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## **Barrel Racing, Flea Market, Weems Artfest, Bead Renaissance Show & NM Veterans' Art Show This Weekend at EXPO New Mexico**

ALBUQUERQUE, NM – This weekend, EXPO New Mexico will host four major events that are open to the public in addition to the state's oldest and largest **Flea Market**, which takes place every weekend (except during the State Fair and when Christmas falls on a weekend) on the Midway parking lot. **Weems International Artfest** takes place Friday through Sunday inside the Manuel Lujan, Jr. Exhibit Complex, and the **2013 Bead Renaissance Fair** runs Friday through Sunday in the School Arts Building. The New Mexico Veterans' Art Show runs weekends through Saturday, November 23, and this month's **Jackpot Barrel Racing** takes place Friday, November 15 in the Dairy Barn.

"With few exceptions, there's always something interesting and exciting going on at EXPO," said State Fair General Manager Dan Mourning. "With the big gift-giving holidays just around the corner, we're hosting events this weekend that will make finding unique treasures for everyone on your shopping list simple and stress-free. And we've got the second installment of 2013 Jackpot Barrel Racing and the Veterans' Art Show – it's another big weekend for us. Too many people still believe we're just the Fair," Mourning said. "But the truth is we host roughly 240 events of every variety – from animal and art shows to concerts and major trade shows – year-round."

Local barrel racers of all ages and levels don't have to wait for State Fair or regional rodeo events to get their competition on. EXPO New Mexico will host the second **Winter Jackpot Barrel Racing Series**, where participants literally compete for the day's jackpot, Friday November 15th in the Dairy Barn located on the Fairgrounds. 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). 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 [www.weemsinternationalartfest.org](http://www.weemsinternationalartfest.org) 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 <http://www.beadshow.com> 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.