

DESERT CABALLEROS WESTERN MUSEUM

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***Cowgirl Up! Art from the Other Half of the West* Exhibition and Sale Returns to DCWM for 14th Year**

*-- Exhibition and sale showcases the brightest contemporary female artists working in the
Western genre --*

Wickenburg, AZ – The Desert Caballeros Western Museum is proud to present the 14th annual *Cowgirl Up! Art from the Other Half of the West* Invitational Exhibition and Sale from March 29 – May 12, 2019.

In 2006, the Desert Caballeros Western Museum embraced a revolutionary idea: an annual exhibition and sale, showcasing the brightest contemporary female artists depicting the Western lifestyle. In the male-dominated world of Western art, *Cowgirl Up!* turned the spotlight squarely on women's voices and perspectives, serving up a new, deeper understanding of the American West. Fourteen years later, *CU!* remains one of the major national events for Western women and artists.

Cowgirl Up! is a crossroads where artists, collectors and art enthusiasts come together to explore what it means to be a Western artist. *CU!* artists ride the range of techniques, styles, and mediums, altogether contributing more than 200 paintings, drawings, and sculptural works each year. More than 50 of the 56 featured artists are in attendance for opening weekend. After opening weekend, art is available for purchase at the Museum and online at westernmuseum.org. Proceeds benefit the creative endeavors of the *Cowgirl Up!* artists and of the Desert Caballeros Western Museum.

The 2019 *Cowgirl Up!* presents 56 talented artists from as close as Prescott and Phoenix and as far as Washington, Wyoming, and Tennessee. Eight of the artists are new to the show.

During three days of opening festivities, Frontier Street in front of the Museum transforms into a tented venue for catered dinners, dancing, live auctions, and an artists' quick draw. The weekend kicks off on Friday, March 29 with an opening gala reception, miniatures sale, and dancing under

the tent. Saturday, March 30 includes a session with a keynote speaker and a bid and bash sale with bidding on main gallery pieces, a sit-down dinner, and an artists' awards ceremony. Sunday, March 31 begins at 9 a.m. with a chuckwagon breakfast and a 90-minute quick draw with the artists. A spirited live auction of the quick draw pieces closes out the weekend.

Tickets for opening weekend are now available online at westernmuseum.org or by phone at 928-684-2272. Visit westernmuseum.org for a full description of the weekend's events, including times and prices.

2019 Cowgirl Up! Artists

*new to the Cowgirl Up! show in 2019

Maura Allen	Deanne McKeown
Suzanne Baker	Barbara Meikle
Heather Beary	Krystii Melaine
Kathy Beekman	Marcia Molnar
Heather Burton*	Julie Nighswonger*
Stephanie Campos*	Susanne Nyberg*
Jennifer Cavan	Mejo Okon
Nancy Cawdrey	Julie Oriet
Sonja Caywood	Karen Petrovich
Sherry Cobb*	Jessica James Rabins (Gilbert)
Rox Corbett	Stephanie Revennaugh
Sheila Cottrell	Samantha Sherry
Lisa Danielle	Sharon Standridge
Judith Durr	Sherry Blanchard Stuart
Joni Falk	Gail Jones Sundell
Sheri Farabaugh	Carol Swinney
Deborah Copenhaver Fellows	Karmel Timmons
Jessica Garrett	Rebecca Tobey
Linda Glover Gooch	V.... Vaughan
Lisa Gordon	Liz Wolf
Lindsey Bittner Graham	Sam Woolcott*
Sandy Graves	Dinah Worman
Ann Hanson	
Erin Hanson	
Stephanie Hartshorn	
Harper Henry*	
Micqaela Jones*	
Peggy Judy	
Shelby Keefe	
Susan Kliewer	
Sue Krzyston	
Laurie J. Lee	
Jan Mapes	
Sharon Markwardt	

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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 or
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.