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### **EL RANCHO DE LAS GOLONDRINAS ANNOUNCES 2023 FESTIVAL SCHEDULE**

**SANTA FE, NM:** El Rancho de las Golondrinas, the Southwest's premier Living History Museum, is proud to announce its 2023 schedule of weekend festivals and the opening of its 2023 museum season. Starting June 1, Visitors can take self-guided tours and explore the 200-acre museum daily Wednesday through Sunday, 10am – 4pm.

On the weekends, there are a variety of festivals that highlight different aspects of Northern New Mexico life and modern day artistry. **Santa Fe Spring Festival: Featuring Herb and Lavender** kicks off the season June 3 and 4 from 10:00am to 4:00 pm. This year, Spring Festival will be a combination of the Spring and Fiber and Herb and Lavender Festivals. The weekend will incorporate elements from both festivals – sheep shearing, horno baking, herb demonstrations and products for sale, wool carding and live entertainment. It will also include a presentation of a plaque proclaiming Las Golondrinas' designation on the National Register of Historic Places.

An exciting addition to this year's Spring Festival is a new partnership between Las Golondrinas and SWAIA, which will expand programming to include a pottery demonstration and firing with acclaimed artist Russell Sanchez, a sampling of Native foods and dances from San Ildefonso Pueblo. SWAIA events will be ongoing on both days of the festival. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and teens; children 12 and under are always free. Advance tickets can be purchased at [golondrinas.org](http://golondrinas.org).

On July 1 and 2, the **Santa Fe Wine Festival** returns. This festival features only New Mexico wineries and will include tastings, sales and demonstrations by local wineries, food, music, and more. Admission price includes a commemorative wine glass and is \$20 for all over 21; \$5 for ages 13-20. Children 12 and under are free. There will be a limited number of VIP tickets available for this event that will include a special VIP Lounge provided by Metamorphosis Home Furnishings and Design. More details will follow on the VIP Experience in the coming weeks.

August 5 and 6 brings another food and drink festival, the **Santa Fe Beer and Food Festival**. All featured beer will be from New Mexico breweries and taprooms. Guests can learn about the growing and brewing process and help sort hops grown in the Las Golondrinas fields. Local food, music, historians and artisans will be on hand for this fun weekend. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and teens; children 12 and under are always free.

**Santa Fe Fiesta de los Niños** happens on September 2 and 3, and features many fun and educational programs geared towards children and families. Crafts, storytelling, hands-on history activities and games are just some of the highlights of this fun festival. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and teens; children 12 and under are always free.

Another well-loved northern New Mexico Tradition, the **Santa Fe Renaissance Faire** will take place September 16 and 17. Strolling minstrels, costumed knights and ladies, jousting and fantastical beasts will roam throughout the ranch. Come in costume and prepare to be taken back in time! Admission is \$18 for adults, \$10 for seniors and teens; children 12 and under are always free. Please note that last year's Renaissance Fair was completely sold out a week in advance; be sure to get your tickets early!

The growing season comes to a close at the 51<sup>st</sup> annual **Santa Fe Harvest Festival** on October 7 and 8. The pumpkin patch will be open for picking out future jack-o-lanterns; visitors can stomp grapes, take a hayride and shop our artisanal market featuring locally grown goods and products. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and teens; children 12 and under are always free.

The Golondrinas season wraps up on October 21<sup>st</sup> with **Santa Fe Spirits of New Mexico**, a rare chance to visit the ranch at night and meet some prominent New Mexicans via our interpretive performers. Spooky activities for kids of all ages and incredible performances are two highlights of this fun fall evening – you might even see La Llorona! Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and teens; children 12 and under are always free. Once again, this event WILL sell out in advance – get your tickets at [golondrinas.org](http://golondrinas.org).

Members of El Rancho de las Golondrinas can come to all of the above events for FREE and receive free admission to the ranch all season long – members must still reserve free member tickets in advance at [golondrinas.org](http://golondrinas.org). To learn more about member benefits and join today, go to <https://golondrinas.org/support/membership/>.

For more information on becoming a Season Sponsor or donating to the museum, contact Jackie Camborde, Director of Development at 505-471-2261 x210 or email [jackiecamborde@golondrinas.org](mailto:jackiecamborde@golondrinas.org). All Season Sponsors of \$1,000 or more receive free admission for their employees for the full season, including Festival Weekends.

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