

# DESERT CABALLEROS WESTERN MUSEUM

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## **14<sup>th</sup> Annual *Cowgirl Up!* Opening Weekend Celebrates 56 of the West's Best Women Artists**

-- National Art Exhibition and Sale Continues Through May 12<sup>th</sup> in historic Wickenburg, Ariz. --

**Wickenburg, AZ – The opening weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup> annual *Cowgirl Up! Art from the Other Half of the West* exhibition and sale, March 29-31, 2019, was the most successful opening weekend in the show's history in terms of attendance and funds raised. 49 of the 56 participating artists and more than 1,500 patrons converged in Wickenburg for three days of conversation and celebration. A live auction at Saturday evening's Bash and Bid raised \$33,700 for the Museum, and an audience of more than 700 who attended Sunday morning's Quick Draw enthusiastically supported the morning's culminating live auction. The 23 pieces created by *Cowgirl Up!* artists at the event commanded over \$51,000. Proceeds from the weekend's art sales and live auctions benefit the endeavors of the participating *Cowgirl Up!* artists and of the Desert Caballeros Western Museum.**

What makes *Cowgirl Up!* truly outstanding is the all-women nature of the show. Since 2006, *Cowgirl Up!* has established itself as a premier opportunity for Western women artists to exhibit their art in a nationally-recognized museum, gather and learn from their peers, and mingle with the patrons who support their endeavors. Since the show's inception, the Desert Caballeros Western Museum has been privileged to provide a platform for 193 *Cowgirl Up!* artists to exhibit and sell their art. Art that went unpurchased during opening weekend is still available through May 12; patrons may purchase online at [westernmuseum.org](http://westernmuseum.org) or in person in the *Cowgirl Up!* gallery. Patrons can take home their miniatures upon purchase; Main Gallery pieces remain on view until the end of the show, when they are shipped to their purchasers.

Eight awards were presented at the Saturday night Bash 'n' Bid Gala (March 24). The winners are:  
**Best of Show:** Erin Hanson (San Diego, CA) for *Desert in Color* (oil on canvas)

**First Place 2D on Canvas:** Sonja Caywood (Dayton, WY) for *Lean on Me* (oil on canvas)  
**First Place 2D on Paper:** Stephanie Campos (Tucson, AZ), for *Chief Joseph* (charcoal on paper)  
**First Place 3D:** Stephanie Revenaugh (Livingston, MT), *Eons* (bronze)  
**Museum Purchase Award:** Rebecca Tobey (Santa Fe, NM), *A Friendly Game of Tag* (ceramic)  
**Director's Choice New Artist:** Sherry Cobb (Delta, CO)  
**Patrons' Choice:** Sherry Cobb (Delta, CO)  
**Artists' Choice:** Linda Glover Gooch (Mesa, AZ)

Arizona Governor Doug Ducey will select the prestigious "Governor's Choice Award", at a future date. This award will be presented to one of the nineteen Arizona-based *Cowgirl Up!* artists.

For a second year, DCWM is offering visitors the opportunity to vote for a People's Choice throughout the run of the show. The winner will be announced on the last day of the *Cowgirl Up!* exhibition and sale, May 12, and will receive a complimentary advertising award from Art of the West Magazine.

All of the award-winning paintings, drawings and sculptures will remain on exhibit throughout the run of the show, which ends on May 12, 2019. Sales continue throughout the exhibition. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon-Sat and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

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### **About the Museum**

Embark on a genuine adventure at Desert Caballeros Western Museum in historic Wickenburg, Arizona, where world class art collections meet interactive historical exhibitions. At the core of the Museum's art collection are prized works by George Catlin, Albert Bierstadt, Frederic Remington, Charles Russell, the Cowboy Artists of America and the Taos Society of Artists. Fine art by Deborah Copenhaver Fellows, Cynthia Rigden, Billy Schenck, Curt Walters and more offer a contemporary perspective. The Museum's lower level is an immersive tour of 1912 Wickenburg, featuring life-scale scenes and detailed dioramas that depict the history of Wickenburg and the desert frontier.

DCWM's frequently rotating special exhibitions include the annual *Cowgirl Up! Art from the Other Half of the West* exhibition and sale, featuring more than 50 of the West's best women artists. The Museum's Cultural Crossroads Learning Center offers dozens of lectures, workshops, and concerts throughout the year, and two Museum Stores offer a unique selection of books and gifts made in Arizona.

Desert Caballeros Western Museum is a Smithsonian Affiliate and is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums.

### **Visitor Information**

The Desert Caballeros Western Museum is located in historic downtown Wickenburg at 21 North Frontier Street.

### **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 for Museum Members, active duty military, and those age 17 and under.