In The Mix in New Mexico – May 2008

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As the weather warms up each spring, so do the number of local events hosted by the many local business and community service organizations statewide. Networking opportunities abound. Kicking off this busy month is the Annual Small Business Week Awards Luncheon on May 1, 2008 at the Hotel Albuquerque. The event is hosted by the New Mexico Small Business Administration and the New Mexico Small Business Development Center Network and will honor the Small Business Person of the Year and the New Mexico Champion Award Winners. If you are a small business owner or contemplating starting a business, the luncheon offers an excellent opportunity to network with the movers and shakers in the small business community. For more information, visit [www.nmsbdc.org](http://www.nmsbdc.org).

Next up is the Leadership New Mexico’s 2008 Annual Alumni Awards Dinner scheduled for Friday, May 9th beginning at 5:30 pm (location TBD). The Leadership New Mexico Alumni Program was launched in September 2001 and now numbers nearly 600 participants from 59 communities statewide. For more information, visit [www.leadershipnm.org](http://www.leadershipnm.org).

Interested in learning more the latest innovations, technologies, and policies to protect our environment and build a sustainable community? Mark your calendar for the 2008 ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability) Local Action Summit – North America hosted by ICLEI, the City of Albuquerque and Mayor Martin Chavez. The summit will be held 8:00 am to 12:00 noon, Wednesday, May 14th at the Albuquerque Convention Center. ICLEI is an international association of 1,000 local governments, including 400 in the U.S. For more information, visit [www.icleiactionsummit.org](http://www.icleiactionsummit.org).

Speaking of building better communities, be sure to check out the one week New Mexico Economic Development course which begins Sunday, May 18th at Western New Mexico University, Silver City, NM. For more information, visit [www.nmsbc.org](http://www.nmsbc.org).

Mid-month, Technology Ventures Corporation is hosting the 15th annual New Mexico Equity Capital Symposium, May 14th and 15th. The symposium is an exciting opportunity to learn about technology-related investment opportunities in New Mexico. This year’s eighteen presenters were selected from a pool of 59 applicants, and represent a wide range of industries including alternative energy, electronics/instrumentation, energy efficiency, information technology/software, and micro-technology. For more information, visit [www.techventures.org](http://www.techventures.org).

To honor the long standing relationship between the military and business communities, the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 2008 annual Armed Forces Banquet Saturday May 17th at the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque. The evening’s events begin with a networking reception at 6:00 pm followed by dinner and an awards ceremony at 7:00 pm. For more information, visit [www.abqchamber.com](http://www.abqchamber.com).

A novel forum for networking is the many wine-tasting events and festivals that occur throughout the year. For example, the Slate Street Café in downtown Albuquerque hosts wine-tastings the last Thursday and first Tuesday of each month. Their Wine Loft provides a casual setting for meeting friends and making new ones. For more information, visit [www.slatestreetcafe.com](http://www.slatestreetcafe.com). Other wine-related events scheduled in May include:

* 1st Annual Corrales Quilt and Wine Fair, May 10th and 11th, noon to 6:00 pm, Corrales Recreation Center, Corrales Road. See [www.nmculturenet.net](http://www.nmculturenet.net).
* Placitas Studio Tours, May 10th and 11th, noon to 6:00pm. Be sure to drop by the Anasazi Fields Winery for a wine and cheese party at the end of each day. See [www.anasazifieldswinery.com](http://www.anasazifieldswinery.com).
* Albuquerque Wine Festival, May 24th – 26th, noon to 6:00 pm, Balloon Fiesta Park. They are planning some great entertainment that you won’t want to miss. See [www.nmwine.com](http://www.nmwine.com).
* Southern New Mexico Wine Festival, May 24th – 26th, noon to 6:00 pm, Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds, Las Cruces. See [www.nmwine.com](http://www.nmwine.com).

Cheers!

Calendar Resources and Event Links:

Albuquerque Economic Development

[www.abq.org](http://www.abq.org)

Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce

[www.ahcnm.org](http://www.ahcnm.org)

American Marketing Association

[www.nmama.org](http://www.nmama.org)

Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce

[www.abqchamber.com](http://www.abqchamber.com)

National Association of Industrial & Office Properties

[www.naiopnm.org](http://www.naiopnm.org)

New Mexico AdFed

[www.nmadfed.org](http://www.nmadfed.org)

New Mexico Business and Community Development Calendar

<http://edcalendar.nmccap.org/>

New Mexico Business Weekly (Events... 40 Under 40, Power Brokers, etc.)

<http://albuquerque.bizjournals.com/albuquerque/>

New Mexico Information Technology & Software Association

[www.nmitsa.org](http://www.nmitsa.org)

New Mexico Small Business Development Centers

[www.nmsbdc.org](http://www.nmsbdc.org)

Quality New Mexico

[www.qualitynewmexico.org](http://www.qualitynewmexico.org)

Rio Rancho Regional Chamber of Commerce

[www.rrchamber.org](http://www.rrchamber.org)

Technology Ventures Corporation

[www.techventures.org](http://www.techventures.org)

University of New Mexico Anderson School of Management (Lecture series)

[www.mgt.unm.edu](http://www.mgt.unm.edu)