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It's a weekend to immerse yourself in the Hispanic traditions of the Southwest on the Plaza during the annual Spanish Market (Saturday, July 29, and Sunday, July 30). Each year, the market, produced by the Spanish Colonial Arts Society, presents a juried selection of skilled artisans who continue to work in art and craft traditions dating to the time of Spanish colonial rule in the categories of woodworking, colcha embroidery, straw appliqué, tinwork, bulto carving, furniture making, pottery, and other art forms.

Preceding the weekend's events are a docent-led tour of the Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Project at the Wells Petroglyph Preserve at Mesa Prieta on Friday, July 28, at 8:30 a.m. The tour is \$50 per person; visit www.mesaprietapetroglyphs.org. There is a preview of Traditional Spanish Market on Friday evening at El Museo Cultural de Santa Fe (555 Camino de la Familia). The preview opens to collectors at 6 p.m. and to the general public at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$80 for collectors and \$20 for the public viewing and are available in advance by calling [505-982-2226](tel:505-982-2226).

Traditional Spanish Market hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Approximately 250 regional artists showcase their works. Music and dance performances enliven the Santa Fe Bandstand through the weekend, and food trucks offer tastes of regional fare. Other events include a course in Spanish cuisine by local chef and owner of La Boca James Campbell Caruso at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the Santa Fe School of Cooking (125 N. Guadalupe St.). The cost is \$90 and a portion of proceeds benefits the Spanish Colonial Arts Society. Register at the Santa Fe School of Cooking at www.tinyurl.com/ydygurlj. The annual blessing of market artists takes place at the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi on Sunday at 8 a.m., followed by a procession to the Plaza.

On Lincoln Avenue, visitors interested in art with a more contemporary flavor can visit the Contemporary Hispanic Market, also an annual event with hours concurrent with those of Traditional Market and featuring more than 130 artist booths. Contemporary Hispanic Market includes works in photography, painting, printmaking, jewelry, ceramics, weaving, and more. For more information about Traditional Spanish Market, call [505-982-2226](tel:505-982-2226) and for Contemporary Hispanic Market, call [505-331-5162](tel:505-331-5162). All events are free unless otherwise noted.

