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October is Packed with Great Events at EXPO New Mexico
*A wealth of arts, culture and history offered over the next several weeks
at one venue*

While the 2014 New Mexico State Fair wrapped up last month, there are still a lot of fun, creative and entertaining things to do over the coming weeks at EXPO New Mexico. In addition to Fright Fest which starts this weekend, EXPO is the host of the Rio Grande Arts and Crafts Festival, the Gem and Mineral Show, as well as a Gun, Sword and Knife Show, just to name a few.

For folks looking to get into the Halloween spirit, October kicks off with Fright Fest at EXPO New Mexico. There are numerous events associated with Fright Fest, including New Mexico's top rated haunted house – Dragon's House of Horror, Zombie Attack Laser Tag, a Fright Fest Film Festival including double and triple feature horror films, Strange Danger 1800s Carnival Style Thrill Show and Museum, and a family friendly "Sugar Zombies Harvest Festival" for the kids, with fun games, face painting and much more.

Also this weekend, EXPO New Mexico is proud to host the 26th Annual Rio Grande Arts and Crafts Festival, a premier event which brings together some of the most talented artists in the country to display their unique and amazing work. The Festival is under the tent in the racetrack infield and runs this weekend as well as October 10 -12. An unexpected but severe storm blew through earlier this week causing the tent to collapse, but as you can see from the attached image, the tent is back up and organizers are back on track for a fantastic show.

Other events taking place this weekend at EXPO New Mexico include the Albuquerque Fall Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show in the Creative Arts Building from 9 AM to 5 PM this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The New Mexico Watercolor Society Fall Show begins this weekend in

the Fine Arts Gallery, and is open to the public Thursdays through Sundays until October 26. Additionally, the New Mexico Gun Collectors Association is holding one of several shows they put on each year at EXPO. The Gun, Sword and Knife Show is from 9 AM to 4 PM on October 4 and 5, and is being held in the Manuel Lujan Jr. Exhibit complex. As they have in years past, the Arabian Horse Association of New Mexico will once again hold the Chile Roast Fiesta Horse Show. Events will be held in the Dairy Barn and the Horse Arena, on the 4th and the 5th starting at 8:00 AM.

As if the series of events wasn't good enough reason to make the short drive to EXPO, don't forget about our fantastic Flea Market. EXPO NM is home to the largest outdoor Flea Market in the State – open every Saturday and Sunday.

“We are extremely pleased with the caliber of events that are taking place right here at EXPO New Mexico,” Dan Mourning, General Manager of EXPO New Mexico, expressed. “We believe the range of festive, creative and entertaining options that you can experience at our venue is extraordinary, and there isn't anything else that compares in the city or even the state.”

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