

Expanding Winter Tales

This year, our Winter Tales American Indian celebration has been expanded to three events. On February 16 at 4:00 PM, Alex will be presenting the talk *Saving the Sacred*. In this presentation, Alex will inform visitors of the efforts to have Hueco Tanks State Park and Historic Site, located near El Paso, Texas, nominated and designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Named for the *huecos*, or natural basins that collect rain water in this desert environment, the site contains over 2000 pictographs and is sacred to the native populations of the area. Admission is free.

Directions to the Spurlock Museum

The Museum is located at 600 South Gregory Street, Urbana. This is on the east edge of the University of Illinois campus, on the corner of Oregon and Gregory, and just across the street east from the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts.

Maps and specific directions can be found at <http://www.spurlock.uiuc.edu/info/directions.html> or by calling Kim Sheahan at 217/244-3355.



Storytelling Workshop

Understanding Diné Storytelling

Alex Mares

Saturday, February 18

9:00 AM—12:00 PM

Sign-in 8:30-9:00 AM

Spurlock Museum
600 South Gregory Street
Urbana, Illinois

Our Presenter

Our featured speaker/teller for 2017 is Alex Mares. With an educational background in Anthropology and Sociology, Mr. Mares has served as a Park Ranger in Texas and New Mexico for over 28 years. This service included fifteen years as Lead Ranger at the world-renowned sacred site known as Hueco Tanks. He is a Certified Interpretive Guide through the National Association for Interpretation and is a traditional Winter Storyteller. Mr. Mares is of Diné (Navajo) and Mexican-American descent.

The Workshop: Understanding Diné Storytelling

The focus of this workshop is information on the role and purpose of storytelling in Diné culture, including basic technique, the use of props and artifacts, and the interplay between the tangible and intangible. Also discussed will be evidence on the unique effects of storytelling on the human brain from the field of Neuroscience.

Stay the Day

Alex will be performing the annual Winter Tales concert at 2:00 PM on February 18. All workshop participants are welcome to bring a sack lunch to eat after the workshop and join the audience for Fred's afternoon performance.

You may add the concert admission price to your registration check to save time. See the registration form on the inside of this brochure.

In Appreciation

Winter Tales events are sponsored by an endowment from Gladys and Reginald Laubin.

Alex Mares Workshop Registration Form

Workshop size is limited. Register early!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Cost (circle your choice):

Workshop only: \$30/\$20 student

Workshop and Concert: \$35/\$25 st.

We cannot accept credit/debit cards or purchase orders.

Send this form & your check (payable to the University of IL) by February 15 to:

Kim Sheahan
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Questions? Call Kim at 217/244-3355.