

Looking to the Mountain: Sacred Lands, Healing Cultures

March 8, 2024, 12pm – 4:30pm
ABQ BioPark Botanic Garden

The ABQ BioPark is proud to participate in the Ancestral Gila Homeland Events as we Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Aldo Leopold Wilderness in the Gila National Park and the natural and cultural history of the Gila Wilderness: before & beyond.

Ceremonial Garden

12pm; Readings by Albuquerque Poet Laureate Michelle Otero and NM State Poet Laureate Levi Romero

1pm; Welcome & Greeting by ABQ BioPark Team Members

1:15pm; Land Blessing with Dr. Cheo Torres and Dr. Mario del Angel Guevarra, UNM Chicano Studies

1:30pm; UNM Danza Group

2pm; Music by UNM Chicana & Chicano Studies Son Jarocho Group

Rose Garden Atrium

3pm; Nature Photography Exhibit by Stephanie Nieto.

3pm; Water Blessing (Healing Ceremony). Gabino Noriega

3:15pm; Talking Circle "Land is Medicine" Facilitated by Roseanne Rosenthal, University of California, Riverside (Tewa & Apache 'iyanet'eesh Ch'ogaat)

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PoetTree & NM State Library Nature Activity Book (SWEEC)

Seed Ball Activity (ABQ BioPark)

Burl Oak Potting Table (U.S. Forest Service)

Indigenous Farming Activity (Cotton Blossom Gardens, Isleta Pueblo)

New Mexico Poetry Anthology Book Signing (Office of NM State Poet Laureate)

U.S. Forest Service & NM State Forestry Dept. Tree Planting Activity