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## **December's Jackpot Barrel Racing to Include Food Drive**

ALBUQUERQUE, NM – On Friday, EXPO New Mexico will host the third in its **Winter Jackpot Barrel Racing Series**, where participants literally compete for the day's jackpot, Friday December 13<sup>th</sup> in the Dairy Barn. The jackpot available for each event is the money raised through fees for entry and exhibition runs on the day of the event, less minimal operational costs. Entry fees are \$15 per rider for children, \$45 per rider for adults. Exhibition runs cost just \$4 each, or three for \$10. There is no admission cost for spectators and parking is FREE at Gate 6 (San Pedro just north of Lomas). Racers and spectators alike are encouraged to bring one or two non-perishable food items each to donate to the needy this Holiday season. Call 505-222-9700 for more information.

The **Weems International Artfest** takes place Friday (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.), Saturday (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and Sunday (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) in the Manuel Lujan Complex. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors 65 and older and active military, and free for children 12 and under (or donate a penny to Pennies for the Paint). View and purchase paintings, prints, sculpture, glass, jewelry, clothing, pottery and much, much more, and visit with hundreds of the finest artists from all over the world. Visit <a href="www.weemsinternationalartfest.org">www.weemsinternationalartfest.org</a> for more information.

The 2013 Bead Renaissance Fair takes place Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the School Arts Building. Admission is FREE for all. Make this holiday memorable with handcrafted gifts for everyone. Beaded gifts will be treasured for years to come. And don't forget about holiday decorations for the home. Beaded ornaments and garland will make the tree stand out. You'll also find kits available for most crafts and projects. Visit <a href="http://www.beadshow.com">http://www.beadshow.com</a> for more information.

The **New Mexico Veterans' Art Show** runs Friday and Saturday this weekend (ends Saturday, November 23) in the Fine Arts Gallery from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featuring artwork by local military veterans statewide, the Veterans' Art Show is FREE to the general public.