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### FIND LOVE IN COCHISE COUNTY FEBRUARY

**COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZ.** (Jan. 6, 2009)—No trip to Cochise County is complete without a dash from the past, but travelers headed down south for cowboy poetry or a “festive” symposium on historical preservation may want to expand their itinerary to Cochise-style cultural events. Among the communities of Benson, Bisbee, Sierra Vista, Tombstone and Willcox, you’ve got your pick of quilt shows, chocolate, symphonic music and a mini-art exhibit.

#### **Feb. 6-8, 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Cochise Cowboy Poetry Music & Poetry Gathering, Sierra Vista**

Once a year, for three days, Sierra Vista becomes a Western wonder of poetry, music, storytelling and song. More than 60 artists from all over the United States and Canada will converge on Sierra Vista for three major stage performances and free mini-concerts on Saturday, Feb. 7. Learn the history of the Arizona Territory through song and poetry.

When: Various free events; headline shows 7 p.m. on Feb. 6 & 7; 1 p.m. on Feb. 8  
Where: Buena Performing Arts Center (at the high school); 5225 Buena School Dr.  
Admission: \$6 high school students; \$16 seniors and military; \$18 adult  
Info: 520-417-6960; [www.cowboypoets.com](http://www.cowboypoets.com)

#### **Feb. 6-8, Sierra Vista Municipal Fly-Inn, Sierra Vista**

Thinking of flying South? Interested in old west history? Come on down to Sierra Vista for the Cochise Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering and Municipal Airport Fly-In. Hotels, restaurants and rental car companies are offering great discounts. The City of Sierra Vista is providing tie-down services at no charge for the weekend.

Info: 520-452-7091 or 520-458-5775

#### **Feb. 14, Chocolate Tasting, Bisbee**

Serious chocoholics will melt for this fundraiser to benefit the city of Bisbee’s public library. A ticket buys you entrée to a spread of decadent chocolate desserts at Arizona’s oldest library, the Copper Queen. This is Valentines Day, after all, so pick up a to-go box of exquisite chocolates created in Bisbee kitchens to share later with your darling.

When: 6 – 8 p.m.  
Where: Copper Queen Library, 6 Main St., Bisbee  
Admission: \$12 at the door  
Info: 520-432-4232 or [www.discoverbisbee.com](http://www.discoverbisbee.com)

#### **Feb. 14, Friends of Marty Robbins Fundraiser, Willcox**

Live entertainment, auction, a dance and chili supper fundraiser for the Marty Robbins exhibit.

When: 5-10 p.m.  
Where: Willcox Middle School Gym, 360 N. Bisbee Ave., Willcox  
Admission: \$10 for adults; \$8 for seniors and children  
Info: 520-766-1404

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**Feb. 21, Guided Tour of Buffalo Soldier Historic Sites, Fort Huachuca**

Learn about the accomplishments and history of Fort Huachuca's Buffalo Soldiers from members of the Southwest Association of Buffalo Soldiers.

When: Tour departs at 11:15 a.m.

Info: 520-417-6960 or 1-800-288-3861 for location, admission charge and other details.

*Note: Fort Huachuca is an active military installation. Visitor passes are available to US citizens at the post's main gate with a valid driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of insurance (or rental car agreement). All passengers over 13 must have photo identification.*

**Feb. 21 & 22, "Quilts Galore!" Sierra Vista**

Every year, hundreds of Arizonans travel to Sierra Vista view finely handcrafted quilts of all sizes and patterns created by Sierra Vista's Hummingbird Stitchers.

When: 9 a.m. – 5 pm. Sat.; 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Sun.

Where: Buena High School, 5225 E. Buena School Blvd.

Admission: \$5; children younger than 12, free

Info: 520-417-6960 or 520-803-1420; [www.geocities.com/hsqg2002/HSQG.html](http://www.geocities.com/hsqg2002/HSQG.html)

**Feb. 22, Historic Preservation Symposium at Singing Wind Bookshop, Benson**

Country-western music, munchies, valet parking and authors expounding on their works about preserving the Old Southwest make for "a real fiesta—everybody has fun," says Winn Bundy, whose been running the internationally acclaimed bookstore out of her ranch home for more than 30 years.

When: 1 p.m.

Where: Singing Wind Book Shop, 700 W. Singing Wind Road

Admission: Free

Info: 520-586-2425

**Feb. 26, Tucson Symphony Orchestra with the Bisbee Community Chorus—Latin Flair, Bisbee**

The Tucson Symphony Orchestra comes to Bisbee for a special performance of "Latin Flair," as part of its Southern Arizona Residency. The Bisbee Community Chorus, presenter of the event, will join the symphony for part of the program. The concert is made possible in part by the Arizona Commission on the Arts, with funding from the state of Arizona and the National Endowment for the Arts.

When: 7 p.m.

Where: Bisbee High School Auditorium, 325 School Terrace

Admission: \$12.50 (free for K-12 students in Cochise County)

Info: 520-432-3523 or 520-432-8885

**Jan. 29-Feb. 25, Tombstone Association of the Arts 27th Annual Quilt Show, Tombstone**

Every corner of Cochise County is represented in this voluminous display of original modern and traditional quilts of all sizes and patterns. Some are for sale, and others are family heirlooms displayed for viewing only. Visitors will be encouraged to vote for three People's Choice Awards. Leatha Draden, event organizer with the Tombstone Needle Nuts, said 140-plus quilts will be hung in the gallery: "We fill that place up and then some."

When: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. daily

Where: Tombstone Association of the Arts Gallery, 317 Allen St., Tombstone

Admission: Free

Info: 520-459-7960

**February, Miniature Art Show, Willcox**

Stop by the Willcox Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture to admire a nationally judged show of artwork no bigger than 35 square inches. The mini show and sale, sponsored by the Art League of Willcox, features artists from all over the country.

When: All month, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Mon. – Fri.; 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sat.; 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Sun.

Where: Willcox Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, 1500 N. Circle Road

Admission: Free

Info: 520-384-2272 or 520-384-5317

***Ongoing***

**Arizona Folklore Preserve, Sierra Vista**

Dolan Ellis, Arizona's Official State Balladeer, performs in the intimate setting of the Folklore Preserve in forested Ramsey Canyon. Reservations are required.

*Jan. 31 & Feb. 1: My Arizona Heroes*

*Feb. 14 & 15: "Arizona The Valentine State"*

*Feb. 28 & March 1: "Bordergrass"*

When: 2 p.m., Saturdays & Sundays

Where: 44 E. Ramsey Canyon Road, Hereford

Admission: \$15 for adults; \$6 for students 17 and under

Info: 520-378-6165 or [www.arizonafolklore.com](http://www.arizonafolklore.com)

*Located in southeastern Arizona, Cochise County is one of the most culturally, historically and geographically diverse areas in the American Southwest. Its legendary communities—Benson, Bisbee, Douglas, Tombstone, Sierra Vista and Willcox—were strategically located less than a day's journey by stagecoach and are now just a short drive from one another. In the month of February, average daytime temperatures are in the 60s, with night-time lows in the 30s.*

*For more information about Cochise County, contact the Cochise County Tourism Council at 1-800-862-5273 or visit their website at [www.explorecochise.com](http://www.explorecochise.com).*

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