253;  
tucsonspanishflamencofestival.com

On a scenic outdoor stage, the joy of flamenco will be on full display during the third annual Tucson Spanish and Flamenco Festival.

"It very much replicates the way you'd experience an outdoor flamenco event in Spain," said Marita Gomez, wife of Casa Vicente owner Vicente Sanchez.

Each night brings a multitude of performers, one after another, leading up to the headliner, who will perform toward the end of the evening—which may well last after midnight.

The festival will include wine-tastings and tapas booths too, said Gomez.

"There is also a natural chemistry between the audience and performers. It's not something you have to be quiet at and watch. You can give energy back to the stage."

The festival is set up to pay tribute to the three elements of flamenco—the "Cante," or singing; the "Baile," or dance; and the "Toque," or guitar.

"The performers may have talked about some steps ahead of time, but a lot of it is (improvised) live—they get moved by the music and add on and contribute to each other," Gomez said.

Gomez's husband is from Spain, and one of the goals of Casa Vicente was to share the Spanish culture. After the restaurant came the idea for the festival.

"We thought we'd give it a try, and people have loved it. A woman who came last year is coming back and bringing 60 of her friends."

Tickets for the Thursday or Sunday performances are \$25; tickets for performances on Friday or Saturday cost \$30. Visit the website for information on ticket packages and the event's workshops and lectures. —D.H.

## ART

### Where'd That Come From?

Food, Paper, and Alcohol:  
An Exhibit on Downtown Tucson  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, through Friday, Sept. 30  
Roy Place Building  
44 N. Stone Ave.  
621-6751;  
cala.arizona.edu

UA College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture has assembled a new exhibit, *Food, Paper, and Alcohol: An Exhibit on Downtown Tucson*, that is different from typical art fare.

Using interactive maps and checklists, the exhibit puts downtown Tucson in a local, national and global context by examining three key ingredients.

"We created a bunch of items that document how food, paper and alcohol relate to downtown: how those three ingredients come into downtown, and how they leave," said UA instructor Bill Mackey, whose students helped him create the exhibit.

The exhibit even includes odd checklists that, for example, meticulously list smoking spots, alleys and trash bins.

"Those are the types of materials that we wash over," Mackey said. "But they're very much a part of our landscape, and they're things architects have to deal with spatially. It's telling a story very much about personal choice and how you're part of a larger system."

The exhibit can lead to interesting discoveries for a Tucson native like architecture master's student Jenny Ryan.

"We're kind of pulling the curtain back for people," Ryan said. "You might think that you know where your food, paper and alcohol come from, but you might be surprised."

For Mexico City native Sandra Bernal, a master's student in planning, getting to know Tucson was a key for her.

"Being from a different place and getting deeper to the meaning of a specific place, it was a discovery," Bernal said.

Bernal created a checklist of all the alleys downtown, which she said helped her understand "the tissues and the inners of a city."

The exhibit is part a new downtown presence by the UA in the Roy Place Building. Admission is free. —K.M.

"Transit Overlay" (cropped) by Sean Vanderwall



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