

Tiki escapism comes to Arizona

Queen Creek, Ariz (09/24/22) – A first-of-its-kind event debuts this month celebrating all things tiki, or more specifically, Polynesian arts, music, dance, food and history, all with a “quasi-vintage flair”. The *Superstition Village Tiki Marketplace* takes place this coming Saturday, September 24th at the Big Tin Cotton Gin.

The event is free to all and the first 100 guests will receive a limited-edition commemorative print. The event will feature over 25 vendors, many of whom are locally-based artists selling one-of-a-kind art, mugs, home décor, and jewelry, along with rare, vintage tiki finds.

Marketplace co-sponsor and tiki-enthusiast, Jeremy Harger, has long-recognized the opportunity for a tiki marketplace specific to Arizona. “Recent years have seen such a huge growth of interest in tiki-culture along with this explosion of new talented, local artists whose work really should be recognized. At the same time, we’ve also seen the success of so many similar events across southern California. For those reasons, it’s time Arizona had its own annual show.”

There will also be live music and DJs spinning Hawaiian exotica on vintage vinyl, tiki carving demonstrations, and educational sessions on the history of tiki. Attendees can also enjoy traditional hula dance performances from the Kuliakapono hula studio. Food trucks, a vintage-style photo booth and a limited-edition mug will also be on hand for guests to enjoy.

In addition to showcasing local artists, Harger, who is also founder of Tiki Maniacs, a company said to produce “unique drinking vessels for those with a taste of the exotic” is also looking forward to the show’s partnership with the charitable organization, Polypraise.

With a mission to support a future for underprivileged youth among Arizona’s Polynesian community, Polypraise will be co-sponsoring the event with a silent auction where 100% of proceeds will be directed towards the charity.

According to Polypraise founder, Selu Anau, “I see this event as an opportunity to raise awareness of the work we’re doing at Polypraise, but it’s also a chance overall to celebrate Polynesian culture and the reasons so many people are drawn to it.”

Free admission and free parking, the Superstition Village Tiki Marketplace will take place Saturday, September 24th from 10am – to 5pm at the Big Tin Cotton Gin, 1572 W Ocotillo Rd, San Tan Valley, AZ 85140. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/superstitionvillage> or contact tikimaniacs@gmail.com.

About Tiki Maniacs

Tiki Maniacs is a group of tiki-enthusiasts and proud producer of unique vessels for those with a taste of the exotic. <http://tikimaniacs.com/> Jeremy Harger can be reached at tikimaniacs@gmail.com or by calling 310-922-6849

About Polypraise

Polypraise is a non-profit organization with a mission to reach today's generation, foster kids, low income families, and underprivileged youth, by supplying resources, materials, mentorship and necessities that will help them establish a purpose and a future. polypraise.org.