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EXPO New Mexico Hosts Horses, Gem & Mineral Show, New Mexico Watercolor Society's Fall Exhibition and the NMGCA Gun, Sword & Knife Show This Weekend

ALBUQUERQUE, NM – EXPO New Mexico, Home of the New Mexico State Fair, will once again host a plethora of events this weekend ranging from a Gun, Sword & Knife Show to the state's premier watercolor exhibition. General Manager Dan Mourning said, "Our busiest events months are just around the corner, and we're working very hard to ensure that we present something for just about everyone, every weekend."

The Opening Night Celebration for the **2013 New Mexico Watercolor Society Fall Show** takes place Friday, October 4 in the Fine Arts Gallery from 7 to 9 p.m. Admission is FREE. Regular show times are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday through Sunday through October 27. Closed Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The NM Watercolor Society Fall Show, judged by Guest Artist Ted Nuttall. About 116 original watercolor works by local artists, in both traditional and alternative presentation formats will be on display and available for purchase. Visit <u>http://www.nmwatercolorsociety.org/</u> for more information.

Albuquerque Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Trade Show & Exhibition takes place in the Creative Arts Building Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is FREE. The show will feature dozens of dealers selling everything from amethyst cathedrals to Zebra rock, rocks and minerals inexpensive to moderately priced.

The New Mexico Gun Collectors Association will present its Gun, Sword & Knife Show Saturday and Sunday, October 5 and 6 in the Manuel Lujan, Jr. Exhibit Complex. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6, \$5 with NRA card and kids under 12 FREE with adult. You'll find thousands of guns, swords and knives – many of them collectible.

The Chile Roast Fiesta Horse Show takes place Saturday and Sunday, October 5 and 6 in the Dairy Barn. Hours are 8 a.m. to evening, admission is FREE. More than 100 horses are entered in this year's Fiesta, which features dressage on Saturday and a horse show on Sunday.