

DESERT CABALLEROS WESTERN MUSEUM

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Summer Exhibition Brings Desert Colors to DCWM

- Flower Power: Desert Botanicals runs from June 8 through October 20, 2019 -

Wickenburg, AZ – For Arizona locals brave enough to withstand the summer heat, the desert rewards us with a spectrum of color. From subtle grasses to stately saguaros, the desert is awash in color and edible morsels. The upcoming “Flower Power: Desert Botanicals” exhibition at the Desert Caballeros Western Museum will highlight the beauty and bounty of the desert, illustrated by Arizona artists and artifacts from the Museum’s permanent collection.

Featured artists include:

Dyana Hesson – Hesson is an oil painter who finds inspiration in long hikes in the desert and mountains and in botanical gardens across the country. Her work can be found in the public collections of the Barrow Neurological Center, St. Joseph’s Hospital (Phoenix, AZ), Phoenix Sky Harbor Museum, and the Ritz-Carlton Dove Mountain. She’s been featured in publications including Phoenix Home and Garden, Southwest Art, American Art Collector, and Western Art Collector. dyanahesson.com

Jeanne Bonine – Bonine is known as a Romantic Realist for her soft and lush floral paintings. Her larger than life watercolors and oils draw you into the essence of her subjects. Her paintings are owned by collectors from across the United States as well as Canada, England, Germany, France, Italy Brazil, Mexico, New Zealand, Japan, Africa and the Netherlands. Her “Angel by my Side” hangs in the permanent collection of the Women’s and Children’s Hospital of Naivasha, Kenya. jeannebonine.com

Beth Zink – Zink has been painting “vibrant contemporary botanical” florals for 40 years. She offers one-day workshops for individuals and corporate groups throughout the year. bethzinkart.com

Sheila Kollasch – Kollasch is a native of the Sonoran Desert and has been involved in the fine art community of Arizona her entire life. She has shown in galleries and competitions since the mid-1970s. She had a solo exhibition at the Mesa Southwest Museum in 2002 and her work can be found in public and private collections that include Central Arizona College, McDonald’s Corporation, Arizona Museum of Natural History, Phoenix Airport Museum, and Paradise Valley Community College. skollasch.com

Matilda Essig – After 10 years of working in natural science illustration in the Sonoran Desert, Essig returned to her fine art roots, using digital imaging technology to explore the subtle diversity of open space in the American West. Inspired by the beauty of grasslands and her experiences in traditional illustration, she portrays her subjects with finely detailed prints. Her clientele has included Dr. Jane Goodall, National Geographic, the

US Department of the Interior and Oxford University Press, among others. She lives on five acres of grassland that she restored in southeast Arizona, where she keeps a traditional painting studio as well. matildaessig.com

The exhibition will open with a free open house reception from 5:30 – 7 p.m. on Friday, June 7. Family-friendly activities will be offered and several of the artists will be in attendance. “Flower Power” will be on view through October 20, 2019.

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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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visit www.westernmuseum.org.

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.