



Chamber Welcomes New Members



The Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce welcomed two new members with ribbon cuttings last week. Pictured in photo left is Sunset Route Tours owner Debra Morelli (with scissors), along with chamber members, in front of the Sunset Route 1915 Model T Hack that is used to transport customers on historic tours of the Apache Junction/ Superstition Mountain area. Visit sunsetroute.org or call 480-288-7480 for the tour of a lifetime.

Pictured in photo right is Old West 24/7 Storage owner Gary Binder (with scissors) along with chamber members and friends. Stop by Old West 24/7 Storage at 2155 E. Old West Highway or phone 480-982-1949 for a 24/7 solution to your storage needs.

Renaissance Festival

Festival's 20th anniversary will begin Monday, Feb. 9



Arizona's biggest 30-acre outdoor kingdom of entertainment will be returning for their 20th anniversary of two non-stop months of enjoyment, feasting and games beginning in February.

The Arizona Renaissance Festival will feature a vast 16th century European village beginning Saturday, February 9 through the end of March. In 1989 the festival was first introduced with three show stages and eight acres of village attractions. Now, 20 years later, the Arizona Renaissance Festival has 12 stages of non-stop entertainment, tournament arenas for jousting, an open-air market with 200 artisan shops, kitchens and pubs, games of skill and people-powered rides.

The festival is expected to attract 260,000 participants this year with their new shows on 12 different stages. The continuous entertainment will include Whip Master Adam Crack, who currently holds four Guinness World Records for his daring and dangerous bullwhip stunts.

The thousands of participants who have become festival regulars over the past 20 years will be happy to know that many fan favorites will be returning for the anniversary celebration. Some of those favorites will include the sharp wit of the Ded Bob Show; all three Tortuga Twins; Zilch the Torseller; the dashing swordsman Don Juan and his zany servant Miguel; the Wyld Men mixing it up in the medieval mud; Cast in Bronze, a tower of musical bells played on a mechanical keyboard with fists and feet; Birds of Prey demonstrations of majesty in flight and hundreds of minstrels, dancers, jugglers and jesters.

Festival fans will have the opportunity to enjoy the pleasures of a simpler time in a storybook town where they can choose from continuous music, dance and comedy shows, shop for wonderful arts and crafts, play

games, participate in rides and a feast on exotic food and drink.

The festival's kitchens cook up an endless feast of Scotch eggs, potato pancakes, bread bowl stews, steak-on-a-stake, gourmet sausages and the Festival's famous giant roasted turkey legs and their new menu item large beef ribs. Dessert items include fresh crepes, cakes and cookies from the Monks Bakery, candy delights from the Chocolate Shoppe and a favorite of all renaissance wanderers, a bag of cinnamon-roasted almonds.

Festival pubs offer soft drinks, beer, wine, champagne and ale. The Cocktail Inn serve such full-spirit drinks as Medieval Margaritas, Duke of Daiquiri and the Bloody Marie Antoinette.

For the best in medieval dining, make reservations for *La Festa Italiana* at the FeastHall. This six-course, bang-on-the-table dining event features the return of the Feast Master with a new music and comedy extravaganza. The Pleasure Feast includes the festival admission ticket, six-course pleasure feast, two hours of royal entertainment, selection of beverages and a souvenir special edition Pleasure Feast Goblet for \$79.95.

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$6 for kids ages 5-12 and children under 5 are free. Tickets can be purchased online at RenFestInfo.com or at Fry's and Fry's Marketplace. Tickets purchased at the festival box office are \$2 more. Discount tickets for seniors, 60 and older, are \$17 at the festival ticket booth. Parking is free, courtesy of Fry's and Fry's Marketplace.

The Festival is open Saturdays, Sundays and Presidents' Day from Monday, February 9 through Sunday, March 30. The gates open with a cannon shot at 10 a.m. and close at 6 p.m., rain or shine. The festival is located east of Apache Junction on U.S. 60. For more information visit their Web site at RenFestInfo.com or call 520-463-2700.

New Featured Artist At Museum

Edith Krueger-Nye will be featured for January



Edith Krueger-Nye is the featured artist at the Superstition Mountain Museum for the month of January. Krueger-Nye is a popular teacher of digital photography. She goes beyond the basic photoshop techniques to create and recreate images that help the viewers see the magic of the subject. Some of her enlargements resemble pointillist paintings, others are true representations of what was caught in her lens and accentuated with color. Come out and see her display of horses ... you'll want one for your home.

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