

# Winter Celebration 2010

## Historical Downtown District & "Art in the Alley"- 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Each Month

This is a great "Downtown Social" with artists, musicians, poets, food and a "Show and Shine" Car Show. An "Open Mike" session takes place on the "Alley Stage". Florence Street is closed off to traffic and all the shops and restaurants are open with special promotions. This event is held the first Tuesday of each month September through June from 5:30pm - 9:00pm. The November and March events will include an "Art Walk " between downtown galleries and museums. The location is at "The Alley" which is off Florence Street between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets and on Florence St. between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> St. For more information, contact Lynn FitzGerald at 520-836-8744 or visit [www.cgmainstreet.org](http://www.cgmainstreet.org).

## Wuertz Farm 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Gourd Festival – February 5-7, 2010 (Friday – Sunday)

The Running of the Gourds, featuring over 100 artists, exhibitors and vendors, Arizona Gourd Society Judged Show, classes and demonstrations, mini gourd race, gourd games, food, musical entertainment, thousands of dried and craft ready gourds. This is an inimitable, rural festival where artists can collectively display and sell their creative works-of-art, share their skills and enlighten the public about the magic allure of gourds. The event also gives a nod to the farmers of Arizona's Golden Corridor and the area's agricultural "roots", and attracts thousands of tourists from every state and even other countries. The location will be at the Pinal County Fairgrounds, Friday and Saturday 9am – 5pm, Sunday 10am – 4pm. The cost is \$6.00 per person for admission. For more information contact Kathy Wuertz at 520-723-4432 or visit at [www.wuertzfarm.com](http://www.wuertzfarm.com).

## Mutt Show – February 6, 2010 (Saturday)

The City of Casa Grande Parks and Recreation Department is hosting its annual Mutt Show 10am – 1pm at "A Leash on Life Dog Park" located at the Paul Mason Sports Complex. Bring your mutts and enter them in one of our fun contest categories. The contests are free to enter. The City of Casa Grande Rabies/Animal Control will be present providing rabies vaccinations and licensing applications for your best friends. You MUST bring proof that your animal has been spayed or neutered along with current vaccination information. Please remember that rabies vaccination and licensing is required for all dogs and cats residing within the City limits. For more information contact Shayla Gunn at 520-421-8677, ext. 4550.

## Little Sweethearts of Casa Grande Style Show – February 9, 2010 (Tuesday)

The style show will begin at 10:30 am in the Dorothy Powell Senior Adult Center, 405 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Models will be pre-school children ranging from 2 to 6 years of age. There is no charge to attend this event. For more information, contact the Dorothy Powell Senior Adult Center at 520-421-8760.

## 43rd Annual O'odham Tash – February 12-15, 2010 (Friday – Monday)

O'odham Tash is celebrated throughout the city of Casa Grande. The four-day event, held over President's Day weekend each year, features a parade and rodeo, which hosts approximately 600 Native American contestants traveling from as far away as Canada; traditional ceremonial dances and the fine arts and crafts show that exhibits beautiful Native American crafts and art works for sale. Proceeds benefit junior high, high school, college, and/or trade-school students through scholarships. For more information, contact the O'odham Tash office at 520-836-4723. Beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>, schedule of events will be available at the Greater Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce, 575 N. Marshall Street.

## 35th Annual Pinal-Gila Senior Fair & Fiesta ~ February 27, 2010 (Saturday)

The 35th Annual Pinal-Gila Senior Fair and Fiesta will be held Saturday, February 27, 9 am to 1 pm, at Central Arizona College's Signal Peak Campus. The fair will feature community volunteer booths, crafts made by people 50-years-old and older, music and food. Everyone is invited. Admission is free. For more information, contact the Dorothy Powell Senior Adult Center at 520-421-8760.

## 52nd Annual Cactus Antique Aircraft Fly-In - March 5 & 6, 2010 (Friday & Saturday)

This aviation event held at the City of Casa Grande Municipal Airport, hosted by the Arizona Antique Aircraft Association with the City of Casa Grande, will be held Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 5pm, both days. This event, sponsored by the Arizona Antique Aircraft Association, is one of the largest and longest-running events of its kind in the country and has called Casa Grande home for more than 25 years. Some of our nation's most historically significant aircraft have attended the Cactus Fly-In including the recently restored Sikorsky S-38 twin-engine Flying Boat that was used by Martin and Osa Johnson to explore and photograph Africa from 1933 through 1934 and a 1945 Boeing Stearman bi-plane that was owned and flown by the late actor Steve McQueen. Antique, Classic, Warbird, Replica and Homebuilt aircraft will be on display throughout the event. From antique airplanes to NASA astronauts, the Cactus Fly-In attracts those in love with aviation and those who visit or live in Arizona. For more information contact Terry Emig at 520-836-7447 or online at [www.cactusflyin.org](http://www.cactusflyin.org)

## 32nd Annual Arizona State Open Chili Championship ~ March 6, 2010 (Saturday)

The Arizona State Open Chili Championship, held at Ed Hooper Park, 2525 N. Pinal Ave., in traditional chili cook-off style, celebrates Casa Grande's unique hometown charm, southwestern Arizona zest for fun and incredible winter weather. The event's relaxed southwestern flavor highlights the area's renowned friendly community spirit. For more information, contact Paula Lambert at 520-560-2256 or email [azchiliopen@yahoo.com](mailto:azchiliopen@yahoo.com), or visit [www.azchiliopen.com](http://www.azchiliopen.com).

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### **Casa Grande Fine Arts Explosion - March 13 & 14, 2010 (Saturday & Sunday)**

The 3rd Annual Fine Arts juried event will be held downtown at Peart Park. Partners are Casa Grande Valley Fine Arts Association (CGVFAA), Southwestern Premier Artists (SPA) and Casa Grande Main Street. The hours will be Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday from 9 am to 4 pm. For more information contact Mark White at 520-836-5742, Judith Dorr at 480-595-2443 or visit [www.southwesternpremierartists1.50megs.com](http://www.southwesternpremierartists1.50megs.com), for the application.

### **"Party in the Park" Concert Series starting March 19, 2010 (Friday)**

*Other concert dates: April 16, May 21, June 18, 2010*

The City of Casa Grande Community Services is pleased to offer a series of concerts held at Peart Park. This ultimate music series will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month beginning March 2010. All concerts will be free-of-charge and will be held from 6pm – 8pm. Local talent from around the community and throughout the state will be featured. Start your weekend off right with an evening at the Park. For more information, contact the Dorothy Powell Senior Adult Center at 520- 421-8760.

### **Pinal County Fair – March 17-21, 2010 (Wednesday – Sunday)**

The Pinal County Fair is a family tradition enjoyed by people of all ages. Come out and experience the magic of the fair. Feel the excitement of contestants as winners are posted for traditional fair-time contests. View prized livestock and see who grows the biggest and the best vegetables in the county. Come back to the basics and create memories that will last a lifetime. Enjoy rides, toss a ball, take a walk through the crafts, or just eat some really good food! The fairgrounds are located at 512 S. Eleven Mile Corner Road. For more information, you can contact the fairgrounds at 520-509-3555.

### **Senior Prom - Spring Gala - March 26, 2010 (Friday)**

All senior adults and winter visitors are invited to attend the "Senior Prom" – Spring Gala, March 26, 2010, from 6pm to 10pm. The evening includes dinner, music and dancing. Nominate your favorite couple or yourselves to be chosen as the Cactus King and Queen of the Senior Prom. Registrations will take place at the event. One lucky couple will be chosen from entries to reign over the prom and will receive the Grand Prize Package. Three other couples will also be drawn from the entries to receive prize packages. Entries will be drawn at random and winners must be present at the time of the drawing to claim their prize packages. Tickets go on sale beginning March 1, 2010. The ticket price is to be determined. This event is sponsored by the City of Casa Grande Community Services Department and the Dorothy Powell Senior Adult Center. For more information contact the Dorothy Powell Senior Adult Center at 520-421-8760.