



Maxwell Museum of Anthropology

Fall 2026 Calendar of Events

Thursday August 27 12 – 1 pm Museum Courtyard Free for Students	STUDENT PIZZA PARTY + MEMBERSHIP DRIVE Join us for a free pizza party for UNM and CNM students (with current student IDs) interested in becoming members of the Maxwell. Gluten-free and vegetarian options, along with refreshments, will also be available (while supplies last). Come meet museum staff, explore our new exhibits, and learn about our free student membership program that includes an upcoming field trip. Registration on website required.
Thursday October 22 5 – 6:30 pm Hibben Center, Room 105 + Online Free	ARCHAEOLOGY DAY LECTURE: “EXPLORING HOPI YELLOW WARE POTTERY.” DR. KELLEY HAYS-GILPIN & BOBBY SILAS (MUSEUM OF NORTHERN ARIZONA) Hopi potter Bobby Silas and Museum of Northern Arizona Curator Dr. Kelley Hays-Gilpin explore the deep history of Hopi pottery traditions, from museum collections to contemporary potters’ expertise. Many unique aspects enliven stories from two millennia of continuous tradition, such as technical changes and challenges with paint recipes, coal-firing, innovative vessel forms, and meaningful painted designs. For Zoom access, registration on website required.
Saturday October 24 10 am – 12 pm Maxwell Museum Free	FALL FAMILY DAY Learn about and explore pottery at our Fall Family Day in honor of our new exhibit “Coiling Kin: The Life of Pueblo Pottery.” Talk to experts, join playful and educational activities, and more! This event is open to all ages; refreshments will be available. For more information contact Erica Davis, Curator of Education, at (505) 277-2924 or edavis9@unm.edu.
Thursday November 5 5 – 6:30 pm Hibben Center, Room 105 + Online Free	LECTURE. “EVOLUTIONARY PERSPECTIVES ON FERMENTED FOOD CONSUMPTION,” FEATURING DR. KATHERINE AMATO (UNIV. OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN) Humans stand apart from nearly all other vertebrates in making fermented foods a staple of diets worldwide, yet the origins of this practice remain murky. In this talk, biological anthropologist Dr. Amato will examine what is currently understood about when fermented foods entered the human diet and what drove their adoption. The talk will offer an evolutionary framework for understanding this global dietary habit. Co-sponsored by the UNM Department of Anthropology. For Zoom access, registration on website required.
Friday December 4 5 – 7 pm Maxwell Museum & Courtyard Free	HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE: HANGING OF THE GREENS Celebrate the start of the holiday season with our family-friendly event that will feature a raffle, free pastries, and hot chocolate. Shop at our annual holiday sale and visit our courtyard, where you can meet the Edaakie Family from Isleta Pueblo who will be making their delicious bread for sale and sampling in our newly restored adobe horno.
Saturday December 5 10 am – 12 pm Hibben Center Ticketed event, see website	HOLIDAY ORNAMENT WORKSHOP FEATURING POTTER LORRAINE GALA LEWIS Meet and learn from accomplished potter Lorraine Gala Lewis (Laguna, Taos, and Hopi). She is a co-curator of our new exhibit, “Coiling Kin: The Life of Pueblo Pottery.” She will be leading participants in holiday ornament making with pottery. Materials will be provided. Registration on website required.

For more information about our events, scan the QR code
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