



START TIMES

ARIZONA / NEW MEX.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

- 8:30 am / 9:30 am **MARKET & CRAFTS FAIR OPENS**
- 9:00 / 10:00 **"Welcome & Logistics"** — Kim Vacariu, *Heritage Days Director*
- 9:10 / 10:10 **Keynote: "Putting the Drought in Perspective"**
— Dr. Erinanne Saffell, *Director, Arizona Dept. of Climatology*
- 10:00 / 11:00 **COFFEE BREAK / MARKET & CRAFTS FAIR**
Break sponsored by Chiricahua Regional Council
- 10:30 / 11:30 **"Regional Overview of San Simon Valley Groundwater"**
— Dr. Neha Gupta, *University of Arizona Institute for Resilience*
- 11:00 / NOON **"The Forgotten History of the San Simon River"**
— Craig McEwan, *Chiricahua-Peloncillo Historical Society*
- 11:30 / 12:30 **"Friends of Cave Creek Updates"**—Reed Peters, Margaret Wilch, *FoCCC*
- 11:45 / 12:45 **"Announcements"** — Kim Vacariu, *Heritage Days Director*
- NOON / 1:00 **LUNCH BREAK / MARKET & CRAFTS FAIR**
Homemade soups, salad, bread & dessert for all food preferences. \$10.00
— *On-Site Buffet Lunch Provided by Cave Creek Sandwich Company*
- 1:00 pm / 2:00 **"The Electrification of Cochise & Hidalgo Counties"**
— Mike Anderson, *Regional Historian and Author*
- 1:30 / 2:30 **"Keeping Our Dark Skies Dark"**
— Michael Hensley, *Dark Sky NM Astronomy Center, Animas*
- 2:00 / 3:00 **ICE CREAM BREAK / MARKET & CRAFTS FAIR**
Break sponsored by Chiricahua Regional Council
- 2:30 / 3:30 **"Southwestern Birds—A Declining Population"**
— Chris McCreedy, *SW Bird Recovery Manager, American Bird Conservancy*
- 3:00 / 4:00 **"Borderland Jaguars: A Survival Story"**
— Roberto Wolf Webels, *Mexico General Manager, Northern Jaguar Project*
- 3:30 / 4:30 **"Closing Remarks"** — Kim Vacariu, *Heritage Days Director*

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 8:00 am / 9:00 am **"The Birds of Cave Creek Canyon"**
— *Walking tour, with Chris McCreedy,*
SW Bird Recovery Manager, American Bird Conservancy
Meet at Cave Creek Visitor Information Center
- 10:00 am / 11:00 am **"Hiking & Back Country Preparedness"**
— *Safety and Basic Navigation in the Coronado, with Margaret Wilch & Dirk Sigler*
Friends of Cave Creek Canyon; Chiricahua Regional Council
Meet at Cave Creek Visitors Information Center

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