



# SECOND SATURDAY

DOWNTOWN MIAMI, AZ

A photograph of a mine site in a desert landscape. In the foreground, there are several weathered, light-colored buildings with corrugated metal roofs. In the background, a large, dark metal mine tower stands on a hillside. The hills are eroded and have a reddish-brown hue. The sky is overcast.

# MIAMI AFTERNOONS

SPEND YOUR AFTERNOON ON SULLIVAN STREET FOR SECOND SATURDAYS IN MIAMI, THEN HEAD TO BROAD STREET IN GLOBE FOR THE CHRISTMAS LIGHT PARADE!

**MUSIC | VENDORS | FOOD | SHOPPING**

December 11, 2021 | 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Sullivan Street will be closed to traffic

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**Miami Mercantile & More:** tour this historic YMCA Building. Cold soda and water will be available for purchase

**C & CES Auction:** hosting an auction with fantastic items. Preview and registration start at 12:00 pm Auction begins at 1:00 pm

**Jim Coates Gallery:** warm tasty coffees, cappuccinos and yummy pastry treats

**Come hungry! Tasty food trucks will be serving up hot fresh treats to eat, including beloved Cowboy Kettle Corn! Lots of other street vendors will be there, both recurring and new vendors.**

**All the merchants will be open for shopping with great deals to be had. Dacite Audio will be rocking the street with great selections of oldies, country music and more. We can't wait to see you!**

*Saturday*

**JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**1:00 PM - 4:00 PM IN  
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN  
MIAMI, ARIZONA**





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**FEBRUARY 12TH | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**Celebrating Arizona's 110th anniversary of achieving statehood!**

**Historic Sullivan Street:**

Merchants and galleries will be open, music by Dacite Audio, food trucks, street vendors, + tours at the Miami Mercantile building.

**Bullion Plaza Cultural Center & Museum:**

Open to the public with jazz band The Hot Beignets playing from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm and a book signing for "A Glow in the Western Sky" by Author Gary Keltner from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

**A free shuttle service will be available to take people from the Miami Mercantile building at the East end of Sullivan Street to Bullion Plaza and back.**

**Fireworks:**

The long-awaited fireworks display presented by Freeport-McMoRan will light up the sky at 7:00 pm from the tailings (across from Wal-Mart).

Sponsored by The Town Of Miami and in part by Freeport-McMoRan Miami Operations.

# AZ POPPY FEST

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## Miami. AZ Schedule:

2:00 PM - 6:30 PM: Join us in historic downtown Miami for the 2nd Annual AZ Poppy Fest! Sullivan Street will be closed to traffic allowing visitors to enjoy leisurely shopping from local merchants and vendors, art galleries, and antiques shops. Explore the beauty of this historic mining town on foot, and see if you can find the miner's stairs and beautiful murals tucked around each corner.

*Be sure to check out all of fun events happening around town:*

### **Pop-Up Bar**

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM:

Miami Mercantile & More will have a pop-up bar! They'll also be offering tours of their historic building, which was formerly the 1917 YMCA.

### **The Hot Beignets**

2:30 PM - 6:30 PM:

Traditional New Orleans Style Jazz will be playing in front of Miami Town Hall.

This is FREE and everyone is welcome!



### **Centennial Band**

5:00 PM 7:00 PM:

LIVE music from the band in the Inspiration Room at Bullion Plaza.

Admission to the museum is free but donations are appreciated.

### **Movie at the Museum**

7:00 PM: FREE showing

of Disney's Encanto on the lawn of Bullion Plaza. Bring your own blanket or lawn chair.

There will also be snacks for sale.

### **Ghost Tour**

7:00 PM: Explore

haunted downtown Miami, AZ! Reservations

are required. To purchase tickets or for more info, contact

Vinnie at (480) 489-7146.





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A photograph of a mine site in a desert landscape. A large, dark metal mine tower stands on a hillside. In the foreground, there are several industrial buildings with corrugated metal roofs. The background shows layered, eroded hills under a clear sky.

# MIAMI AFTERDARK

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THE KICKOFF OF  
SECOND SATURDAYS IN DOWNTOWN MIAMI, AZ!

MUSIC | DANCING | FOOD | SHOPPING

November 13, 2021 | 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Sullivan Street will be closed to traffic  
+ merchants will be open late!

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*Miami  
Mercantile & More!*

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AZ Ghost Tours

December 27, 2021 at 12:53 PM · 🌐



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- 5+ Hour Lockdown Investigation
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- Use OF The Latest Equipment



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Engagements

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# GET TO KNOW THE TEAM BEHIND MIAMI MERCANTILE:

## **Please tell us about the historic building you're located in.**

This former YMCA building was built in 1917 at the corner of Miami Avenue and Sullivan Street in beautiful downtown Miami. It has been a cornerstone of the community and has helped raise thousands of children in the area! Most of the children were taught to swim by Manuel Armenderiz and Johnny Mansur (forgive my spelling!) and greeted in the lobby by Betty Benato. The Y was a happy place full of laughter, arts and crafts, ping pong, bowling, swimming, and more. Eventually, it was operated by the Town of Miami during the 1980's.

## **What are your goals for Miami Mercantile?**

Miami Mercantile & More, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) through the State of Arizona. We currently operate a small thrift/antique/whatnot shop. We are also working at becoming a venue with charm, character and history! We currently offer ghost tours and plan on setting up regular tours of the amazing Mercantile building (YMCA).

## **What is the best part about being a shop owner in Miami's historic downtown?**

The people! We have met the kindest, nicest and most supportive folks anywhere!

## **The old YMCA is quite large, what plans do you have for the space?**

We have the Mercantile shop and space in the lobby for venues as well as space in the gym/stage area to hold venues and events. We would also welcome those who would like to hold classes, educational opportunities, training, meeting space and the like there, as well. We may also offer some shop space to others. It would be amazing to have the rooms upstairs fixed up so that we could offer wedding venues with rooms for the family to stay in. We would like to be a destination for those in the area to stay...maybe a B & B or hotel or VRBO/AirBnb concept. Plans are still in flux and changing all the time! All ideas are welcome!

## **Please share a quote that inspires you.**

I get inspiration from the people with the stories and past history of the YMCA building. They are passionate of their love for this building and it shows! That makes me want to try hard for them.

## **What's a fun little known fact about you?**

Some folks think that I just bought the building, but I didn't! I've owned the Y since 2004.





other Arizona copper camps such as Bisbee and Jerome that have found second acts. But Miami is doing this while active mining continues, albeit at a reduced level from past boom times.

In the late 1870s, silver deposits enticed the first residents to the Miami area. Within a decade, prospecting shifted to the area's copper porphyry deposits, in which the mineral is disseminated through the ore body rather than concentrated in veins. A major reduction plant to process the copper opened in 1915, which led to the community being nicknamed "Concentrator City."

By World War I, copper production was in full swing, and Miami was booming. Underground mining continued through World War II and then ore extraction evolved into open-pit operations. Production has since shifted to solvent extraction and electrowinning, processes used for low-grade ore and that require a smaller workforce.

As mining waned in Miami, some businesses closed and it was not uncommon for residents to abandon their homes. The town's more notable commercial demises include three personal favorites. First, Pat's Sleeping Beauty Bar was located along U.S. Highway 60 and named after a peak north of Miami that yielded impressive turquoise

## EDITOR'S COLUMN: CREATIVES IGNITE A COPPER TOWN REBIRTH

DOUGLAS TOWNE

"Go West, young man," was the prudent advice journalist Horace Greeley gave Americans looking for economic opportunities in the mid-1800s. Some Phoenix artists, however, are rebelling against this guidance and heading east. Their surprising destination is a place where "high-rises" consist of headframes and smokestacks.

"I have always found mining towns to have so much character, you can still feel their history," says Steph Carrico, a Phoenix

artist and teacher who recently purchased a fixer-upper in Miami, Arizona. "The weather is a little cooler in the summer, the 75-minute drive from Downtown Phoenix is beautiful, and as a photographer, there is so much to capture. I love Prescott and Flagstaff, but I would not be able to afford a second home in those towns."

Located at the base of the Pinal Mountains, Miami is nestled amidst extensive mine workings and the Tonto National Forest. The town is following the trend of

**Top left:** Keystone Avenue in Miami, 1920s.  
**Below:** Inspiration Consolidated Copper Co. in Miami, 1966.  
**Below left:** Maureen Towne at the Traveler's Hotel bar, which featured "Real Mixed Drinks" so powerful that they shattered the plate glass window, 2000.  
**Bottom left:** Defunct neon sign for the Traveler's Hotel / Real Buffet, 2021.







Images courtesy of Andrew

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specimens. Second, Chalo's La Paloma Café, or "the Dove," located on Sullivan Street was once the go-to place for chili rellenos. Finally, down the street, the boarded-up Travelers Hotel that opened in 1918 featured an impressive buffet, once regional verbiage for a smorgasbord dedicated to drinking and dancing.

Miami's current population of almost 2,000 residents is a far cry from its peak of nearly 7,700 during the 1930s. But the infrastructure that's leftover offers exciting prospects for those interested in rehabbing faded architectural gems. In addition, these unique residential and commercial properties are convenient to the Phoenix metro area and much more affordable.

As is often the case with neglected communities, artists are the intrepid pioneers bringing life back to the structures; they often see possibilities others ignore. Carrico has followed friends Michael and Joanna Twenty-three, who previously ran the Downtown Phoenix art spaces Thought Crime and The Firehouse on First Street. The couple has opened Soda Pops retro soda fountain and the Miami Art Works store in historic commercial buildings on Sullivan Street. Carrico, who co-founded The Trunk Space in Downtown Phoenix, has opted to rehab a two-story residential structure with a surprising past.

"The house I bought, it turns out, was a brothel back in the day," she says. "I love

Top left: Pat's Sleeping Beauty Bar along U.S. Highway 60, 1991.  
 Above left: La Paloma Café, 1991.  
 Above: Miami, 1952.  
 Bottom: Copper processing in Miami, 1940.

how much of it is still as it existed in 1926 when it was built." She plans to transform it into a summer and weekend getaway by preserving its original features, albeit with a few upgrades to make it more functional, such as adding a second bathroom.

Carrico envisions the place becoming an artist retreat for friends too. "I'd like to put in a darkroom, a writing table with a typewriter, a sewing machine, and a place to paint," she says. "I know sometimes getting away from my routine gives me the time and inspiration to do creative work; I would like to offer that to other artists."

Miami's evolution has begun, and it's extended beyond Carrico and her friends. Others in town are making banjos, tear-drop trailers, and who knows what else. Carrico hopes the transition builds upon, rather than overwhelms, what the community currently offers. "I feel like more and more artists and craftspeople are moving out to Miami, and my hope is it'll continue to become a place for creatives while still maintaining its charming Wild West ghost town feel," she says.

If you want to check out the hidden treasures of Miami, here's an inside tip. The mining town's locals pronounce it as "My-AM-uh." Not to be confused with that other "My-AM-ee" in Florida. But don't fret if you mess up. "So far, the people I have met in Miami are kind," Carrico says. "It is definitely a small town, and everyone seems to know everyone." ☐



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# Miami

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