The season's most scintillating happening — Fashion Week El Paseo — returns to Palm Desert, March 20 to 28, bringing even more style and sophistication to the desert's most fashionable address.

Celebrating its 15th year in 2020, this week-long extravaganza and its famous red carpet will once again illuminate The Gardens on El Paseo with top designers showcasing their newest collections along with fresh ideas from emerging talents.

Whether you are a seasoned stylemaker or a fledgling fashionista, Fashion Week El Paseo offers something for everyone including runway shows, cocktail receptions, trunk shows, celebrity meet-and-greets, and much more. This year's highlights include: designer Trina Turk's opening-night runway show featuring her colorful, limited-edition 25th anniversary collection; local favorite and celebrity designer Michael Costello and his fellow stars of Project Runway unveiling their latest creations; the popular Le Chien canine fashion show; and a 15th anniversary runway finale featuring the romantic, multifaceted creations of Amsterdam-based designer Edwin Oudshoorn.

This year’s list of culinary celebrities includes: chef, television personality, and cookbook author Carla Hall; Fabio Viviani, fan favorite on Bravo’s Top Chef, prolific restaurateur, and author of three successful cookbooks; Curtis Stone who has become internationally famous as a chef, restaurateur, author, and media personality including appearances on Top Chef Masters, Food Network’s All-Star Academy, and as current head judge on the Emmy-nominated Top Chef Junior; and many more.
Residents who wish to report a problem with a short-term vacation rental are encouraged to call Code Compliance during business hours (8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday) at 760-346-0611 or call the City’s Short-Term Rental Hotline at 760-862-6900. To report issues after 1 a.m., please call the Palm Desert Police Department at 760-836-3215.

The City’s free docent led public art tours continue on March 7 at 9 a.m. with a tour of the art at the Palm Desert Library. Participants are invited to meet at the entrance to the Library, 73300 Fred Waring Drive. The April 4 tour will feature the El Paseo Sculpture Exhibition. Participants will meet at the northwest corner of El Paseo and Portola Avenue.

Information: 760-346-0611, ext. 664

Help chart a course for Riverside County’s transportation future by providing feedback on the Riverside County Transportation Commission’s draft Traffic Relief Plan. Residents are invited to view the plan and take a short survey. In June, the Commission will analyze the feedback and decide whether to place a half-cent per dollar sales tax measure on the November ballot.

Information: TrafficReliefPlan.org

Fifty years ago, a group of far-reaching visionaries set aside a portion of local desert as the Living Desert Reserve – a place where visitors could learn about and value the unique plants and animals that call the desert home. In that first year, 5,000 guests experienced the local flora and fauna amid the trails and spectacular views.

Today, The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens highlights desert plants and animals from around the world along with local and global conservation and education programs. This past year, attendance exceeded 500,000 guests, with more than 10 million visitors since 1970.

Now, more than ever, The Living Desert’s role in global conservation is a critical one. The Living Desert is working to strengthen its ability to teach upcoming generations to conserve and share our planet’s precious resources with all living creatures.

Celebrating its grand opening Saturday, March 21, Australian Adventures offers an interactive experience featuring wallabies, as well as emu, echidna, tawny frogmouth, bettong, kookaburra, budgie, blue-tongued skink, and bearded dragon.

“Celebrating our 50th year is a wonderful milestone for The Living Desert, and we are thankful for our generous members and donors who have contributed to our success,” said Allen Monroe, the zoo’s president. “We honor our past and look to the future as excitement builds for our expansion and the impact we will continue to make on conservation efforts on a global scale.”

In the coming years, new African species also will be introduced at The Living Desert in dramatic, immersive habitats. Critically endangered African black rhinos will arrive first followed by majestic lions and a new event center with dramatic views into the lion habitat.

The Living Desert thanks every visitor, member, donor, and volunteer for making a difference and their continued support. For more information, please visit livingdesert.org.

Celebrate Earth Day’s 50th Birthday

Join the City of Palm Desert in celebrating 50 years of Earth Day on April 22 by remembering to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

In anticipation of the big day, the City is hosting a used oil recycling event on Saturday, March 7, from 9 to 11 a.m. that gives Palm Desert residents a convenient and environmentally friendly way to safely dispose of their used oil and oil filters. The event will take place at AutoZone, located at 73605 Highway 111 (near Jensen’s). Workers at the event will accept up to five gallons of used oil per vehicle.

Participants who turn in a used oil filter will receive a free one of equal or lesser value. All participants will receive a free shop rag, funnel, and drainer while supplies last.

Other ways to love the earth and support sustainability include composting. The public is invited to free classes for backyard composting at 9 a.m. and vermicomposting at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 14, at the Coachella Valley Water District, located at 73515 Hovley Lane East.

Other Earth Day related events include Palm Desert’s annual Neighborhood Clean-Up on Saturday, April 18. For more information about the Clean-Up and how you can participate, please see the enclosed flyer or call Burrtec Waste & Recycling Services at 760-340-2113.

To learn more about recycling and what you can do to protect our precious environment, visit PalmDesertRecycles.com.
OPEN CALL Returns to the McCallum

Some of the Coachella Valley’s best performers will once again take the stage at the McCallum Theatre on April 16, 17, and 18 as part of the 22nd annual Open Call.

Presented by McCallum Theatre Education, this popular talent competition for all ages teams local artists with staff and crew to present four visually stunning, energetic performances that are fun for the entire family.

Audience members vote for their favorite acts at the Thursday and Friday evening and Saturday matinee performances. Winners will be announced at Saturday evening’s final performance and receive prizes ranging from $500 for talent achievement to a $2,500 grand prize. Tickets start at only $12 and performances sell out each year. To get your tickets, contact the McCallum Theatre box office, 73000 Fred Waring Drive. Tickets can also be purchased online at www.mccallumtheatre.com or by calling 760-340-2787.

Film Series Concludes with Fascinating Documentaries

The 2020 Palm Desert Public Art Documentary Film Series continues on March 19 with a free screening of *YARN*.

This unique documentary introduces viewers to the artists who are redefining the tradition of knit and crochet, bringing yarn out of the house and into the world. *YARN* weaves together wool graffiti artists, circus performers, and structural designers into a visually-striking look at the women who are making a creative stance while building one of modern art’s hottest trends. A discussion of the film will follow the screening.

The popular series of free public art-themed documentary films concludes on April 16 with *Jean-Michel Basquiat – The Radiant Child*.

Centered on a rare interview that director and friend Tamra Davis shot with Jean-Michel Basquiat more than 20 years ago, this film chronicles the meteoric rise and fall of the young artist. In the crime-ridden New York City of the 1970s, he covers the city with the graffiti tag ‘SAMO.’ In 1981 he puts paint on canvas for the first time, and by 1983 he is an artist with “rock star status” achieving critical and commercial success while being confronted by racism from peers.

The 2020 documentary film series is presented by the City of Palm Desert Public Art Department and the University of California, Riverside Palm Desert Graduate Center. Films screen on third Thursdays, January through April, at 6 p.m. in the auditorium at UCR Palm Desert, 75080 Frank Sinatra Drive. Admission is free, but reservations are recommended. For more information and reservations, please call 760-834-0800 or register online at palmdesert.ucr.edu/public-art-documentary-series.

Community Gallery Features Souls Living in Harmony

The Palm Desert Community Gallery will highlight artwork from Ryan Holland in its new exhibition – *Souls Living in Harmony* – on display March 27 through June 12. A public reception will honor the artist on Monday, April 6, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Holland, a resident of Rancho Mirage, evolves and integrates future art to the open, connected and abstract minded viewer. Taking on the alter ego of Cruz Studios, he seeks to embody art in a form that is beyond human and give an experience that is out of body to transcend the mind. He has given live art demonstrations at the Joshua Tree and Coachella music festivals, as well as with national recording artists Post Malone and Waka Flocka Flame. His current exhibition of abstract works emphasizes majestic concepts, the fluidity and flow of expression, and the future of art.

The Community Gallery is located in City Hall, 73510 Fred Waring Drive, and is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please call 760-346-0611, ext. 664, or visit www.palmdesertart.org.
First Weekend fun continues this spring with a colorful lineup of free events highlighted by awe inspiring celebrations of wildflowers in March and craft beer in April.

Held on Saturday, March 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Palm Desert’s Civic Center Park, the Coachella Valley Wildflower Festival celebrates its 13th year of promoting wellness, recreation, and the beautiful outdoors. In addition to great wildflower viewing and beautiful art, the festival features a Kids’ Zone, and a 5K fun run. There will be raffles, vendors, exhibitors, and live music in the beer and wine garden, as well as food and beverages for purchase.

Friends of the Desert Mountains will be offering wildflower walks throughout the month of March as well as a Wildflower Bus Tour that attendees can sign up for at the festival. Winter rains have set the stage for a colorful wildflower season and all are encouraged to come out and enjoy nature’s fireworks as part of a fun day.

For more information about the Wildflower Festival, visit www.desertmountains.org or call 760-862-9984.

In April, First Weekend celebrates Palm Desert Brew at the Zoo. The Coachella Valley’s wildest beer, wine and food event features unlimited samples of beer, wine, and spirits as well as live entertainment, animal encounters and a variety of food truck fare available for purchase.

For information about Palm Desert Brew at the Zoo, visit livingdesert.org.

The Wildflower Festival and Palm Desert Brew at the Zoo are just two of the many exciting events featured as part of First Weekend Palm Desert. For more information about First Weekend events, visit pdfirstweekend.com.
CHILDREN’S DISCOVERY MUSEUM OF THE DESERT
71701 Gerald Ford Drive, Rancho Mirage
760-321-0602
www.cdmmod.org
Open Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday, 1 – 5 p.m.
Admission: $9.95, ages 1 and up
Annual memberships available
MakerSpace Sundays,
March 1 & April 5, 2 – 4 p.m.
Teacher Appreciation Night
Wednesday, March 11, 3:30 – 6 p.m.
Celebrate Pi Day
Saturday, March 14, 2 – 4 p.m.
$5 After 5 p.m. STEM Nights
Wednesdays, March 18 & April 15
Savory Sundays
Make silly foods while learning chemistry
March 22 & April 26, 1:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.
Summer Camp Expo at Westfield Mall
Sunday, March 29, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Toddler Classes
Tuesday – Saturday, 9:15 a.m.
Butterfly Adoption & Release
 Saturdays
April 4: Caterpillar Adoptions (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.)
April 11: Butterfly Bungalows (10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m.)
April 18: Butterfly Release & Earth Day Festival
(Release – 9:30 a.m.; Festival – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)
Creative Saturday
April 11, 2 – 4 p.m.

THE LIVING DESERT
47900 Portola Avenue
760-346-5694
www.livingdesert.org
Open daily, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
(last admission at 4 p.m.)
Spring Zoo Camp
Ages 4 – 12
April 15 & 16, 17 & 18, 23 & 24, 25 & 26
8:30 a.m. – noon
Two-day camps to explore
nature and enjoy the zoo.
$105; $85 members
Registration required

Palm Desert Civic Center
73510 Fred Waring Drive
760-346-0611
www.palm-desert.org
www.cityofpalmdesert.org
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Desert Rose Society Little Rose Show
Tuesday, April 14, 6 p.m.
Portola Community Center
45480 Portola Ave
Visitor Services Short Term Rental Hotline
760-568-1441 760-862-6900
Code Enforcement Hotline
760-776-6360
Palm Desert Police Department
Call 911 for emergencies
Non-emergencies: 760-836-1600

PALM DESERT AQUATIC CENTER
73751 Magnesia Falls Drive
760-565-7467
www.pdpool.com
Open Monday – Friday, 5:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturday, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
In-Water Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 12
Egg drops: 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.
$5 admission
Spring Swim Lessons
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 4 – 6:30 p.m.
Information: 760-565-7467
Lifeguard Certification Classes
Information: 760-565-7467
Attractions open weekends, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.,
beginning April 11 and for Spring Break,
April 13 – 17, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
**Palm Desert Community Center**
43900 San Pablo Avenue
760-568-9697
www.myrecreationsdistrict.com
Monday – Friday, 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Closed Sundays

**Sunday Sounds Concerts**
Presented by the Palm Desert Public Library
Sundays at 2 p.m.
March 1 Palm Springs Gay Men’s Chorus
March 8 Jeremie Levi Sampson — World Music
March 15 Dean Ratzman — “Swingin’ with Dean”
March 22 Eric Lindstrom & Michael Pulman — “The Magic Trombone”
March 29 Valerie Jean Hume — “Guinevere” vocals & harp
Information: 760-346-6552

**Golf Center at Palm Desert**
Home of the First Tee of the Coachella Valley
74945 Sheryl Avenue
760-779-1877
www.thefirstteecoachellavalley.org
7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Open to the public

**Family YMCA of the Desert**
43930 San Pablo Avenue
760-341-9622
www.ymcaofthedesert.org
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Concert at The Gardens on El Paseo
John Stanley King
Saturday, March 14, 6 p.m.

**Palmspring Art Museum**
72567 Highway 111
760-346-5600
www.psmuseum.org/palm-desert/
Tuesday – Sunday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Closed Mondays and holidays
Daily free admission provided by Helene V. Galen
Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden
open 7 days a week
Free Yoga in the Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden
Wednesdays from 9 – 10 a.m.

**Galen First Fridays**
Museum open the first Friday of the month until 8 p.m. with live outdoor entertainment

**CSUSB Palm Desert Campus**
37500 Cook Street
760-341-2883
pdc.csusb.edu
Campus Administrative Hours:
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Closed March 31

New programs include: Hospitality Management, Entrepreneurship, and Cybersecurity

**Mardi Gras Magic Moonlight Reception**
Sunday, March 8, 5:30 p.m.
Ritz Carlton Rancho Mirage
Information: 760-341-2883, ext. 78116

**21st Annual Golf Classic**
Monday, April 27, 10:30 a.m.
Stone Eagle Golf Club
Information: michelle.newman@csusb.edu or 760-341-2883, ext. 78140

**Educational Programs**
Offering Bachelor’s, Master’s, and Doctor of Education degrees as well as Teacher Preparation/Credential and Certificate Programs

**Osher Lifelong Learning Institute**
Offers non-credit, university-level courses for adults 50+.
Information: osher.csusb.edu or 909-537-8270

Join the Cal State University Associates and attend monthly entertainment and educational events.
Information: www.CalStateUniversityAssociates.com

**Coachella Valley Animal Campus**
72050 Pet Land Place, Thousand Palms
760-343-3644
Information: www.rcdas.org
Animals available for adoption

**College of the Desert**
43500 Monterey Avenue
760-346-8041
www.collegeofthedesert.edu
Closed April 9 & 10

“The Complete Works of Shakespeare – Abridged”
March 13 – 15 & 20 – 22
Showtimes vary
$15 – $20 admission

**CODtalk: Financial Literacy-Debt Management**
Wednesday, March 18, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Pollock Theatre

**Jazz at the Pollock Concerts**
Fridays, March 27 & April 17, 7 p.m.

**COD Street Fair Mini Book Sale**
Saturday, March 21, 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Stepping Out for COD Annual Gala**
Saturday, March 28, 8 p.m.
McCallum Theatre

**Student Recitals**
Fridays, April 3 & 17, 1 p.m.
Pollock Theatre

**Friends of the COD Library Spring Book Sale**
Friday – Sunday, April 3 – 5, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Cravens Student Services Center

**CODtalk: Community**
Wednesday, April 15, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Walter N. Marks Center for the Arts
Information: 760-776-7278

LIR (Learning in Retirement)
Offering 20 classes for the 7-week Spring session (March 9 – April 23) at College of the Desert’s classrooms at Westfield Palm Desert. $60 for up to five courses per session with free parking.
Information & registration: www.lirpalmdesert.org

THE GARDENS/EL PASEO VILLAGE
73545 El Paseo
760-862-1990
Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Friday & Saturday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Sunday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Hours may vary

22nd Annual Concert Series
Saturdays, through March 14
4:30 p.m. (wine); 5:15 p.m. (food); 6 p.m. (music)
Tickets: tickets.thegardenselpaseo.com

Practice Under the Palms
Ara Pilates + Movement (bring your own mat)
Through March 14, Saturdays, 10 a.m.

El Paseo Cruise Night
Information: www.elpaseocruisenight.com

HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF PALM DESERT & FREE MUSEUM
72861 El Paseo
760-346-6588
www.hsdp.org
Open Friday – Monday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Friday Night Lectures
At 6 p.m. at the Portola Community Center (45480 Portola Ave.)
March 20 Cahuilla Bird Songs
April 17 Deep Canyon Reserve

Art Appraisal Day
Saturday, April 4
Information: 760-346-6588

JOSLYN CENTER
73750 Catalina Way
760-340-3220
www.joslyncenter.org
Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Closed Sunday
Volunteers needed – call 760-340-3220, ext. 103

Joslyn in Bloom 11th Annual Fashion Show
Tuesday, April 7, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Information & tickets: 760-340-3220, ext. 105

Joslyn Fitness Center
Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Free for Joslyn members; $5 guests
Information/orientation: 760-340-3220, ext. 117
or veronicas@joslyncenter.org

Chair Yoga
Thursdays, 9 a.m.

Tech Tutoring
Learn from Palm Desert High School Interns
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1 – 3 p.m.
Registration required: 760-340-3220

Free LGBT+ Chat Group
1st & 3rd Fridays, 10 a.m.
Information: 760-340-3220, ext. 102

Beginner Tai Chi
Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
Information: 760-668-8382

Balls, Bands & Balance
Core & leg strength, balance, & more
Thursdays, 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.
$10 per class

Line Dancing Class
Wednesdays, 1 p.m.
$5 per class
Information: 760-340-3220, ext. 102

Free Book Club
Hosted by the Palm Desert Library at the Joslyn Center
Selected Tuesdays, March 17 & April 21, 1 p.m.
Information: 760-340-3220, ext. 102

Cabaret on Sundays
Arthur Newman Theatre
Doors open at 1 p.m.; shows start at 2 p.m.

Healthcare Lecture Series
Selected Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
March 11 How to Live to be 100
March 18 Respiratory Health
April 8 Shoulder Pain
April 15 Colorectal Health

First Friday Monthly Birthday Celebration
Celebrate a month of birthdays the first Friday of every month at 11 a.m. with free cake.

Grief Recovery Method
Information: 760-340-3220, ext. 117
or veronicas@joslyncenter.org

Imago Relationship Dialogue Sessions
Information: 760-340-3220, ext. 117
or veronicas@joslyncenter.org

Let’s Do Lunch
With Jewish Family Services
First & third Thursdays, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Information & evaluation: 760-325-4088

Free Wednesday Matinee Movie Series
1 p.m.
Includes popcorn and lemonade
Information: joslyncenter.org/matinee-movies-schedule

Telephone Safety Net
Information: 760-340-3220, ext. 110

Meditation Class
Thursdays, 9 – 9:30 a.m.
Free for Joslyn members

Brain Bootcamp
Information: 760-340-3220, ext. 117

Balance Conditioning
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 & 11 a.m.
$5 per class
Information: 760-636-2205

Care Pathways
Information: 760-771-0501 or 800-510-2020

Go4Life
Information: 760-340-3220

Zumba Fitness
Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays, 9 – 10 a.m.
$5 per class
Information: 760-636-2205

Problem Solving Strategies
760-340-3220, ext. 117

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**EISENHOWER MEMORY CARE CENTER**
42201 Beacon Hill, Suite A
760-836-0232
emc.org
Community-based resources to help people with Alzheimer's/dementia and their caregivers.

**Alzheimer's Support Group**
Thursdays, 9 – 11 a.m.
RSVP: 760-836-0232

**THE LIVING DESERT**
47900 Portola Avenue
760-346-5694
www.livingdesert.org
Open daily, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. (last admission at 4 p.m.)

**Australian Adventures**
Opening March 21

**Golden Anniversary Gala**
Saturday, March 7, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
$550 per person

**Palm Desert Brew at the Zoo**
Saturday, April 4, 6 – 9:30 p.m.
$65; $60 members; $150 VIP; $20 designated driver

**Spring Extravaganza**
Saturday, April 11, 9 a.m. – noon

**Earth Day’s 50th Anniversary**
Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m. – noon

**Giraffe Feeding**
Daily 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
$7 with paid admission ($5 members)

**Winged Wonders: Butterflies & Hummingbirds**
Open daily, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
$3 ($2 members)

**Camel Connection**
Daily 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
$7 ($5 members)

**McCALLUM THEATRE**
73000 Fred Waring Drive
760-340-ARTS (2787)
www.mccallumtheatre.com
Visit www.mccallumtheatre.com or call the box office for a complete listing of March & April shows

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**Aging Mastery Program**
Information: 760-340-3220, ext. 117

**Meals on Wheels**
Information: paul@opscenter.org or 760-340-3220, ext. 110

**Penny’s Pantry**
First and third Fridays, 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Providing non-perishable food and fresh produce to low income seniors

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**Wildflower Bus Tour**
Wednesday, March 18, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Reservations required: 760-862-9984

**Coachella Valley Wildflower Festival**
Saturday, March 7, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Civic Center Park
Information: 760-568-9918

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**ED HASTEY GARDEN WALKS**
Most Mondays 10 – 11 a.m.

**DESERT MOUNTAINS ART FAIRE**
Saturdays, March 21 & April 4, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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**STRAW BALE CONSTRUCTION**
Saturdays, March 21 & April 4, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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**Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce**
72559 Highway 111
760-346-6111
www.pdacc.org

**Business Breakfasts**
Second Tuesdays
Desert Willow Golf Resort
Reservations: www.pdacc.org