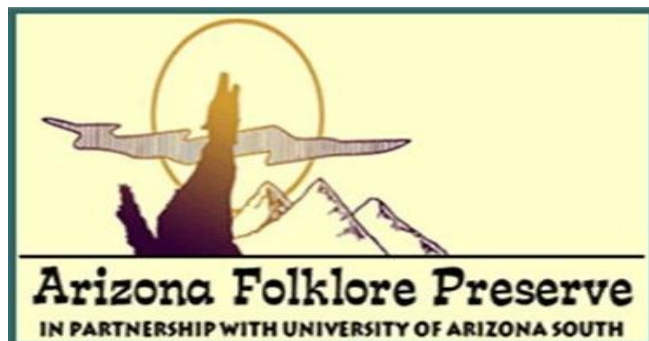


Here's what is happening at . . .



May 2026



Editor's Note:

Spring has arrived in beautiful Ramsey Canyon! Come on up and join us for one of our Saturday or Sunday shows and enjoy the scenery, too — you might even see deer, coatis, or our local turkeys! We have just ten more weekends of fabulous entertainment before our 2025/2026 “season” ends! That includes our very special International Western Music Association's Youth Chapter show on June 20 & 21 and our annual Patriotic show on July 4 & 5. Be sure to make your reservations now for these popular shows!

Your comments are welcome at:

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Look forward to seeing you at the AFP!

- Carolyn G.

Look who's coming this month!

**Saturday & Sunday
May 2 & 3**



The Mule Boys

Scott Muhleman, namesake of this duo, blows a mean harp. He's been bending notes and playing the blues since the sixties, from LA, Waikiki in '68, Alaska, San Francisco, to Bisbee, Arizona. He came to Bisbee the first time while touring with DC Miner and Blues on the Move.

Jon Messenger's story has been a musical journey through the west, the Everglades, and Cornwall-on-Hudson. Now he's had some 25 years of performing at home in Cochise County, Arizona, and points north, west, and east. Scott met Jon at a camp out at Parker Canyon Lake in 1992. Assembled with like minds in fine surroundings, music was made.

**Saturday & Sunday
May 9 & 10**



Jim Jones & Mariam Funke

Jim Jones does it all—musician, performer, author! He was Western Music Association's 2014 Male Performer of the Year and winner of both the Academy of Western Artists 2016 Western Song of the Year and Western Writers of America 2013 and 2017 Spur Awards for Best Western Song as a storyteller. His songs and books are about the West...cowboys, horses and cattle, cattle rustlers, the coming of the train, songs about people and land, rivers and mountains, and the beauty of the Western sky.

Mariam Funke is a native of Germany, Western music performer and composer who found the home of his heart in New Mexico. He is a musician, producer, singer, and songwriter. His many awards include 2019, 2022 & 2023 Duo or Group of the Year (The Cowboy Way), 2022 Instrumentalist of the year, and 2015 Song of the year.



May 10

**Saturday & Sunday
May 16 & 17**



Dry Wash Anglers

Originally from back East, the Dry Wash Anglers grew out of a mutual need for more fishing, bluegrass, and George Jones in 2022. With guitarist/vocalist Joel Leland, songwriter/vocalist/guitarist Hank Abbey, Katy Colville on bass, and Corrine Gary on fiddle, the Anglers channel the harmonies and hot flatpicking of a pantheon of heroes. Stem to stern, Abbey, Leland and Colville nurture a respect for the familiar sound that shaped them but aren't shy of the deeper waters of their own original music.



**Saturday & Sunday
May 23 & 24**



Liz & Pete

Petie Ronstadt & Liz Cerepanya

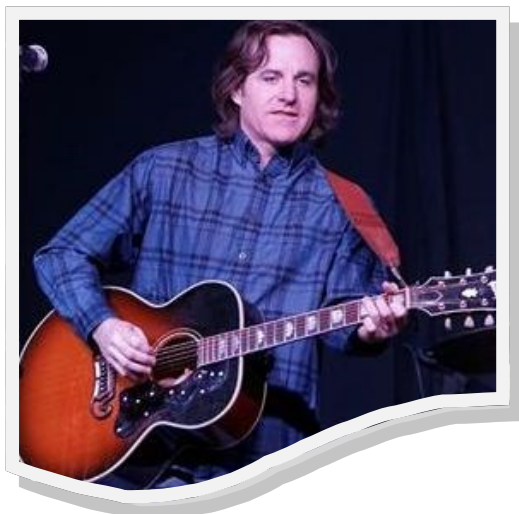
Peter Dalton Ronstadt, a popular performer at the AFP, is a writer and interpreter of song, a recording engineer and producer, a poet, and lyricist. He is an all around post-modern American songster from the great American Southwest. *Tucson Lifestyle* magazine named Petie Tucson's best local band/musician last year!

Liz Cerepanya is an accomplished vocalist from Tucson and frequently performs with Petie.

Oh yes, his aunt happens to be the legendary Linda Ronstadt! Be sure to make reservations early as these shows usually sell out!

"Liz and Pete, lovely fresh harmonies and a secret cache of original songs." -Linda Ronstadt

**Saturday & Sunday
May 30 & 31**



Mark Stuart

When asked to define Mark Stuart's music it is virtually impossible, as his versatility screams out loud. Rock, blues, folk, country, and more are evident in his performance. Electric, acoustic, slide guitar all make up his musical toolbox. Travis-style, Chicago blues, honky tonk country, finger-style folk-all are there when you hear him. His songs are oftentimes autobiographic pieces, but, can be constructed from the viewpoint of a lifelong troubadour who is paying attention to the world he sees around him. He could, at any given time, toss a Paul McCartney or John Fogerty or Woodie Guthrie song into his set. Let's give Mark a warm welcome back to the AFP!

Balladeer's Blog #76 That Old Pickup Truck*

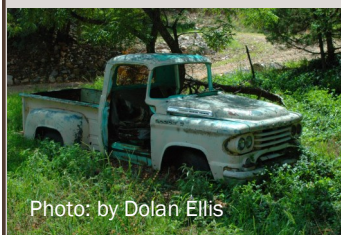


Photo: by Dolan Ellis

I love old pickup trucks. Always have. The older and more beat up, the more I love em'. They tell a wonderful story about the pride of doing an honest hard day's work and about the proud folks who make their living doing it. Old, faded, and beat up trucks speak volumes about the blood, sweat, and tears that went into building this great nation...and still does today. In fact it just occurred to me at this very moment...that maybe the "pickup truck" and the "mule" might both be considered for becoming our national symbol, rather than the Eagle...which I love, too. What better symbol could we pick to represent the grit and determination of the average American? Many of our visitors to the AFP ask our volunteers, "What's the story behind that old pickup truck behind the Moffett House?" Well, here's the story from the horse's mouth...When I bought this property back in 1990, that old rusty truck was sitting in the weeds and sinking into the ground a little more each year, much in the same way as it is today. The sellers said that they would have it hauled off before the closing, but I told them, "No, just leave it there. We'll use that old truck somehow, somewhere, someday at the AFP." I know in my bones that day is still somewhere down the road. Wait and see. Fred Thomas, (who lived in the canyon nearly all his life), told me that one of the Moffett boys was really good at auto mechanics and that he loved working on old cars and trucks. So, I suspect that the truck probably belonged to that Moffett boy. Some people have told me that they think the truck is a blight to our campus, but I think that it is a thing of beauty. Call me crazy, but I would defend ever having it removed. It's like singin' a good country song about Momma, Trains, Good Whiskey...and Old Pickups.

- The Balladeer

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