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Two Western Collectors Featured at Desert Caballeros Western Museum

-- Upcoming shows feature natural beauty and cultural diversity of Arizona --

Wickenburg, Ariz. – Two exhibitions opening this fall at Desert Caballeros Western Museum explore the theme of “Collecting the West”.

All Over the Map: The Picerne Collection of Arizona Landmark Art showcases representational paintings of the state’s mountains, canyons and vistas created over the last hundred years by many artists from varying backgrounds, schools and eras. The Picerne Collection has the dual objective of creating an historical archive of those artists who painted Arizona and of fostering an increased appreciation for the state’s natural gifts.

The artists represented primarily hail from the early 20th century, and include James Swinnerton, Lon Megargee, and Jesse Benton Evans. Landmarks across Arizona are depicted, from the Grand Canyon and Canyon de Chelly to Four Peaks and the Superstition Mountains. Notably, the collection includes rare depictions of Camelback Mountain before the approach of urban sprawl. The exhibition will be on view from October 21, 2017 through March 4, 2018 in the Museum’s Fisher Gallery.

On Wednesday, November 1, author and travel writer Roger Naylor will appear at the Museum to discuss his newest book, *The Amazing Kolb Brothers of the Grand Canyon*, which follows the Ellsworth and Emery Kolb’s adventures in photographing the Grand Canyon and pioneering the fledgling tourism industry there. Naylor’s talk is at 11 a.m. in the Cultural Crossroads Learning Center, and is included with paid Museum admission or free for Museum Members.

One Trader’s Legacy: Steve Getzwiller Collects the West will open in the Museum’s Cultural Crossroads Learning Center on November 18, 2017. Getzwiller started his lifelong passion for collecting Western and Native American artifacts nearly 50 years ago after his exposure to the Amerind Museum and mentor Charles C. Di Peso. A natural trader, he is known for his work with weavers from the Navajo Nation. While Getzwiller has collaborated with multiple museums to present exhibitions of historic and contemporary weavings, *One Trader’s Legacy* marks the first time that Getzwiller’s personal collection of rugs, paintings, pottery, baskets and guns will be on public view. Steve Getzwiller and his wife, Gail, operate the Nizhoni Ranch Gallery in Sonoita, Arizona.

Getzwiller will give a presentation on *One Trader’s Legacy* on Thursday, March 15 at 1 p.m. in the Museum’s Cultural Crossroads Learning Center. From 2-5 p.m. on March 15, he will be available to provide identifications

for American Indian Artifacts. The lecture is free for Museum Members or included with paid admission. Artifact identification is \$20 for the first item, and \$10 for additional items, with a five item maximum.

Exhibitions are sponsored in part by John and Lynne Boyer; The DeVore Foundation, Alta and Bill DeVore, Trustees; Jim and Rea Ludke; and Elaine and Peter Schweitzer.

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About the Museum

The Desert Caballeros Western Museum accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is a Smithsonian Affiliate. The Museum is known as *Arizona's Most Western Museum*, and serves 55,000 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. 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:

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

Summer hours of operation are:

(Memorial Day to Labor Day) Tuesday–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.