

# SLAM

DESIGNING THE SOUTHWEST  
SOUTHWICK LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL MEMO  
Volume 3, Issue 12, June 2010

southwick  
LA

*He who wonders discovers that this in itself is wonder.*

*M. C. Escher*

## SUMMER FUN!

Few things seem to scream "summer is here," more than triple digit temperatures. To add to your summer, we have compiled a short but not comprehensive list of events and activities going on around town throughout the summer.

The Springs Preserve offers various events including a children's story time every Tuesday. Check their website at [www.springspreserve.org](http://www.springspreserve.org) for more information.



If you are in the mood for a free outdoor movie, you have plenty of options! Town Square has Movies in the Square on the first and third Thursdays now through August, beginning at sundown. Lake Las Vegas has Movies on the Lake every Thursday at 8pm until August 26th. The District offers Movies on the Green every Friday and Saturday at 8pm now through October. It also offers free concerts Friday & Saturday 6pm-9pm now through June 26th. For a list of movies, check in at each location's website.

If you'd like to take the kids and get out of town, try taking a ride on the Nevada Southern Railway. The trains run Saturdays and Sundays at 10am, 11:30am, 1pm & 2pm from the Nevada State Railroad Museum in Boulder City. For more information, visit [www.nevadasouthern.com](http://www.nevadasouthern.com). Another option is the Super Summer Theatre at Spring Mountain Ranch State Park in Blue Diamond. The cooler temperatures set the stage for plays such as "Willy Wonka" in June, "Ain't Misbehavin'" in July, "Damn Yankees" in August, and "The Foreigner" in September. To purchase tickets, visit [www.supersummertheatre.com](http://www.supersummertheatre.com).

Are you looking for something to do for Independence Day? The City of Henderson is hosting its annual 4th of July Celebration at Basic High School. Music starts at 6pm and fireworks at 9pm. Check [www.hendersonlive.com](http://www.hendersonlive.com) for more information including parking and shuttle stops. Boulder City will be hosting its 62nd annual Damboree Celebration at Veteran's Memorial Park from 6pm to 11pm, fireworks starting at 9pm. Other festivities will take place on July 3rd throughout Boulder City. For more information, visit [www.bcnv.org/damboree](http://www.bcnv.org/damboree).

Please be aware that SLA will be closed July 5th to celebrate Independence Day with our loved ones. We wish a safe and happy holiday to all.

## FAVORITE FLORA:

### BRAHEA ARMATA - MEXICAN BLUE PALM



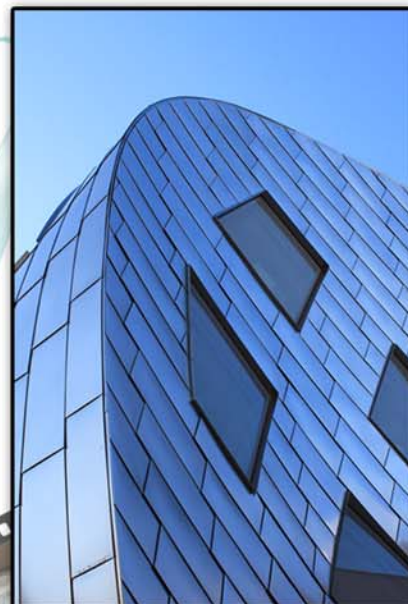
A slow growing palm, it is not unusual to see this tree in many drought tolerant landscapes around the Las Vegas Valley and in the southwest. This native of Baja California displays a graceful crown of pale blue-gray colored leaves setting it apart from other palms in this family. Leaves are fan-shaped and grow 3 to 5 feet across and form a type of skirt along the trunk as they die. When in bloom, hanging clusters of cream-colored fragrant flowers stretch out from between the

leaves and arc toward the ground. When the blooms are spent, clusters of large, marble like fruit appear. You may trim the spent bloom stalks off to avoid the litter caused by the matured falling fruit.

The Mexican Blue Palm likes full sun and intense heat however it is also frost resistant. It also enjoys well-drained, sandy soil with thorough soakings every month or two. This makes it one of the great palms for this area. It can reach 25 to 30 feet high and 8 to 10 feet wide at the top however, it may take many years due to their slow growth habit. You can generally expect them to grow 6 inches to 1 foot per year. Due to the smaller size and slow growth, this palm is great in residential settings where taller palms may look out of place. It may be used as a single accent tree or on a patio in a container to limit the size.

Next time we'll feature a fragrant, evergreen vine that is wonderful in almost every setting...

## PHOTO OF THE MONTH



HUES OF BLUE  
LOU RUVO BRAIN INSTITUTE  
LAS VEGAS, NV  
ELIZABETH JONES