

DESERT CABALLEROS WESTERN MUSEUM

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Desert Caballeros Western Museum Installs Wickenburg's First Penny Press

- *Four Designs Commemorate DCWM and the town of Wickenburg* -

Wickenburg, AZ – The Desert Caballeros Western Museum is happy to announce the first Pressed Penny Machine in Wickenburg! Gather up your quarters and pennies to be one of the first to stamp a penny with one of four designs unique to the Museum.

Pressed pennies, also known as elongated coins, first debuted at the 1892-1893 Worlds Fair Columbian Exposition in Chicago, Illinois and have become a hobby for thousands of collectors worldwide. There are over 3,300 “pressed penny” machines throughout the world.

A tip for pressing your best penny: Use a penny dated 1981 or older. Starting in 1982, the U.S. Mint switched from making pennies with 95% copper to only 2.5% copper. When pressed, the higher zinc content in newer pennies gives them a tarnished look, which is less desirable to many collectors.

The Museum Store offers Pressed Penny Passport books to keep your collection neat and organized.

Browse the Pressed Penny Machine map at pennycollector.com and start your own collection right here at Desert Caballeros Western Museum.

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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.