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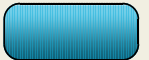
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Last week was an exciting one for New Mexico and Santa Fe. The state's Department of Tourism launched the 2011 Green Chile Cheeseburger Trail and Santa Fe made national media as a place to visit this summer.

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Taco Box in Clovis and Portales is #2 on the Green Chile Cheeseburger Trail, photo/Steve Collins

On Thursday, Albuquerque's [5 Star Burgers](#) was a happening place. NM Secretary of Tourism, Monique Jacobson and the department's culinary liaison, cookbook author Cheryl Alters Jamison were among the group present when the [2011 New Mexico Green Chile Cheeseburger Trail](#) was revealed. Green Chile Cheeseburgers began showing up on menus at roadside joints in New Mexico during Route 66's heyday (the middle of the 20th Century) and have been going strong ever since. It's not just green chile that's important on these, it's New Mexico green. Whether grown in Hatch, the state's green chile capital, Chimayó or somewhere else in NM, the best burgers use locally grown ones. [Bueno Foods](#), a family run business for over 60 years, makes chopped chiles grown in the vicinity of Hatch in southern NM and sells them to restaurants around the state. You can have fresh-tasting chile on your burger year-round. They are also in grocery freezer cases around the country, so you can make your own. Here's the [2011 Green Chile Cheeseburger Trail](#). Whether you live here or are visiting, ride the trail and find out what the big

deal's about. Warning: these babies can be hot.



Inn of the Five Graces made both the Wall Street Journal & New York Magazine posts, photo/Steve Collins

Santa Fe is a place that shows up on a lot of travelers' bucket lists. It's not surprising; it's a magical melting pot with more history and culture than a small city is expected to contain. It's brim full of music, dance, museums, galleries, shopping, archeological and geological sites and more. Two major publications sang *The City Different's* praises last weekend. The *Wall Street Journal's Take Monday Off: Santa Fe and Taos* crams a lot into a long-weekend's visit. They hit a lot of the highlights, but at a price. In *The Land of Enchantment*, where the pace is more mañana than NOW, an hourly schedule may not be the way to go. See more and savor it. If you love it, come back again. New York Magazine's feature, *The Weekend Escape Plan: See the Contemporary Side of Santa Fe* looks at the city from a new angle. What we really love about this one is we're mentioned in it. Writer Jeff Koyen says this about *The Santa Fe Traveler*: "These former hotel concierges and travel insiders craft bespoke experiences at remarkably reasonable rates." And we do. If you're coming to town, check us out. And try some of his other suggestions, he really hit the mark.

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Artist Stacey Maldonado is on the Santa Studio tour, photo/courtesy of Dave Robinson

Santa Fe is an artists' town with over 200 galleries. The city and surrounding towns are a haven for artists working in a variety of mediums. There are studio tours sponsored by artist groups in locales with a large concentration of talent and Santa Fe is no exception. The [Santa Fe Studio Tour](#), is being held Saturday, June 18th from 10am to 5pm and Sunday June 19th from 11am to 4pm. A group of over 42 artists will open their workspaces to the public. It's a great chance to meet the artists and to view and purchase their work. Participants include painters, potters, photographers, jewelers, printmakers and sculptors..If you want a chance to meet the artists in a more relaxed setting, come to the preview party on Friday June 17th from 5 to 7pm at Santa Fe University of Art & Design Fine Arts Gallery at 1600 St. Michael's Drive. Both the preview party and the tour are free of charge.



Michael Hearne and South by Southwest will play at the Buckeroo Ball, photo/courtesy Michael Hearne

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For years the **Buckaroo Ball** was THE event of the Santa Fe social season. Tickets were \$750 a pop and then sold out. Then the economy hit a snag and the event disappeared for a few years. They're back, Friday June 17th through Sunday June 19th. The new version, held for the first time at the Santa Fe Railyard Complex, is very accessible; it offers **events** the entire community can enjoy. It kicks off with the Gala at the Farmers Market Pavilion on Friday night from 6 to 10pm. There'll be food, wine dancing as well as silent and live auctions. Local favorites, **Michael Hearne and South by Southwest** provide the dance music. Tickets are \$100 per person and include a cocktail reception at the William Siegel Gallery on Saturday at 6:30pm (separate tickets for this can be purchased for \$25).

Saturday, the festivities at the **Railyard Plaza** from noon to 9pm are FREE. Enjoy music, story-telling, theater, dancing, champion trick roping and more for the whole family. In addition, food vendors will be cooking up BBQ and more. End the day with a free hoe-down for all from 6 to 9pm

Haven't had enough? Celebrate Father's Day and head north with the entire family. **Estrella del Norte Winery** is hosting Buckaroo brunch prepared by local chef Rocky Durham. Tickets for the family-style feast are \$75 a head (a little cattle humor). Or be one of the lucky 12 people sitting at the chef's table at \$100 per person. The brunch includes a silent wine auction from Estrella Del Norte Vineyard, **Santa Fe Vineyards** and **Black Mesa Winery**. On offer are magnums and double magnums of Cabernet Sauvignon and Pinot Noir, each with a custom label commemorating the event and signed by the artist. And Black Mesa Winery has a surprise planned.



Sjansmachine an installation) by Olga Mink, Rolf van Gelder and Carmin Karasic (The Netherlands) at, photo courtesy International New Media Festival

Currents 2011, the 2nd Santa Fe International New Media Festival is at the Museo de Cultural in the Railyard District June 10th through 19th. The event, presented by Parallel Studios, features new media artists from the USA, Europe and Asia. Work from Northern New Mexico high school students is also included in the show. Wiki defines new media as a "genre that encompasses artworks created with new media technologies, including digital art, computer graphics, computer animation, virtual art, Internet art, interactive art, computer robotics art as biotechnology". Event co-producer Mariannah Amster defines it more succinctly as "video used in a poetic way."

The event is open daily (except Wednesday) from 11am to 7pm. On Friday June 17th and Saturday the 18th they're open until 11pm. Other participating venues are the CCA, the Railyard's Santa Fe Complex, Zane Bennett Contemporary Art, David Richard's Contemporary Art and Axle Contemporary. Admission to all sites is free. Opening night (from 6pm to midnight) will include outdoor video projection starting at 8:30pm. Check out this a not-to-be-missed, cutting-edge exhibit.



Artist Suzanne Bocanegra's / All the Petals From Jan Bruegel the Elder's Sense of Smell, 1618, 2003 / Gouache, beeswax, paper, fabric, pins at Site Santa Fe , photo/courtesy of the artist and Site Santa Fe

Site Santa Fe, the contemporary art space know for its Biennials (last one 2010) presents, *Pae White: Material Mutters*, the work of LA-based artist Pae White from June 17th through September 18th. The opening, from 5 to 7pm., is free. White, whose work has been included in Skulptur Projekte Münster 07 (2007), the 53rd Venice Biennale (2009), and the Whitney Biennial (2010), has had solo exhibitions at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington D.C., and the Manchester Art Gallery. Site calls her work “monumental tapestries” These tapestries, they continue, ‘highlight dynamic everyday objects and phenomena such as smoke and aluminum foil. The translation of these items – first into digital photographs, then into tapestries – creates compositions of abstract beauty that solidify the immaterial and encourage a re-examination of the familiar.” The artist talks about her work at Site Santa Fe on Tuesday June 21st at 6pm.


Opening at Site Santa Fe the same day and running concurrently with White's show is *Suzanne Bocanegra: I Write the Songs*. The New York based artist works in a range of media which, according to Site “exhibit a deep engagement with music, performance, art history, and material culture.” This exhibit, focusing on works from the last ten years, includes six multi-dimensional pieces. The artist's work has been shown at the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Serpentine Gallery and the Hayward Gallery, in London as well as the Fabric Workshop and Museum in Philadelphia, and UCLA's Hammer Museum. Her performance art pieces have been done at the Museum of Modern Art and River to River Festival, both in New York, and the Athelas Festival in Copenhagen. She appeared at the Santa Fe Plaza Memorial Day Weekend.

Canticum Novum Chamber Orchestra and Chorus presents the music Beethoven, Boyce and Nebra Sunday, June 12th at 4pm (preconcert lecture at 3pm) at the Scottish Rites Center. One of the group's missions is to present neglected or rarely heard musical works from the 1600s though the present.

For the Summer Solstice, the [Taos Solar Music Festival](#) is departing from their traditional weekend event to present a special one-night concert. [Widespread Panic](#) will perform in Kit Carson Park, gates open at 4pm. Tickets are available on the festival's website.

If you have any Santa Fe happenings to share with us, [let us know](#).

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Traveling Ted

June 1, 2011 at 8:58 am #

This Green Chili Cheeseburger Trail sounds like an interesting trail that I would like to hike. It maybe hard to walk though with a delicious burger in my stomach. Maybe I will just drive this trail.

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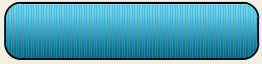
Steve Collins

June 4, 2011 at 10:10 am #

Hi Ted, It's a long hike but at least you'd work off some of the calories. You'd also work up a big appetite since it's all over the state... The canoeing might get a bit challenging in places, too.

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