

# DESERT CABALLEROS WESTERN MUSEUM

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Linda Glover Gooch Receives 2019 *Cowgirl Up!* Governor's Choice Award**

*-- Mesa artist's "Sundown" was personally selected by Arizona Governor Doug Ducey --*

**Wickenburg, AZ – Arizona Governor Doug Ducey has selected Linda Glover Gooch's oil on linen painting "Sundown" for the prestigious Governor's Choice Award.** Each year, the Desert Caballeros Western Museum invites the Governor of Arizona to judge the artworks entered by Arizona artists in the Museum's "Cowgirl Up! Art from the Other Half of the West" exhibition and sale and select the piece he or she feels best represents the beauty and spirit of the State of Arizona. This year, Governor Ducey chose Gooch's piece from the selection of artwork by 19 Arizonan artists featured in the 14th annual "Cowgirl Up!" exhibition and sale.



Linda Glover Gooch, *Sundown*  
oil on linen, 16" x 20"

Linda Glover Gooch grew up in the Southwest and currently resides in Mesa, Arizona. As a child, Linda recalls long walks across the desert landscape, and still embraces the vast scenes that stretch across the West. She calls being able to share her love of the land with collectors and viewers through her paintings "truly a blessing and a privilege". She has studied and worked on location throughout the West for 35 years.

The 14<sup>th</sup> annual "Cowgirl Up!" exhibition and sale continues through Sunday, May 12 at Desert Caballeros Western Museum. A selection of art is still available for purchase online or in person at the Museum. Proceeds from each sale reward the creative endeavors of the "Cowgirl Up!" artists and

support the mission and operations of the Desert Caballeros Western Museum. Visit [westernmuseum.org](http://westernmuseum.org) or call the Museum at 928-684-2272 for more information.

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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 over 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, 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 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,  
email [info@westernmuseum.org](mailto:info@westernmuseum.org) or  
visit [www.westernmuseum.org](http://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 17 and under.