

# HIGH DESERT MUSEUM

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## HIGH DESERT MUSEUM'S SIGNATURE FUNDRAISER EVENT IS AUGUST 26

The High Desert Rendezvous helps support Museum programs

Bend, OR –The High Desert Museum will host its annual signature fundraising event, the High Desert Rendezvous, on Saturday, August 26, from 5:00 pm – 9:30 pm. A rip-roaring night of dinner, live and silent auctions, raffle, gambling, hosted saloon and dancing helps support Museum programs. The evening event is also the final chance to bid on fine art depictions of the western U.S. by contemporary artists in the juried exhibition *Art in the West*. A gallery guide of the artwork in the exhibition is available to preview on the Museum's website.



“Rendezvous is a perfect opportunity for members and friends to gather together to celebrate our past accomplishments and support the future success of the Museum,” said Executive Director Dana Whitelaw, Ph.D. “This year marks the Museum’s 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we know this amazing resource couldn’t exist without the continued support of generous donors, sponsors, members and visitors from around the world.”

Cost for an individual ticket is \$150 for members and \$200 for non-members and for a couple costs \$300 for members and \$350 for non-members. Limited sponsorship tables are still available for parties of 8 or 10. Bob Shaw, NewsChannel 21 chief meteorologist / community affairs director, will be the evening’s MC. Greg Quiroga, auctioneer for Stellar Fundraising Auctions, Inc., will keep the bidding lively during the live auction. Caterer Tate and Tate will prepare a scrumptious dinner, and Dry Canyon Stampede will have the dance floor swinging with their country western tunes!

Tickets and tables for the event may be purchased through the Museum’s website, [highdesertmuseum.org/HDR](http://highdesertmuseum.org/HDR), or by calling 541-382-4754 ext. 241.

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*Art in the West* and the High Desert Rendezvous are made possible by the Bank of the Cascades, soon to be First Interstate Bank, and with support from the Samuel S. Johnson Foundation.

## ABOUT THE MUSEUM:

THE HIGH DESERT MUSEUM opened in 1982 and brings regional wildlife, culture, art and natural resources together to promote an understanding of the natural and cultural heritage of North America's high desert country. The Museum uses indoor and outdoor exhibits, wildlife in natural habitats, and living history demonstrations to help people discover and appreciate the high desert environment. The Museum is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is a Smithsonian Affiliate.

<http://www.highdesertmuseum.org>

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