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White Sands National Monument Full Moon Nights Summer 2011

Randy Granger

Native American Flutist Randy Granger will fill the moonlit night with his unique blend of instruments, interpretation of traditional melodies, and heartfelt music. Join this native New Mexican for a relaxing summer evening.

*8:30 pm Tuesday, May 17

Ralph Estes & Steve Cormier

In collaboration with the New Mexico Humanities Council, Ralph Estes and Steve Cormier will present an evening of cowboy songs and stories. Ralph, accompanied by the autoharp and guitar, will share stories of the “world’s oldest living cowboy.” Through working cowboy songs and humor, Steve will share his memories of working as a ranch hand for nine years. Join this duo under the moon for an evening of laughter and song.

*8:30 pm Wednesday, June 15

Loretta’s Barbed Wire Band

Sounds of classic country and Norteño ballads along with contemporary country songs will fill the moonlit night when Loretta’s Barbed Wire Band takes the stage in July. Hailing from El Paso, Texas, this band will take listeners on a country music journey that captures the essence of the borderland.

*8:30 pm Friday, July 15

Vignettes of White Sands

Join the park rangers of White Sands for a behind-the-scenes tour of the monument. Rangers will share stories of lizard chases, backcountry rescues, visitor interactions, and new discoveries in the Galápagos of North America. Enjoy four 15-minute vignettes and learn about the monument from an insider’s perspective.

*8:00 pm Sunday, August 14

Eve Ball: A Woman Among Men

Author/historian Lynda Sánchez will share intriguing vignettes and personal items highlighting special events during Eve Ball’s life. From the 1940s to 1984 Eve Ball lived on the edge of the Mescalero Apache Reservation. Through the years she recorded the oral traditions of the Anglo, Hispanic and Mescalero, which included dramatic accounts of Apache elders who had survived the army’s devastating campaigns against them.

*7:30 pm Tuesday, September 13

Doña Tules: Lady Gambler of Santa Fe

In collaboration with the New Mexico Humanities Council, Dr. Irene Blea recounts the life and controversy of Doña Tules. “La Tules” was a highly respected professional lady gambler who could deal the Monte cards, win like no other, and had the most lavish funeral of the era. She was well established when the US military and then American wagon trains arrived in Santa Fe. Americans were negatively and positively intrigued by her prominence, and have debated the inconsistencies of her life.

*7:00 pm Wednesday, October 12

Programs are held in monument’s amphitheater and are free. Monument entrance fees apply: \$3.00 per person 16 years and older. Events may be canceled due to weather and will not be rescheduled. Reservations are not accepted. Visit www.nps.gov/whsa for more information.