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Montezuma Castle and Tuzigoot National Monuments present Two Special Programs on June 10.

The National Park Service will be presenting two special programs on Thursday, June 10, as part of the Verde Valley-wide Festival of Native American Culture. Both programs will be free to the public.

At 10:30am, Hopi Tribal member Jerry Honawa, of Hotevilla, AZ, will present, “*A Hopi Perspective on how Gardens Connect People with the Land*”, at the Montezuma Well unit of Montezuma Castle National Monument, near Rimrock, AZ. Mr. Honawa has extensive experience as a teacher and public speaker, with a focus on preserving traditional cultural lifeways. Mr. Honawa has been instrumental in the creation and operation of the Hopi Garden, located at Montezuma Well. Here, native beans, melons, corn, and squash are being grown. Mr. Honawa will lead a tour of the garden following the presentation.

From 7:00pm to 10:45pm, Tuzigoot National Monument, located in Clarkdale, AZ, will be open for its 2nd annual Evening of Archaeo-astronomy and Stargazing. At 7:30pm, Ken Zoll, director of the Festival of Native American Culture, will present a talk on archaeo-astronomy, discussing the impacts and affects of the night skies on the former residents of Tuzigoot. Following the talk, from 8:30pm to 10:30pm, the Verde Valley Astronomy Club will have ten telescopes of varying sizes, set up for the public to view stars, planets, and other celestial features. During the night sky viewing, David Wolfs Robe, local musician, will play his Native American flute music. Bring a flashlight, a chair to sit in, and wear clothing appropriate for the night temperatures. Parking is limited, so if at all possible, please carpool. The museum and Ruins Trail will not be open.

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