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Big Weekend Ahead at EXPO New Mexico

Great events include barrel racing, arts & crafts and bead show

This weekend features fun, creative and entertaining things to do at EXPO New Mexico. The weekend's events include a Barrel Racing competition on Friday evening, as well as the Weems International Artfest and the Albuquerque Bead Renaissance Show, both of which run throughout the weekend.

There will be several barrel racing competitions hosted by EXPO New Mexico in the Dairy Barn over the next several months, on various Fridays beginning this weekend through late Spring. Barrel racing is a great spectators sport and a unique opportunity to experience rodeo events outside of the State Fair. There is no cost to attend though parking at EXPO New Mexico is \$5.00 per vehicle on weekends. This is a recurring event taking place again on January 16, 2015, February 20, 2015, March 20, 2015, May 15, 2015 and June 19, 2015 and races begin at 8:00 PM. Barrel racers interested in competing can find more information on the EXPO New Mexico webpage at www.EXPONM.com.

The highly acclaimed Weems International Artfest begins on Friday at the Manuel Lujan Exhibit Hall with regular show hours from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The hours are the same on Saturday and 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Sunday. The 32nd annual event showcases hundreds of exceptional artists with works available for purchase. The cost of admission is \$6.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors and military personnel and children 12 and under are free. Beneficiaries of the Artfest include local arts, veterans and animal welfare organizations.

The Albuquerque Bead Renaissance Show is also taking place this weekend in the School Arts Building at EXPO New Mexico. The show is open to the public and admission is free. The event runs Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

If folks need more incentive to make the short drive to EXPO, don't forget about our fantastic Flea Market. EXPO New Mexico is home to the largest outdoor Flea Market in the State – open every Saturday and Sunday at 7 AM. “As is once again evidenced by this weekend's events, the range of creative, exciting and entertaining options that you can experience at our venue is extraordinary,” said Dan Mourning, General Manager at EXPO New Mexico. For more information, log onto www.EXPONM.com.