



Mosaic Gardens

Memory Care at Scottsdale

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Anna W. 9/5



September 2026

Hello, September! 🌻

Here we are, welcoming another beautiful month at Mosaic Gardens Memory Care at Scottsdale! September brings us the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month, and we are excited to celebrate the rich traditions of culture, family, music, food, and togetherness.

And after an Arizona summer filled with sunshine—and temperatures reaching a whopping 116 degrees—our Resident Planning Committee decided there was only one appropriate response: if Arizona is going to give us this much sun, we might as well throw a fiesta for it! 🌻 🌵 So this month, we are celebrating with our Fiesta del Sol! 🌻

Our residents, families, and friends are invited to join us for an afternoon filled with delicious food, lively music, laughter, colorful traditions, and plenty of fun. More than anything, it will be another opportunity to come together and create meaningful memories with the people who make our community so special.

So bring your appetite, your smile, and maybe even your dancing shoes! 🎵 🌻

We hope our families and friends can join us as we say goodbye to summer and welcome September the Mosaic Gardens way—with sunshine, connection, laughter, and a little fiesta!

¡Arriba! Let's celebrate Fiesta del Sol! 🌻 🌻

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Together '26

Photo Dump



Our Luau Celebration

The excitement began with our roasted pig, which definitely got everyone's attention! Our residents had a good laugh and were curious and excited to see it. We enjoyed delicious food, refreshing piña coladas, tropical music, and lots of fun taking pictures and pretending for the afternoon that we were vacationing in beautiful Hawaii.

🍍🍹 One of the most special parts of the celebration was listening to our residents reminisce about their own experiences in Hawaii. Many have visited the islands throughout their lives, and our tropical surroundings helped spark familiar stories and conversations about places they had been and things they had experienced.



And perhaps the best compliment of all—a couple of days after the Luau, some of our residents were still talking about it! In Memory Care, that is why experiences like these are so important. It isn't about expecting someone to remember every detail of an event. It's about creating opportunities to feel joy, connection, belonging, excitement, and purpose.



in the moment, while familiar sights, sounds, tastes, and experiences can sometimes bring forward pieces of their life stories.

Our Family & Friends events also give residents an opportunity to be surrounded by the people they love while remaining an active part of their community. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the day so enjoyable. We hope you enjoy these few snapshots from our Hawaiian afternoon!



Signature Committee at Work

At Mosaic Gardens Montessori Memory Care, meaningful engagement is about more than staying busy—it is about continuing to have a role, a voice, and a sense of purpose.

Through our T.H.R.I.V.E. program, our Signature Committee has begun its

newest project: handcrafted sugar scrubs. After beginning our Signature Item initiative with hand soaps, residents are now taking part in the next phase by organizing materials, labeling jars, discussing fragrances, making choices about presentation, and learning how the finished products will be displayed, marketed, and sold.



This project incorporates important Montessori principles by giving residents opportunities for choice, responsibility, teamwork, sequencing, fine-motor engagement, and meaningful contribution. Rather than simply completing an activity, residents participate in a process with a genuine purpose and a visible outcome.



What makes this project especially meaningful is where it leads. Proceeds from our Signature Items will be donated to a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping animals in need and reducing unnecessary euthanasia. 🐾



Making Sugar Scrub



Our residents may be living with changes in memory, but their ability to contribute, make choices, experience purpose, and positively impact others remains incredibly valuable. Projects like our Signature Committee allow us to focus not on what has been lost, but on the abilities, experiences, interests, and strengths that remain.

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month



September is a special time to recognize the rich history, cultures, traditions, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities. National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15 through October 15, giving us an opportunity to honor the music, food, art, family traditions, stories, and accomplishments that have enriched our communities for generations.

You may wonder, why the celebration continues on September 16, Mexico's Independence Day.

Here at Mosaic Gardens, we believe celebrating culture is also a wonderful way to spark memories and meaningful connections. Familiar music, traditional foods, colorful decorations, and stories from the past can encourage our residents to reminisce and share pieces of their own lives and heritage with one another.

That makes September the perfect month for our Fiesta !



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR
Fiesta DEL SOL

**A Celebration of Culture,
and the People Who Make Life Beautiful**

Join us for a colorful afternoon filled with
delicious food, lively music, beautiful traditions
and wonderful memories with family and friends!

**SECOND FRIDAY
IN SEPTEMBER**

SEPTEMBER 11, 2026
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

DELICIOUS FOOD Tacos, rice, beans, aguas frescas and sweet treats!	LIVE MUSIC Enjoy Latin favorites that will get everyone smiling!	CULTURE & TRADITIONS Colorful décor, fun activities and meaningful connections!	SUNNY HEARTS & GOOD TIMES Bright days, warm hearts and beautiful memories!	FAMILY & FRIENDS Bring your loved ones and help us celebrate together!
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