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## 10 Things to do this weekend

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**PLAN.** If wedding bells are in your future, the ARTISAN WEDDING FAIR at Lillstreet Art Center might make things easier. This afternoon includes information from vendors who make handcrafted and artisan goods for nuptials.

Aug. 12, noon – 4 p.m. Advance tickets are \$5, and can be applied to purchases of more than \$25; day-of tickets are \$10. 4401 N. Ravenswood Ave., (773) 769-4226, [lillstreet.com/artisanweddingfair](http://lillstreet.com/artisanweddingfair)

**REVISIT.** Go back in time with RETRO ON ROSCOE this weekend. The Roscoe Village event includes an antique and classic car (and motorcycle) show and bands playing lots of 1980's music. Aug. 11, noon – 10 p.m., Aug. 12, noon – 10 p.m. Suggested donation is \$10, proceeds benefit Roscoe Village Neighbors. Roscoe Street and Damen Avenue, [starevents.com/...](http://starevents.com/)

**ROAD TRIP.** Need to get out of town for the weekend? Head to the SHIP AND SHORE FESTIVAL in New Buffalo and see the lake from the other side, along with some hometown friends. The Shedd Aquarium's Great Lakes Outreach team will be on hand to discuss what you can do to keep our waterways clean. Other festivities include a floating parade, crafts, sampling of local wines and even an ice cream-eating contest. Aug. 10, 5 p.m. – midnight, Aug. 11, 11 a.m. – midnight, Aug. 11, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Pulaski Highway and Whittaker Street, New Buffalo, [www.newbuffalo.org](http://www.newbuffalo.org)

**POLKA.** Get ready to dance that favorite dance while listening to music and eating pierogi at the SOUTHSIDE POLISH FEST. Held in Toyota Park in Bridgeview, this festival is likely to welcome more than 37,000 people to pay homage to the homeland. Events include a pierogi-eating contest. Aug. 10, 5 p.m. – 11 p.m., Aug. 11 – Aug. 12, noon – 11 p.m. Admission is \$10 adults, free for kids. 7000 S. Harlem Ave., (708) 378-0102, [www.southsidepolishfest.com](http://www.southsidepolishfest.com)

**MANGIARE.** The sixth annual TAYLOR STREET FESTA ITALIANA brings Italian culture and food to the city's Little Italy neighborhood. Activities include grape stomping, music, a kids stage, and, of course, eating and drinking. Aug. 10, 3 p.m. – 11 p.m., Aug. 11, noon – 11 p.m., Aug. 12, noon – 9 p.m. Suggested donation is \$5 adults, free kids. Taylor Street, between Racine Street and Ashland Avenue, [www.FestaitalianaChicago.com](http://www.FestaitalianaChicago.com)

**WATCH.** Williams Street Repertory brings THE FANTASTICKS, the show that holds claim to being the longest-running musical in history, to the Raue Center for The Arts. See the musical about widowers plotting to find their children a romantic match in an intimate theater space. Aug. 10 – Aug. 11, 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30. 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake, (815) 356-9212, [www.rauecenter.org](http://www.rauecenter.org)

**SCREEN.** Catch a free showing of the new film, GRANITO: HOW TO NAIL A DICTATOR, about the massacre of 200,000 people in Guatemala in the 1980s. The screening is at the National Museum of Mexican Art, and is presented with the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center and other organizations. A discussion with the filmmaker follows the screening. Aug. 12, 1 p.m. Free, but reservations are required. 1852 W. 19th St., (312)

433-3907,

[www.nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org](http://www.nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org)

**EXPLORE.** Take a tour of the SKYSCRAPER: ART AND ARCHITECTURE AGAINST GRAVITY exhibit at the Museum of Contemporary Art, and then continue on to Michigan Avenue with Chicago Architecture Foundation docents for an architectural look at the Mag Mile. Aug. 11, 10 a.m. – noon. Tickets are \$25. 220 E. Chicago Ave., (312) 397-4010, [www.architecture.org](http://www.architecture.org)

**FEAST.** Whether it is art or food that turns your fancy, you'll find it at the mobile buffet that is STREETFOOD ARTISTRY. This congregation of mobile food trucks and artists takes place at the Zhou B. Art Center, with strolling performers and an interactive Circus Experience hosted by CircEsteem. Aug. 12, 1 p.m. – 7 p.m. Tickets are \$40 adults, \$20 kids ages 6-13. 1029 W. 35th St., [www.streetfoodartistrychicago.com](http://www.streetfoodartistrychicago.com)

**ADMIRE.** The second annual SLOW AND LOW LOWRIDER CAR AND BIKE SHOW rolls into Pilsen this weekend. Get ready for a day of lowrider culture, with more than 80 cars and bikes on display, plus rockabilly music and themed kids activities. Aug. 12, noon – 8 p.m. Suggested donation is \$5 adults, \$2 kids, proceeds benefit the Chicago Urban Art Society. 600 W. Cermak Rd., [slowandlowchicago.tumblr.com](http://slowandlowchicago.tumblr.com)

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