

Arts, Hearts & Tarts 2010

Calendar of Cultural Events



Celebrate *Arts, Hearts & Tarts* month in Grand Junction. Enjoy the wide variety of fine arts and cultural events. And don't miss the Sweet Deals pages for special events and cuisine at our Valley's fine restaurants. Plus some very creative promotions are happening in our retail businesses. Take advantage too of the lodging packages for yourself or your out of town guests. A silly name for a promotion, but a month of discovery you will cherish.

February

1st – 28th

Art Exhibits at City Hall, Weekdays 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
5th & Rood Ave., 970-254-3865

- City Hall art exhibits in February will showcase local painter, Janet Mayerik; photographer, Dr. Scott Lybrook; sculptor, Thad Tuin; and the Southwest Photographic Arts Association. For more information, please call 254-3865, email allisons@gjcity.org or visit www.gjarts.org.

1st – 28th

Art for Change: Traditional & Non-Traditional Portraits of Locals Who Make a Difference, Open Tuesday-Sunday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
The Blue Pig Gallery, 119 W 3rd St., Palisade, 970-464-4819

- Locals whose portraits were created by artists represented by The Blue Pig Gallery will be on display through the month of February. Admission is free. The gallery will donate a portion of proceeds from the sale of the work to the subject's charity of choice. For details on the celebrated locals and the chosen charities, visit www.thebluepiggallery.com or email info@thebluepiggallery.com.

1st – 28th

Rainforest for Rent!

Western Colorado Botanical Gardens, 641 Struthers Ave., 970-245-3288

- Do you want to impress someone special? Would a romantic dinner for two in a tropical rainforest say, "I love you"? Of course it would! Score big points with this one! Call Laura at 245-3288 ext. 5 to discuss options or email wcbgmarketing@bresnan.net.

1st – 6th

Give a Heart - Humane Society Fundraiser, Daily
Clarion Inn, 755 Horizon Drive, 970-210-4200

- Support the Roice Hurst Humane society by donating cash for needed supplies. Stop by the Clarion Inn to purchase a small heart for \$1 or a larger heart for \$5. All hearts will be displayed in the lobby for all to see. For more information, call 970-210-4200 or email darshann@gemsbyd.com. Donations are accepted anytime during the week.

2nd

Smother's Brothers Show, 7:30 p.m.

@ The Avalon Theatre, 645 Main St., 970-243-8497

- Tom & Dick Smother's perform with special guest, The Yo Yo Man. Tickets are on sale at Back Porch Music, Triple Play, online at www.ticketwest.com, or call 970-243-8497. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

2nd

An Evening of Travel with Herb Bacon, 6 p.m.

@ Mesa County Central Library, 530 Grand Ave., 970-243-4442

- Bacon's travel experiences related to One Book, One Mesa County; free; www.mcpld.org

4th

Quest for Bliss, 6 p.m.

@ Mesa County Central Library, 530 Grand Ave., 970-243-4442

- Learn how some locals have discovered and pursued their happiness; free; www.mcpld.org

5th

First Friday at The Art Center

1803 N. 7th Street, 970-243-7337

- New exhibits opening; featuring the Art Center's Members show and "Hipped On" works by Ashley Benton and Shifts in Surface, Value and form; recent works by Andy Martin & Dawn Sagar; gallery talk 6:30 p.m. and reception 7-9 p.m.; free and open to the public; hors d'oeuvres & cash bar; www.gjartcenter.org

6th

"Art in the Heart" Artisan & Jewelry Show, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Clarion Inn, 755 Horizon Drive, 970-210-4200

- This will be the 2nd annual artisan show. All items are handcrafted with love. We will be serving hors d'oeuvres for all to enjoy while shopping for that someone special...even if that someone special is you! For more info, call 970-210-4200 or email darshann@gemsbyd.com.

- While visiting the Art Show, you can also support the Roice Hurst Humane Society by purchasing a hand made item donated from one of their many volunteers. Cash donations are also welcome.

6th

GJ Symphony Orchestra presents “Classical Mystery Tour” 7:30 p.m.
@ Grand Junction High School Auditorium, 970-243-6787

- Join the Grand Junction Symphony Orchestra and members of the hit Broadway sensation, *Beatlemania*, as they perform your favorite Beatles’ songs. If you close your eyes, you just might think you are listening to John, Paul, George, and Ringo, live!
- Special Packages also available: Bookcliff Country Club Dinner, Double Tree Hotel overnight accommodations, and symphony ticket combination. Starting at \$149. Call 243-6787 for details or to make reservations. www.gjsymphony.org

6th

Bela Fleck & The Africa Project, 7:30 p.m.
@ The Avalon Theatre, 645 Main St., 970-243-8497

- Amazing African musicians featuring Bassekou Kouyate & Ngoni Ba and Anania Ngoliga with John Kitime. Tickets are on sale at City Market stores, Back Porch Music, Triple Play, online at www.ticketwest.com, or call 970-243-8497. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

7th

Free Sunday at Western Colorado Botanical Gardens, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
641 Struthers Ave., 970-245-9030

- Enjoy a Free Day at Western Colorado Botanical Gardens;
www.wcbotanic.org

8th

8th Annual Taste of the Grand Valley, 4–8 p.m.
@ Two Rivers Convention Center, 159 Main St., 970-243-5364

- Benefits the United Way of Mesa County. A food festival featuring local restaurants, hotels, catering companies, food products, and grocers. Exhibitors will provide samples of their food and/or beverage from their booth. Advance Tickets - \$13 Adult, \$10 Senior, \$6 Children; Tickets at Door - \$15 Adult, \$12 Senior; \$8 Children;
www.unitedwaymesacounty.org.

9th

Art for Your Sweetheart, 4–8 p.m.
@ Heiden Homes Realty, 735 Rood Avenue, 970-270-6162

- Daily Sentinel photographer, Christopher Tomlinson, and independent artist, David Lord, will display photography of Colorado for viewing pleasure or purchase. This is a chance to appreciate and perhaps purchase art for a Valentine's Day gift. For more information, call 270-6162 or email mike@thebusiness.com.

9th

“The Eyes of Me” Community Cinema, 6 p.m.

@ Mesa Country Central Library, 530 Grand Ave., 970-245-1818

- This film offers an extraordinary peek into the world of blind teenagers, where crossing an intersection, cooking a meal or navigating unfamiliar areas can be a challenge that sighted viewers never consider. www.rmpbs.org/events

10th

A Little Noon Music, 12:15 p.m.

@ First United Methodist Church, 522 White Ave., 970-242-4850

- Enjoy a free concert in the sanctuary, featuring Adam and Kristi Ballilf on clarinet and flute; performance begins at 12:15 p.m. and lasts 30-40 minutes.

10th

Poetry Night, 6-8 p.m.

@ Mesa County Central Library, 530 Grand Ave., 970-243-4442

- Learn about poet, Naomi Shihab Nye, and share your choice; free; www.mcpld.org

11th

Defining Moments: Fine Art Exhibit, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

@ Two Rivers Winery & Chateau, 2087 Broadway, 970-640-8177

- Browse “Defining Moments” and see traditional and contemporary art of some of the most accomplished, popular, and collected artists in the Grand Valley. Admire 120 plus works by professional and emerging young artists at Two Rivers Winery & Chateau designed by Artspace. Explore visions of beauty, realism, and fantasy between 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.; then meet the artists at the reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and enjoy music, wine, and appetizers. For more information visit www.artspacecolorado.org or email artspaceopenstudios@gmail.com.

11th-13th

“Dark Play or Stories for Boys”, 7:30 p.m.

@ Moss Performing Arts Center, Mesa Experimental Theatre, 1100 North Ave., 970-248-1604

- The crux of this scathing new drama is the recollection by a California college student of a cruel Internet hoax he perpetrated as a 14-year-old. Dark Play posits that all you need to ruin someone's life - especially

someone too naive to handle the more predatory applications of technology - is a keyboard and a user name. Unrelenting in its indictment of the more sinister side of today's youth, the play will leave audiences pondering their own relationships with the World Wide Web...and one another. **Rated R for language and some sexual content.** Tickets: \$10 Adult; \$8 Senior; \$5 Student

12th

Dinner & An Opera, 5:30-10 p.m.

@ Chez Lena Restaurant, 2508 Blichman Ave., 970-242-3703

- Featuring the opera, “Orfeo Ed Euridice”, a wonderful romantic love story to celebrate Valentine’s. Enjoy melodious music and a delicious prime rib dinner. Reservations are required. Please call Melinda at 970-242-3703 or email opera101@bresnan.net before February 4th to make your reservation. \$35 per person. www.highdesertopera.org/events

12th

Meet the Writing Community of Grand Junction, 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

@ Redlands Community Center, 2463 Broadway, 970-241-9178

- The Grand Junction Writers’ Cooperative hosts an awards presentation for last year’s Excellence in Writing competition winners. Area writer’s groups will also introduce themselves. Great general networking for aspiring authors. For more information, call 970-241-9178 or email ejimshires@aol.com.

12th

High Desert Opera presents “Music of the Heart”, 7:30 p.m.

@ First United Methodist Church, 522 White Ave., 970-523-9605

- A special Valentine’s treat for music lovers. This concert will feature many of your favorite Grand Valley vocalists singing a festive tribute to love. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Roper Music or at the door. Adults \$10 / Youth (12 & under) \$5. www.highdesertopera.org

12th

Elias Duo Concert, 7:30 p.m.

@ Moss Performing Arts Center, 1100 North Ave., 970-248-1604

- Concert featuring the piano and violin

12th – 15th

Bookcliff Barbershop Harmony Chorus Singing Valentines

970-261-9498 or 970-314-7202

- Give your Sweetheart the ultimate Valentine! A rose, Enstrom’s candy, Valentine’s Day card and two love songs delivered by a Bookcliff Quartet to your home or business; to order a singing

valentine, call 970-261-9498 or 970-314-7202 or email
bari4music@qwestoffice.net . Visit www.bookcliffchorus.net

13th

Sawdust Saturday, 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Hosted by Grand Valley Woodturners, 152 29 Road (Just South of Hwy 50), 970-245-8817

- The Grand Valley Woodturners will be displaying different styles of turned objects and demonstrating the art of woodturning at this open studio; www.grandvalleywoodturners.com

13th

5th Annual Journey Home, 6 p.m.

@ Tenacious Brothers Pub, 7th & Main Streets, 970-201-4468 or 970-256-9424

- This Valentine's Day join us at the 5th Annual Journey Home Event, a benefit for HomewardBound, Grand Junction's Homeless Shelter. Enjoy an incredible night of live entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, beverages, prizes and live auctions that includes jewelry, vacations, a gold Krugerrand and more! Tickets can be purchased in advance at the downtown City Market, Metro Brokers located 605 25 Road, and HomewardBound at 2853 North Avenue.

14th

Pig Tails & Wine Trails, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

@The Blue Pig Gallery, 119 W. 3rd St., Palisade, 970-464-4819

- Enjoy Palisade with an art and winery tour. Pick up your map at The Blue Pig Gallery and tour the local art and wine country with special Valentine treats. Free. www.thebluepiggallery.com

14th

Michael Martin Murphey Concert, 7:30 p.m.

@ Grand Junction High School Auditorium, 970-243-1979

- Mesa Country Concert Association presents singer, Michael Martin Murphey; season membership \$45; if seating is available, tickets at the door are \$25 adult, \$15 student.

14th

Great American Race, Time-TBA

@ The Avalon Theatre, 645 Main Street, 970-263-5700

- Watch a live viewing of The Daytona 500 in high definition digital projection on the largest screen in the western slope, complete with surround sound. Television monitors will also be set up for viewing in the lobby of the theatre along with race related activities and displays. Favorite race-day foods, beer, and wine will be available for purchase throughout the afternoon.

- 16th** **Community One Book, One Mesa County Discussion, 6 p.m.**
 @ Mesa County Central Library, 530 Grand Ave., 970-243-4442
- Join a small group discussion about *The Geography of Bliss*; free;
www.mcpld.org
- 18th-20th** **“Dance From the Heart”, 7:30 p.m.**
 @ Moss Performing Arts Center in new dance studio, 1100 North Ave.,
 970-255-6757
- Beyond Boundaries Dance Collection presents “Dance From the Heart”, a performance of new contemporary dances. Performances are scheduled Thursday–Saturday, February 18-20; \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, \$6 students.
- 19th** **Romanian-American Cello-Piano Duo Concert, 7:30 p.m.**
 @ American Lutheran Church, 631 26 ½ Road, 970-241-0741
- The Western Slope Concert Series presents the Lupu-Mientka Duo. The program will feature solo and duo works from the great Romantic composers. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door for adults / \$10 for students. For more information call 970-241-0741 or check out the website www.primamusic.org.
- 20th** **Mesa State College Clarinet Day Final Concert, 4:00 p.m.**
 @ Moss Performing Arts Recital Hall, 970-248-1604
- 22nd** **Introduction to Fibers for Teachers, 10:00 a.m.**
Conscious Design: Tom Lundberg’s Microcosms, 11:00 a.m.
 @Mesa State College, 1100 North Avenue, Fine Arts Building, Rm #302
- Come join Tom Lundberg, Professor of Art and Fibers Coordinator, Colorado State University Mesa State College Visiting Artist for “free” classes that discuss the Introduction to Fibers and Conscious Design. For more information and to register please contact Deborah Snider at 970-248-1767 or email at dsnider@mesastate.edu.
- 23rd** **Contemporary Fibers in Today’s Art World, 11:00 a.m.**
 @Mesa State College, 1100 North Avenue, Fine Arts Building, Rm 202
**The Business Side of Fiber Arts: Marketing, Management,
 And Exhibition, 3:30 p.m.**
 @Mesa State College, 1100 North Avenue, Fine Arts Building, Rm 214
- Join Tom Lundberg, Professor of Art and Fibers Coordinator, Colorado State University Mesa State College Visiting Artist for rarely offered classes on Contemporary Fibers in Today’s Art World and The Business Side of Fiber Arts. The classes are free and are one hour a

piece. For more information and to register please contact Deborah Snider at 970-248-1767 or email at dsnider@mesastate.edu.

24th-28th

“The Producers”, 7:30 p.m. 24th-27th / 2:00 p.m. 28th
@ Robinson Theatre – Moss Performing Arts Center, 1100 North Ave.,
970-248-1604

- Outrageous, hilarious, a teeny bit offensive, off the wall, and the winner of a record 12 Tony Awards in 2001, THE PRODUCERS will keep you tapping your toes and holding your sides with laughter as Max Bialystock and Leo Bloom sing and dance their way through the greatest show biz scam that there ever was! THE PRODUCERS was also made into a box office smash starring Nathan Lane, Matthew Broderick, Uma Thurman and Will Ferrell. **Rated PG-13 for adult situations and strong language.**

26th

Los Lonely Boys Concert, 8 p.m.
@ The Avalon Theatre, 645 Main St., 970-243-8497

- “The Acoustical Brotherhood Tour” with special guest Alejandro Escovedo & Carrie Rodriguez. Tickets are \$36 and are on sale at City Market stores, Back Porch Music, Triple Play, online at www.ticketwest.com, or call 970-243-8497. Doors open at 7:00 p.m., concert begins at 8:00 p.m.

27th

Gems of the Forest, Noon–3:30 p.m.
Hosted by Grand Valley Woodturners, 2695 E. Yucatan Ct., 970-424-0388

- See wood turning demonstrations of tops, bowls, platters, and more throughout the afternoon. Finished products will also be available for sale. www.grandvalleywoodturners.com

27th

One Book, One Mesa County Author Event, 7 p.m.
@ The Avalon Theatre, 645 Main Street, 970-243-4442

- Author, Eric Weiner, speaks followed by Q&A and book signing; free; www.mcpld.org

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