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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Artist John Coleman Named Recipient of 2019 DCWM Lifetime Achievement Award**

- Award will be presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> annual heART of the West Gala on January 26, 2019 -

**Wickenburg, AZ** – Sculptor and painter John Coleman will become the sixth recipient of the Desert Caballeros Western Museum’s Lifetime Achievement Award at the annual heART of the West Gala in the Museum’s Cultural Crossroads Learning Center on Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 6 to 9 p.m.

John Coleman was born in Southern California and began his early studies at the Art Center for Design in Los Angeles. Sculpting full time since 1994, John was brought into the Cowboy Artists of America in 2001 and served as president of the CAA in 2009. His sculptures and paintings capture the spirits of the American Indians and early settlers of the American West. Coleman lives in Prescott, Arizona, with his wife, Sue. Notable exhibitions of Coleman’s work have taken place at the Desert Caballeros Western Museum in Wickenburg, the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa, the Eiteljorg Museum in Indianapolis, the Booth Museum in Cartersville, and Western Spirit: Scottsdale’s Museum of the West in Scottsdale.

DCWM Executive Director Dan Finley says of Coleman, “John’s contributions to the art world, his deep roots in the West, and his dedication to organizations like the Desert Caballeros Western Museum made him a natural choice for the award.”

The heART of the West Gala was conceived in 2014 to pay tribute to people who reflect the unbridled creativity and history of the American West, and to recognize those who inspire others while shaping the West’s cultural legacy. The Gala is chaired by Betty Watt and includes a seated dinner, awards presentation, and live auction benefitting the Museum. Tickets for the Gala are \$175 per person and are now available for purchase at westernmuseum.org or by calling 928-684-2272. Tickets are limited in availability.

For more information about this event or the Desert Caballeros Western Museum, contact Amanda Schlueter, Marketing and Membership Manager, at 928-684-2272 or marketing@westernmuseum.org.

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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 age 17 and under.