

Community Happenings

The Gourd Must Go On!

by Lou Taggart

You thought October was all about pumpkins? Think again! On Saturday, October 17 from 11 AM to 3 PM the coolest little town in Utah is throwing its annual Gourds and More Festival. And, yep, admission is completely free.

This will be the 24th year of honoring the valuable, versatile and criminally under appreciated gourd. If you’ve never celebrated a vegetable that can be a birdhouse, a bowl, a beverage holder, a musical instrument, and art all at once - it’s about time to!

First, the drive from Moab itself is beyond awesome. It’s the kind of gorgeous that makes you roll down the windows and remember why you live here. Then you arrive and things become wonderfully unique.

WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE LAND OF THE GOURD

Art That Will Gourd Your Mind: Wonderful displays of gourd art, plus a “History of the Gourd” table that finally answers the question: “Wait, people have been doing WHAT with gourds for 10,000 years?!”

Fun Early Shopping: Come for the gourds, stay for the “more,” which is pure Castle Valley. Our town’s finest are filling the festival with beautiful jewelry, cards, sculpture, farm goods and plenty of other irresistible goodies. It’s

hands-down the best place to snag cool Christmas presents before the December panic sets in. Your aunt does not need another Pottery Barn candle... And snag YOURSELF a fabulous hat that you create yourself at the Wonderful Western Hat Bar!

For Kids from 9 to 90:

Face painting by Castle Valley’s own artist of the beautiful, the world famous TAO. Prepare to be transformed!

A hands-on kids table where the little ones can indulge their inner artist and get gloriously messy.

***The Puppet Show** - Always a giggling, standing room only delight for kids of all ages.

Get Your Gourd Groove On: Live music by world famous Flyboys!!!

Yummy Taco Bar to keep your strength up for serious gourd admiration. (Donations are always appreciated and are a super contribution to our awesome volunteer fire department.)

A Mystical Fortune Teller onsite! Will Madame Gourdini, assisted by Monsieur Dyson, predict that you will purchase more gourd art? The crystal ball says “Yes!”

The Noon Parade! Led by Grand Marshall “Gourdy”



— a giant gourd man who is 10ft. tall and all gourd — sure to enchant the kids. And behold this year’s lovely “Gourdess” — our reigning queen of the vine, proving that beauty is both skin deep and hard shelled.

So, Moab, mark your calendars. Leave the pumpkin spice latte behind and come celebrate the humble gourd, support local artists, eat a loaded taco, get your face painted, and remember

what a fun, funky, community festival feels like.

Castle Valley Gourds And More Festival
Saturday, October 17 / 11am - 3pm

Fun, Funky, Full Of Gourds.

Sorry, but even dogs who love gourds are not allowed.

See you there.

Bring a friend, leave with a gourd.

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Moab Valley Multicultural Center's 16th Annual Day of the Dead Festival

The Moab Valley Multicultural Center (MVMC) invites the community to remember their loved ones and celebrate community at the 16th annual Day of the Dead Festival on Sunday, November 1, 2026 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Center, located at 156 North 100 West in Moab.

This beloved annual tradition transforms the MVMC courtyard into a vibrant space filled with art and community spirit. The festival will feature live mariachi music from Mariachi Sol de Jalisco, traditional Mexican food, cultural exhibits, face painting, free kids activities, and traditional ofrendas (altars) honoring those who have passed. MVMC also provides a community altar for any attendee to light a candle in remembrance of someone. The current U.S. national champions in Cueca, a South American folk dance, will also be performing at 2:00pm.

“Day of the Dead, or Día de los Muertos, is a beautiful celebration with ancient traditions,” says Rhiana Medina, Executive Director of MVMC. “The collective grief and joy is incredibly powerful to witness each year.”

Thanks to generous donations from local businesses, admission is free, with food for sale and donations encouraged to support the Multicultural Center’s ongoing community outreach which includes the county’s largest food pantry, homeless services, legal aid, youth outreach, and language access.

For more information, visit www.moabmc.org or contact MVMC at (435) 259-5444 or moabmulticultural@gmail.com.



11th Annual

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