

Around Moab Events

Colorado Lavender Festival at Riverbend Park in town of Palisade, June 29

By Sharon Sullivan

Experience all-things lavender at the 13th annual Colorado Lavender Festival at Riverbend Park in western Colorado on June 29, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. While the main festival



on various uses for the plant, as well as tips on growing your own lavender. Throughout the day there will be presentations or demos on such topics as cooking with, or making fragrances with lavender. And, there will be a presentation titled “The Art of Lavender” to teach how to design a beautiful garden with lavender, said Lavender Festival director Olivia Coe.

Another highlight of the festival, will be the various vendors, where artisans will be selling their wares – some of it lavender-related. Examples include culinary, body, aromatherapy and pet products made with lavender. Additionally, the day will include live music in the park, as well as a number of food trucks present.

Tickets are \$5 in advance – you can purchase online – or, \$8 at the gate. Kids under 12 are free. While admission includes perusing the vendors, live music and various demos, there are also events that day requiring an additional ticket. For example, an outdoor yoga class will be taught at 9:30 a.m. in the park. Cost is \$10.

happens in the park on Saturday, for an additional ticket, related farm tours, both in the Roaring Fork Valley and the Grand Valley happen on Friday and Sunday. Representatives from several regional lavender farms will be present in the park on Saturday to offer presentations

Additionally, two art classes will be offered – one a basic class for \$10, that includes art supplies; and a \$35 class that will be more structured and in-depth, taught by notable Palisade artist Nancy Lewis, winner of the Festival’s annual lavender-themed art contest in 2022.



Each year the festival features an art contest, with the winning artist announced in June – whose work is used the following year for the festival’s promotion. Signed commemorative posters by last year’s winner – Jonna Wensel of Telluride, – will be for sale at the festival. Plus, there’s a lavender wreath-making class for \$35 to make and take home your own lavender wreath. For more information, to purchase tickets or sign up for one of the farm tours, visit: www.coloradolavender.org <https://www.eventeny.com/events/ticket/?id=8155> farm tour tix

The Season Opening Event For Third Thursdays Cortez Downtown Market!

Cortez Retail Enhancement Association, City Hall of Cortez, Colorado and sponsor First National Bank, Cortez are proud to announce our first performance of the summer:

Terrance Simien & The Zydeco Experience!

Thursday June 20, 5pm-8pm, Montezuma Park, Cortez, Colorado

For over 40+ years, two-time GRAMMY award winning, 8th generation Louisiana Creole, TERRANCE SIMIEN has been shattering the myths about what his traditional Zydeco roots music is - and is not! Simien leads the highly skilled Zydeco Experience Band with incredibly talented and diverse musicians:

- Danny Williams: Keyboards, Vocals
- Stan Chambers: Bass, Vocals
- Ian Molinaro-Thompson: Drums



Michael Christie: Trumpet
Noah Boshra: Saxophone

For fascinating, detailed info on their music and bios check out: terrancesimien.com/media-kit/

We’re proud to again bring this FUN, FREE and COMMUNITY focused event to our Downtown Cortez area:

-The City of Cortez PARKS & REC TEAM along with support from CPAAC (Cortez Public Arts Advisory Committee) will be joining us to welcome you at the event entrance and take care of our vendors!

- In support of CREA’s LISTEN CORTEZ we’re excited to have KRTZ Radio and Kelly Turner on the Radio with us again this year for Live Remote Broadcasts from the Park.

-Explore a variety of NEW vendor booths, meet City of Cortez departments and sample delicious bites and brews throughout the evening featuring Yia Yia’s Concession, Sweetwater Gypsies, Rockin DJ Smashed Lemonade, the restaurants of Ute Mountain Casino Hotel and local beer from our Event Partner WildEdge Brewing Collective.

- Stop by the Power Partner booth of CREA and Mesa Verde Country, Colorado featuring info on local businesses, lodging and events; ENTER TO WIN our amazing 3rd Thursdays Giveaway!

-Enjoy our KIDS ZONE full of activities, games and vendor booths from our organizations with a focus on families & children info and fun!

-To our four-legged friends and their families: While we appreciate all the doggies that have enjoyed time at 3rd Thursdays, we are requesting that they PLEASE stay at home this season! The Park has become too crowded to include everyone’s pets and we’ve had a few unfortunate incidents involving dogs, kids, crowds and noise. Thank you for understanding and making the evening fun and safe for everyone.

-Keep the party going in Cortez after 3rd Thursdays ends with our friends at ZU Gallery and the Season Opener - “Art of the After Party” w/ DJ P.A. - watch for a friendly

“ZU Animal” at the Park!

CREA encourages you to make a day of it - help support local businesses by visiting our many RETAIL SHOPS and RESTAURANTS while in Cortez for 3rd Thursdays this season:

shopcortez.com/cortez-business-directory/

Want a SNEAK PEAK at our musical lineup for 2024? Check out this diverse, amazing and talented list of performers - you do not want to miss any of these!

shopcortez.com/third-thursdays/

Mark your calendars for June 20 – then bring the family, bring a friend, bring a blanket or chairs, and ENJOY THE MUSIC OF Terrance Simien & The Zydeco Experience - see you at Montezuma Park!

And be sure to mention you read about it in *Moab Happenings*.

You can pick up

Moab Happenings

in Grand Junction!

<p>Fairground Liquors</p> <p>Trek Bicycles</p> <p>In the Middle Liquors</p> <p>Fisher Liquor Barn</p> <p>Family Dollar</p> <p>Andy’s Liquor</p> <p>Bookcliff Liquors</p> <p>Clifton Liquors</p> <p>Pufferbelly’s Restaurant</p> <p>Orchard Mesa Market</p> <p>True Value Hardware</p> <p>Western Colorado Center for the Arts</p> <p>Habitat for Humanity Restore</p>	<p>Kokopelli Liquors</p> <p>Walgreens</p> <p>Homestyle Bakery</p> <p>Conoco Stop & Save</p> <p>Walmart - Delta</p> <p>Starvin Arvin’s - Delta</p> <p>Don’s Market- Paonia</p> <p>Stop & Save - Paonia & Montrose</p> <p>GoFer Store- Cedaredge</p> <p>Foodtown - Cedaredge</p> <p style="color: blue;">Post Offices in ...</p> <p>Grand Junction, Palisade, Clifton, Fruita, Delta, Montrose</p>
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and many other locations

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