



2023 AGENDA

Start Times by State All Events at Geronimo Event Center, Highway 80, Rodeo, NM

ARIZONA / NEW MEXICO

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- 8:30 / 9:30 **MARKET & CRAFTS FAIR OPENS**
- 9:00 / 10:00 **"Welcome & Logistics"** — Kim Vacariu, *Heritage Days Director*
- 9:10 / 10:10 **SPECIAL FEATURE: "Remembering the Old Portal-Rodeo Theater Company"**
— Howard Topoff, *Professor and Producer, Portal, AZ*
- 10:00 / 11:00 **COFFEE BREAK / MARKET & CRAFTS FAIR**
—Break sponsored by *Chiricahua Regional Council*
- 10:30 / 11:30 **"Historic Highway 80—A Drive Through the Past"**
— Mike Anderson, *Author and Historian, Bisbee, AZ*
- 11:00 / NOON **"Dangerous Critters Outside Your Door"**
— Ray Mendez, *Entomologist extraordinaire, Portal, AZ*
- 11:30 / 12:30 **"Cave Creek Canyon Updates"** — Reed Peters, *President, FOCCC*
- 11:45 / 12:45 **"Announcements"** — Kim Vacariu
- NOON / 1:00 **BUFFET LUNCH / MARKET & CRAFTS FAIR**
Homemade soups, salad, bread & dessert for all food preferences. **\$10.00**
- 1:00 / 2:00 **"Owls of the Chiricahua Mountains Important Bird Area"**
— Jennie MacFarland, *Bird Conservation Biologist, Tucson Audubon Society*
- 1:30 / 2:30 **"A Bridge for Wildlife at Steins Pass"**
— Patricia Cramer, *Director, Wildlife Connectivity Institute*
- 2:00 / 3:00 **COFFEE BREAK / MARKET & CRAFTS FAIR**
Break sponsored by Chiricahua Regional Council
- 2:30 / 3:30 **"Regional History of the Civilian Conservation Corp"**
— Bill Gillespie, *US Forest Service, retired*
- 3:00 / 4:00 **"The Story of Conservation in the Chiricahua Mts. Region"**
— Dirk Sigler, *Chiricahua Regional Council*
- 3:30 / 4:30 **"Closing Remarks"** — Kim Vacariu

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 8:00 a.m. / 9:00 **"Bird Walk & Chiricahua Mts. IBA Dedication Ceremony"**
with Jennie MacFarland, Tucson Audubon Society
Meet at Cave Creek Visitors Center, 8 am AZ / 9 am NM
- 11:00 a.m. / NOON **"IBA Dedication Ceremony"** *At the South Fork Trailhead Parking Area*

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