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## **Keystone Heritage Park hosts Autumn Equinox celebration** **First ever city-wide Autumn Equinox celebration to feature more than a dozen community groups and benefit Keystone Heritage Park**

Keystone Heritage Park will be hosting its first-ever Autumn Equinox celebration on Thursday, September 22, 2016, from 6:30 to 11:00 pm at 4220 Doniphan to raise funds for the operation of the 52 acres comprised of botanical gardens, an archeological site, wetlands, and a nursery in the heart of El Paso's Upper Valley. More than a dozen community groups have teamed up with the park to bring people out to the fundraiser and to educate them. Visitors aged 14 and older will be asked for a \$10 donation while children will enter free. Food and drinks will be available, as well as a variety of performances, activities, and vendors.

In particular, MuttLove Dog Rescue will be doing an adoption event during the celebration. "We believe it's important to team up with organizations like Keystone Heritage Park because our missions are all about education," says Mary Mackay, Vice President of MuttLove. "Keystone educates the public on the importance of preserving our ecosystem, especially our wetlands, and we educate the public on the importance of spaying/neutering and vaccinating. By bringing our missions together, we can maximize the number of people we both reach."

### Featured Performances and Activities:

- Academy of Aerial Fitness
- Belly Dancing with Darlina Marie
- Flamenco Dancing with Carla Briones & Friends
- Native American dancing with Ruben Rodriguez Jr.
- Hope Riot Acoustic Set
- Flamenco guitar with Carlos Guillermo Garcia
- Sun Salutations with Muñeka de Anis and Om Shanti
- Yoga
- A sunset hike at precisely 6:45 into the wetlands with a nature expert
- A garden maze
- Health Apparel fashion show

### Featured Vendors:

- Jewelry with Julia Cipriano
- El Paso True Food Buying Club
- La Semilla Food Center
- High Desert Native Plants LLC
- Stela Flowers
- Chair massages with Crystal Ortega

The park is notably home to an archeological site that dates back more than 4,000 years and wetlands that home more than 200 species of birds. The Botanical Gardens include six different gardens which can host weddings or other celebrations. Preserving and maintaining these resources is crucial for our city and our ecosystem. For more information, see their web site: <http://www.keystoneheritagepark.com/>.

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