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TOHONO CHUL'S NEWSLETTER



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A'gave go get some!

HOT DANG! BUY THEM PLANTS!
BUY THEM!

FALL PLANT SALE

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WED | OCT 11 | 12PM-6PM **MEMBERS' PREVIEW**
SAT | OCT 14 | 9AM-5PM **GENERAL PUBLIC**
SUN | OCT 15 | 10AM-4PM

HOT DANG! BUY THEM PLANTS THIS FALL!

MEMBERS' PREVIEW:

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 11 | 12 P.M. – 6 P.M.

GENERAL PUBLIC:

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 14 | 9 A.M. – 5 P.M. &

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 15 | 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.

Be aware that the plant sale is located on the east side of the grounds in the Propagation Area at 7211 N. Northern Avenue, which is the first street just west of the Ina and Oracle intersection.

Don't be fooled as fall is the perfect time to get your garden going! Our annual Fall Plant Sale hosts an extensive offering, over 1,000 species to be exact, of both the typical and the unusual, native, cold-hardy, and arid-adapted plants from agaves to Zauschneria and everything in-between. We encourage you to bring your own wagon, but we will have plenty on hand too. Don't forget to check out our propagation greenhouse as we have a special selection of agaves like the Mangave Moonglow featured in our ad.

SUNDAYS
in the
GARDEN

CONCERT SERIES

OCT. 1 | CLASSICAL GUITAR | Steven Lerman
OCT. 8 | GUITAR & VIOLA DUO | Bin Hu & Tiezheng Shen
OCT. 15 | VIOLIN & CELLO DUO | Emily Nolan & Ian Jones
OCT. 22 | SOUTHWESTERN MUSIC | Nancy Elliott & Benny Young
OCT. 29 | HARP MUSIC | Katie Damon
NOV. 5 | PERUVIAN & LATIN AMERICAN MUSIC | Grupo Tradiciones
NOV. 12 | BLUEGRASS MUSIC | Gregory Morton
NOV. 19 | CLASSICAL LATIN GUITAR | Phillip Kane
NOV. 26 | CLASSICAL MUSIC | Tucson Guitar Society Orchestra

FREE WITH ADMISSION TO TOHONO CHUL
Sundays | 1:30-3PM | October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
November 5, 12, 19, & 26 | Tohono Chul's Performance Garden

TREAT YOURSELF TO A SNACK OR PRICKLY PEAR LEMONADE FROM THE BISTRO CASH BAR!

Tucson Guitar Society
Featuring performances from the Tucson Guitar Society TUCSONGUITARSOCIETY.ORG



GUATEMALAN ARTS & CRAFTS SALE

FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 10 &

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 11 | 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.

Free admission during the sale!

Mayan women of Guatemala live in the mountain villages of their ancestors, weaving colorful textiles using traditional back-strap looms.

Offered for sale at this special trunk show is an array of clothing from flowered huipiles (square cut blouses) to colorful rebozos (shawls), as well as fabric on the bolt, contemporary purses, vests, table runners and colorful beaded jewelry.



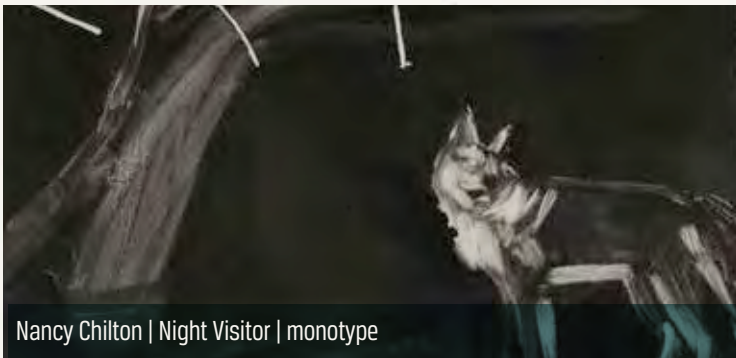
Mel "Melo" Dominguez | La Ultima Serenata | acrylic on black velvet



Timothy Schirack | Lovers | watercolor and ink on paper



Phil Lichtenhan | Nest | mixed metals with ceramic



Nancy Chilton | Night Visitor | monotype



Royce Davenport | as yet titled creation from Rancho Milagrito | found objects

EXHIBITIONS 2017

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

AUGUST 24 - NOVEMBER 8 | MAIN GALLERY

Día de los Muertos is a time to honor and remember loved ones who have died. It mixes rituals from pre-colonial Mesoamerica with the Catholic observances of All Saints' and All Souls' Day into a joyful celebration where death is recognized as part of the natural process of living. The exhibit features a Community Ofrenda created by Adam and Patricia Silva.

TIMOTHY SCHIRACK | FEATURED ARTIST

AUGUST 24 - NOVEMBER 8 | WELCOME GALLERY

Timothy Schirack moved to Tucson seven years ago with his wife and sons to soak up inspiration from the magnificent desert. Inspired by the flora and fauna, Schirack's work presents a magical reality by breaking down complicated forms to their essence and infusing them with the unique colors and textures of the Southwest.

10 X 10 | A FUNDRAISER

OCTOBER 6 - DECEMBER 17 | ENTRY GALLERY

In its second permutation, 10 X 10 celebrates the many artists who have made the exhibits at Tohono Chul shine throughout the past year. Eclectic and energetic, this exhibition features sculpture, paintings, prints, photographs and mixed-media works that are all no larger than 10 inches in size and all priced at \$100.

50% of all sales support programming at Tohono Chul.

DESERT CORRIDORS

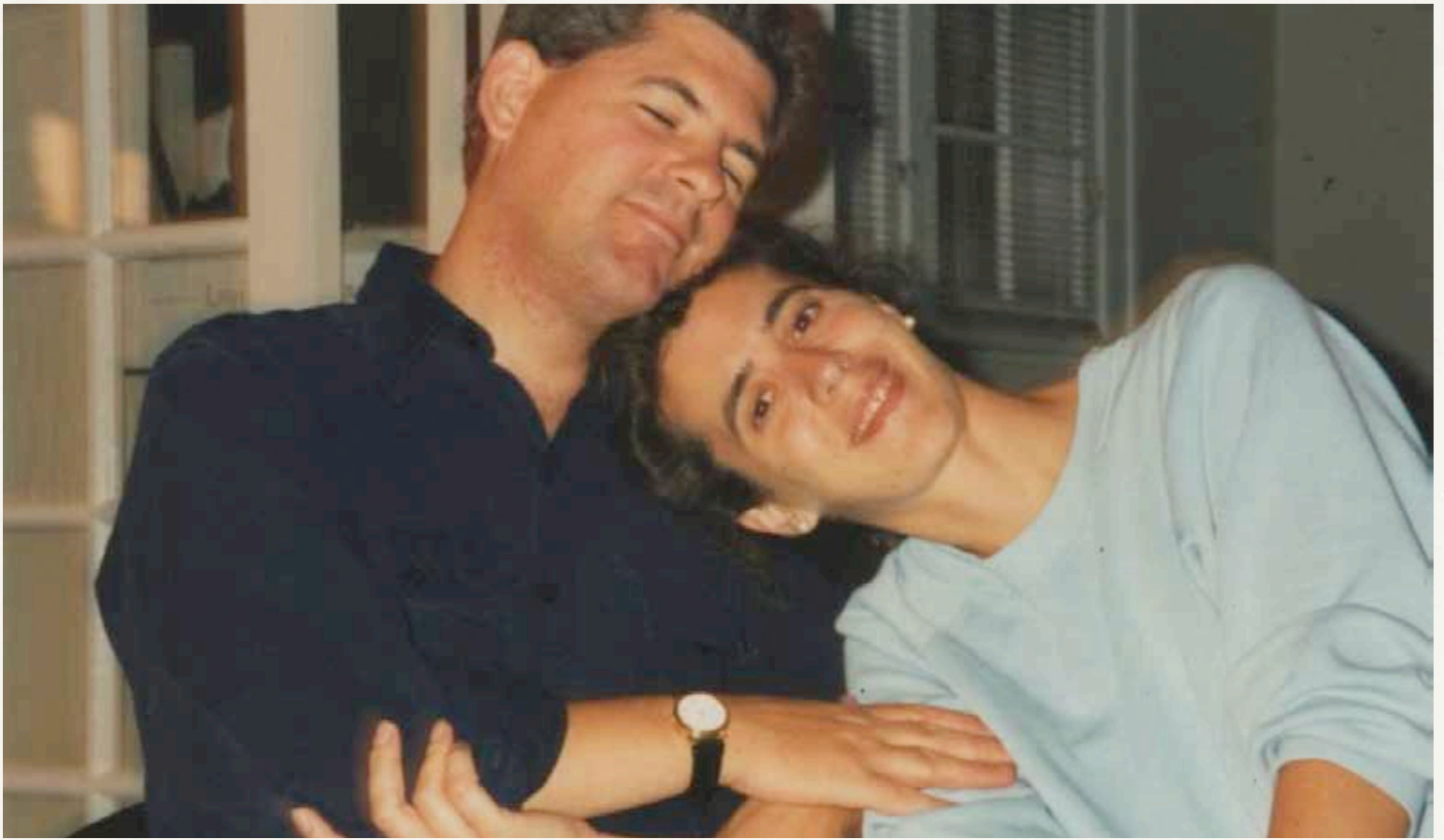
NOVEMBER 16 - FEBRUARY 7, 2018 | MAIN GALLERY

Man-made crossings and waystations, desert washes, and riparian areas are all corridors that offer mammals, reptiles, insects, and birds passage to new habitats over land, by water, and through the air. These routes connect creatures of all shapes, sizes and species to new horizons. DESERT CORRIDORS begins with what we can see along the path, and continues into the realm of what we can't.

ROYCE DAVENPORT | FEATURED ARTIST

NOVEMBER 16 - JANUARY 7 | WELCOME GALLERY

Royce Davenport has been repurposing and transforming odd materials into wonderful and fantastic folk-art creations east of Tucson for the past 25 years. His Vail, AZ workshop coined *Rancho Milagrito* is the place where it all happens. Everything Davenport makes is filled with his heart, his soul, and his incredibly wry wit.



GREGG GIFT AFFIRMS LOVE

Gary and Vera Gregg loved the Sonoran Desert. Their recent legacy gift will transform Tohono Chul in the form of the newly constructed pavilion.

The Greggs met while working together in Northeastern Ohio. They were inseparable. After many visits, they made Tucson their home in 2014. Vera loved cacti from the time she was a child. The Arizona desert felt like home. The native cacti were just like the ones her mother grew in Ohio (indoors in the winter!).

The two spent long full days at Tohono Chul. Vera was an avid birder and they soaked in all they could learn about their new desert home. The gardens inspired their own landscape. It became a haven for hummingbirds, butterflies and the roadrunner.

Gary and Vera cared for one another as they valiantly battled cancer. Gary died of advanced prostate cancer in late 2015. Vera's 9-year fight with breast cancer ended just 4 months later. Their estate gift to Tohono Chul ensures they will live on by enriching the lives of all visitors.

The pavilion will honor their memory and serve as a testament to their love of each other, the Sonoran Desert and Tohono Chul.

THE ENDOWMENT FOR TOHONO CHUL

The Board of Directors of Tohono Chul recently created The Endowment for Tohono Chul. This new fund is a permanent "savings account." Your gifts to the fund are held and invested. Then, each year, a payout from the corpus supports the needs of Tohono Chul. This endowment is critical to the long-term health, success and sustainability of Tohono Chul.

WILSON LEGACY SOCIETY

The Wilson Legacy Society is named in honor of Dick and Jean Wilson who created Tohono Chul with a gift of their home and property 30 years ago. The society celebrates those who are leaving estate gifts to Tohono Chul. You can make similar arrangements and be a member of the Society as well.

For more information, please visit tohonochul.org/planned-giving or contact Carol Dimit in the Philanthropy office at cdimit@tohonochul.org or 520-742-6455 x243.

CHILES, CHOCOLATE & DAY OF THE DEAD!

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
OCTOBER 27 & OCTOBER 28
FROM 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

When the Spanish reached the New World, they found Aztecs and Mayas incorporating cultivated chiles — *Capiscum annum* — into their daily lives, using them to spice up meals and cure illnesses. North of Mexico, indigenous peoples harvested the wild chiltepin for flavoring, ancestor of the chiles we grow, enjoy and celebrate around the world.

Not so much to the liking of Spanish explorers was the bitter chocolate drink of the Aztecs, but once blended with honey or cane sugar, they understood why cacao (*Theobroma cacao*) was considered to have magical, even divine properties — we'll drink to that!

For our annual salute to the fiery chile and decadent chocolate, over 30 food and craft vendors fill the grounds with tempting chile- and chocolate-enhanced foodstuffs, and chile-inspired crafts. Look for cooking demonstrations by the chefs of the Garden Bistro, chile and chocolate beers and wines, and musical entertainment with a Latin beat. As a special treat, the Garden Bistro is serving dinner Friday evening, October 27!








And in conjunction with our biennial exhibit, we are also celebrating another enduring tradition of the borderlands, Día de los Muertos with personal ofrendas (altars) from local artists and schools, a community altar inviting participants to leave recuerdos

**CHILES
CHOCOLATE
& DAY OF THE DEAD
FESTIVAL**

VISIT TOHONOCHEL.ORG/CHILES TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS
OCT 27 & 28 | 9AM - 4PM | \$5 MEMBERS | \$15 GENERAL PUBLIC | FREE FOR CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER

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OUR PROUD SPONSORS:

Sponsors include: The Town of Oro Valley, La Posada, Nakoma Sky, R&A CPAs, Splendido, The Desert Leaf and Edible Baja Arizona.

(remembrances) of lost loved ones, Day of the Dead-themed face painting and children's activities on Saturday.

EARLY BIRD TICKETS:

September 1 to September 30
\$3 members | \$12 general public

STARTING OCTOBER 1:

\$5 members | \$15 general public
(children 12 and under free)





The welcoming home of Dick and Jean Wilson.

GATHERING IN THE GARDEN TOHONO CHUL ENRICHING LIVES

“Beauty surrounds us. But, often it takes being in the garden to help us to appreciate it.”

Tohono Chul is at a crossroads. A critical point in its history.

People gather here to socialize, work, play, learn—to build community. And community is critical to health and well-being.

This is why Dick and Jean Wilson guarded this precious place for you. They worked from 1966 until their gift in 1985. They nurtured the garden. They turned away money from developers. They preserved and cared for the land. They dreamed of a place to educate, inspire—a place where all are welcome to gather and enjoy.

And for more than 30 years, the Wilson’s gift to you has not only been preserved, it has been enhanced, made safer, more accessible, more interesting, engaging and inspirational.

But today, people are being turned away from Tohono Chul.

Spaces once designed for a single-family are crowded. Workshops, programs, retreats, family reunions, weddings and social groups are being turned away. Nature, art and culture are not available to those who yearn for it.

A family home, courtyard or backyard is no longer adequate. Seniors, children, families, school classes, business professionals, artists, community groups, and fitness sessions are turned away.

- Art dusts off the soul... unless you cannot approach the sculpture.
- Music lifts the spirits...

unless you cannot hear the performance.

- Culture deepens understanding... unless you cannot enter the exhibit.
- Gathering builds community... unless you cannot get into the room.

A PLACE TO GATHER IN THE GARDEN

Gathering in the Garden will be possible with the new pavilion.



People throng to gatherings at Tohono Chul.

Imagine...

Kids sprawled out, playing, creating, learning

Lovers toasting their wedding day with family and friends

Gardeners intent on learning about plants of the region

Patrons applauding a young jazz trio back from Carnegie Hall

Seniors out in the fresh air enjoying birds and blooms

The pavilion is a 4,744 square foot gathering place. It is a world-class architectural facility. It will provide shelter and protection, but it will be open to the grounds, integrated into the gardens. Designed for efficiency and conservation—its curved roof will harvest rainwater for the gardens. Energy from the sun will power fans, lights and heaters.

It will allow Gathering in the Garden for an audience of

420. 240 people can gather at tables to eat. Day or night, the space is flexible for meetings, children's activities, concerts, theater, music, dance, classes, film, services or celebrations. It fills a space that is currently not in active use and preserves most of the existing plantings.

Your gift to the Gathering in the Garden will keep Tohono Chul warm and welcoming. You can ensure that ALL can gather in the garden.



Pavilion front showing adjustable weather panels.

MAKE YOUR GIFT AND TRANSFORM TOHONO CHUL

Allow everyone to gather in the garden! Your gift will help build this pavilion to host visitors of all ages.

Visit tohonochul.org/support to make your gift. Or mail your gift to Tohono Chul at 7366 North Paseo del Norte, Tucson, AZ 85704. For questions please call 520-742-6455 x212.

Your gift of \$10,000 or more will be publicly recognized. Recognition of a \$500,000 gift will include naming the pavilion.

Thank You for helping Tohono Chul welcome ALL!



Pavilion interior from NE looking SW towards Children's Ramada.



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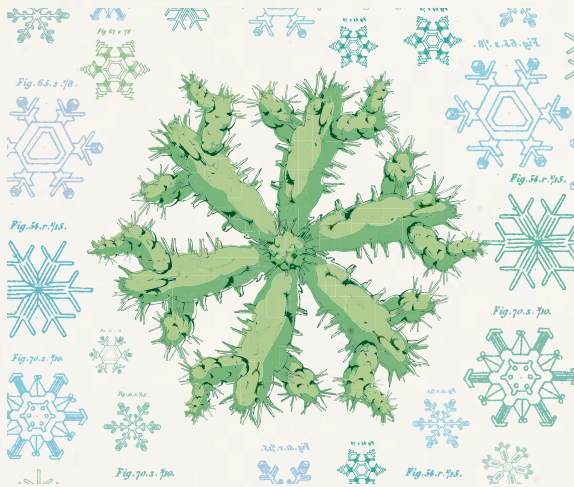
8 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Christmas

Eve & New Years Eve

Closed: New Year's Day, 4th of July, Thanksgiving Day,
Christmas Day

TOHONO CHUL'S 2018 CALENDAR IS COMING SOON! ONLY \$9.95

Keep in sync with the five seasons of the Sonoran Desert and Tohono Chul's many events throughout the year. The 12-month calendar will be available in all the museum shops and online when it arrives, so stay tuned.



HOLIDAY NIGHTS A MILLION TWINKLING LIGHTS!

DECEMBER 1 & 2 | DECEMBER 8 & 9 |
DECEMBER 15 & 16 | 5:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Holiday Nights is fun for everyone! Stroll along paths garlanded with over a million twinkling lights while musicians and artists perform throughout the gardens. Enjoy the many distinct performances while you sip hot chocolate and enjoy tasty treats! **\$12 FOR MEMBERS, \$16 FOR NONMEMBERS, \$3 FOR CHILDREN 12 & UNDER**

2018 MEMBERS' RECEPTION

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY | JANUARY 20 | 2018 | 10 A.M.

COME CELEBRATE YOU! YOUR SUPPORT SUSTAINS AND GROWS TOHONO CHUL!

Enjoy light refreshments. Meet friends old and new. Get the inside scoop from Executive Director, Dr. Christine Conte on what's new and what's coming up in 2018.

R.S.V.P. BY CALLING 520.742.6455 X243

OCTOBER 2017 EVENTS

Día De Los Muertos	Exhibit	Through 8 November	
Timothy Schirack	Exhibit	Through 8 November	
Sundays in the Garden	Concert	1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Sundays	1:30 - 3 p.m.
"Fall" Back to Yoga!	Class	3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Tuesdays	8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
10 x 10 A Fundraiser	Exhibit	6 Thursday - 17 December	
Sugar Skull Mask	Class	7 Saturday	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
No Species is an Island: Bats, Cacti & Secrets of the Sonoran Desert	Class	8 Sunday	2 - 3 p.m.
New Member Tour	Specialty Tour	10 Tuesday	9 a.m.
Birds of Prey - Night & Day	Specialty Tour	11, 25 Wednesday	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Fall Plant Sale - Members' Preview	Plant Sale	11 Wednesday	12 - 6 p.m.
Fall Plant Sale	Plant Sale	14 Saturday	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fall Plant Sale	Plant Sale	15 Sunday	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
"Metalheads": Artists' Studio Tour	Off-Site Tour	17 Tuesday	8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Desert Garden Mosaics	Class	21 Saturday	10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Land of the Seri	Travel	21 - 24 Saturday - Tuesday	
Chiles, Chocolate & Day of the Dead!	Special Event	27, 28 Friday & Saturday	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2017 EVENTS

Día De Los Muertos	Exhibit	Through 8 November	
Timothy Schirack	Exhibit	Through 8 November	
10 x 10 A Fundraiser	Exhibit	Through 17 December	
Sonoran Borderlands Day of the Dead	Travel	2 Thursday	7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Basketweave Gourd	Class	4 Saturday	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Designing with Edibles	Class	4 Saturday	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Sundays in the Garden	Concert	5, 12, 19, 26 Sundays	1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
"Fall" Back to Yoga!	Class	7, 14 Tuesday	8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Birds of Prey - Night & Day	Specialty Tour	8, 22 Wednesday	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Landscape Design for Newcomers & Residents Alike	Class	11 Saturday	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
A "Novel" Project in Silver Clay	Class	11 Saturday	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Guatemalan Craft Sale	Sale	10, 11 Friday & Saturday	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
New Member Tour	Specialty Tour	14 Tuesday	9 a.m.
Birding at Boyce Thompson	Travel	16 Thursday	7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Royce Davenport	Exhibit	16 Thursday - 7 January	

NOVEMBER 2017 EVENTS

(CONTINUED)

Desert Corridors	Exhibit	16 Thursday - 7 February	
Zentangle@ 101	Class	18 Saturday	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

DECEMBER 2017 EVENTS

10 x 10 A Fundraiser	Exhibit	Through 17 December	
Royce Davenport	Exhibit	Through 7 January	
Desert Corridors	Exhibit	Through 7 February	
Holiday Nights	Special Event	1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16 Fri & Sat	5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
The Frugal Gardener	Class	2 Saturday	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Nifty, "Gifty" Gourds	Class	2 Saturday	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Pocket Sketching	Class	6 Wednesday - 8 Friday	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
The Handy Gardener: Tools for Working in the Yard	Class	9 Saturday	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
New Member Tour	Specialty Tour	12 Tuesday	9 a.m.
Birds of Prey - Night & Day	Specialty Tour	13, 27 Wednesday	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sandhill Snowbirds	Travel	16 Tuesday or 18 Thursday	7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

JANUARY 2018 EVENTS

New Member Tour	Specialty Tour	9 Tuesday	9 a.m.
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