

DESERT CABALLEROS WESTERN MUSEUM

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6th Annual West of Center: Highlights from the Wickenburg Art Club

-- Community-curated exhibition and sale showcases talent of local artists --

Wickenburg, Ariz. – Wickenburg’s love affair with the arts goes back over half a century. The Desert Caballeros Western Museum, founded in 1960, has become internationally recognized for its creative exhibitions and programming. The Wickenburg Art Club, founded in 1964, teaches workshops and classes at its own facility and presents numerous art exhibitions and festivals around the Wickenburg community.

Each year, the Museum and the Art Club join forces to mount the annual “West of Center: Highlights of the Wickenburg Art Club” exhibition and sale. The Museum turns over its Cultural Crossroads Learning Center to the Art Club, which curates and juries an exhibition of artwork by its talented members. The diversity of mediums, including oil, photography, gourds, and bronzes, reflect the diversity of experiences and perspectives that each member brings to the Art Club.

This year’s show runs from July 29 through October 29, 2017. The Wickenburg Art Club will hold an opening reception on Friday, July 28 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public; this the first opportunity to purchase art, and many of the featured artists will be in attendance. Each Saturday during the run of the show, an exhibiting member of the Art Club holds a free art demonstration from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the Learning Center.

“West of Center” is your chance to add a unique work to your collection while supporting local artists: all of the pieces on exhibit are available for purchase, with 100% of proceeds benefitting the members of the Wickenburg Art Club.

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About the Museum

The Desert Caballeros Western Museum is an accredited museum by the American Alliance of Museums. The Museum is known as *Arizona’s Most Western Museum*, and serves nearly 75,000 visitors a year. The Museum preserves and exhibits the art and history of the Southwest and the desert frontier, and is well-known for its innovative exhibitions and programming. Its world-renowned collection of American Western fine art, American Indian art and artifacts, and captivating interactive exhibits, together, create an unforgettable experience for visitors. The Museum’s entire lower level is devoted to a re-creation of life in Late Territorial Wickenburg, including a fascinating permanent exhibit geared for children called *Out on the Ranch*. The Museum further enhances the visitor experience by offering a free audio guide tour system. The Museum also has two stores, The Museum Store and Ranch Dressing.

Visitor Information

The Desert Caballeros Western Museum is located in historic downtown Wickenburg at 21 N. Frontier St.

Current Hours of operation are:

Tuesday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday noon – 4:00 p.m.

Seasonal hours of operation are:

(Labor Day – Memorial Day) Monday–Saturday 10:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.; Sunday noon – 4:00 p.m.

For more information, call 928-684-2272,

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General admission is \$12.00 for adults, \$10.00 for seniors (60+) and AAA members, and free admission for museum members and those 17 and under.