

# Around Moab

## Western Colorado's 'Palisade Bluegrass & Roots Fest'

By Sharon Sullivan

If you need a reason to smile these days consider going to the Palisade Bluegrass and Roots Festival, June 5-7, in western Colorado, where you'll hear joyous, wonderful music all weekend-long. Set alongside the Colorado River in Palisade's Riverbend Park, the venue offers spectacular views of Mt. Garfield and Grand Mesa.

Colorado musicians kick off the festival on Friday, including the Stillhouse String Band, the Slocan Ramblers, Magoo, Daniel Donato's Cosmic Country band, and The Queen Bees.

The Queen Bees Band is a five-piece, all-female Americana bluegrass group, that plays both original songs, as well as interpretations of classic covers. The group has put out one album – a live recording at Steve's Guitar's in Carbondale that includes eight original songs, plus two traditional bluegrass tunes.

"We are all about uplifting, happy, joyful music – and really strong harmonies," said Queen Bee Aundrea Ware, who sings and writes songs for the group. "We're a vocally-driven band."

Saturday's musicians include Handmade Moments, Liver Down the River, Boot Juice, RapidGrass, Chaparelle, and the day's headliner Andy Frasco and the U.N., a "genre-bending American blues rock band" formed in Los Angeles.

The music continues on Sunday with Southern Ave., SUN JR., Bronwyn Keith Hynes, plus the Pickpockets, before closing out the weekend with the high-energy "Shinyribs," from Austin, Texas.

Shinyribs is Kevin Russell and his seven-piece band – including the female singing and dancing duo, the Delta Dawns. Russell grew up in southeast Texas listening to zydeco music – a genre that includes blues, and rhythm and blues, created by Louisiana Creoles. Shinyribs has been a fixture in the Austin music scene for decades.

"I grew up on radio, as well," Russell said. "My music is informed by all of that. When I was a kid, radio was not owned by a bunch of corporations; it was independent. DJs curated their own shows. Consequently, you heard everything – rock and roll, the blues, everything, I was heavily influenced by that."

Some people say Shinyribs' music is "undefinable," Russell said. He describes it as a southern roots style with elements of country, jazz, blues and soul.

"If you follow just mainstream country and pop you might not understand my music," Russell said. "But you will understand my show. I can make people feel the moment we're in. If in front of my stage you're going to feel joy with my music. You'll feel alive."

A variety of food trucks will be at the festival, although people can bring in food if they want. No outside beverages are allowed, however. There will be local Palisade-brewed beers for sale, plus, cocktails made from spirits crafted at Peach Tree Distillers in Palisade. Bring a water bottle to fill up with free water throughout the weekend.

In addition to the music the weekend festival offers additional activities like morning yoga, jam camps, bourbon barrel tasting, a guided tour of Palisade, and more.



For tickets or more information visit: [www.palisademusic.com/music](http://www.palisademusic.com/music)

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## Music in the Grapevines Returns with an Exciting Line-up for 2026

The long wait for live outdoor music is almost over! Music in the Grapevines will be back at Two Rivers Winery for five fantastic concerts. Stray Grass, Grand Valley's favorite bluegrass band, kicks off the season and will be followed by returning favorites.

- Stray Grass** – Tuesday, May 19
- Queen Bees** – Tuesday, June 16
- Exit 42** – Tuesday, July 21
- Feeding Giants** – Tuesday, August 18
- Still House String Band** – Wednesday, September 9

Music in the Grapevines is one of the few outdoor concerts to welcome you to bring a picnic dinner to enjoy on a beautiful lawn in the shadow of the Colorado National Monument. Two Rivers wine is available by the glass or bottle (no outside adult beverages). Concerts start at 7pm, and gates open one hour earlier so you can relax before the music.

Tickets are now available online and at The Art Center (7th & Orchard). Advance sale tickets are \$20 (all ages).

If a concert is not sold out, tickets will be available at the gate for \$25. You may also buy tickets for all five concerts for \$93. Unlike most other concerts, Music in the Grapevine tickets are good for a later 2026 summer concert. If plans change or if you'd rather use a ticket for a later concert, just send an email to [artcenterguild@gmail.com](mailto:artcenterguild@gmail.com).

All proceeds go to the Art Center of Western Colorado in support of its programs.

Music in the Grapevines Concert Series is proudly sponsored by ANB Bank.

For more information, including artist profiles, ticketing details and event updates, visit the Music in the Grapevines website at [www.artcenterguild.org](http://www.artcenterguild.org).



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# ART MARKET

First Saturday in May

Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum  
660 West 400 North

**UTE MOUNTAIN TRIBAL PARK**  
TOWAOC, COLORADO

**2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

During the National Preservation Month of May the "Twenty-sixth Annual Ute Mountain Tribal Park Open House" will be held on May 23, 2026. Porcupine House Tour at 9:10 a.m., \$40.00 per person.

Ute Beardance demonstration, Ute giveaway, Fry Bread & Anasazi Beans tasting at 8:30am. Transportation is free and on a first come first serve basis.

**reservations required.**

"Inaccessible, Casa Colorado, & Casa Blanca House Cliff Dwelling Tour", July 11, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. Tours are \$40.00 per person and transportation is \$18.00 per person. Departure from entrance of Mesa Verde National Park (MVNP).

**Tour reservations are required.**

"Porcupine House Cliff Dwelling And Train Site Tour" August 8, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. departure time from the Tribal Park Visitor Center. This tour is \$40.00 per person, transportation is free and on a first come first serve basis.

**Tour reservations are required.**

Full day, half day, remote, and private tours are conducted April 2026 to October 2026 (No tours on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, major holidays & Tribal holidays) Departure times from the Tribal Park Visitor Center Tour fees vary.

Tour reservations can be made at phone numbers (970) 565-9653 & (970) 993-0069  
e-mail: [utepark@fone.net](mailto:utepark@fone.net)  
Website: [utemountaintribalpark.info](http://utemountaintribalpark.info)

Note: Ute Mountain Tribal Park does not accept credit cards. Accepted are: personal checks, cash, money orders, and traveler checks.  
**(7% tax on all tours)**  
Tours maybe canceled due to inaccessible roads or bad weather. Advance notice on cancellations will be provide.