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A WARM WELCOME!

Dear Guests and Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, staff and volunteers of the High Desert Museum, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the 28th Annual High Desert Rendezvous! It's an honor to have you here for this festive celebration that benefits the Museum's many educational programs. Thank you for being part of this special evening.

We strive to “wildly excite and responsibly teach” our visitors every day, continuing the mission started by Founder Don Kerr 35 years ago. This year, the Museum welcomed over 180,000 visitors—a stunning feat considering our formidable winter! Furthermore, we have been working hard to expand access to more diverse audiences and outreach to rural families that wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity to visit the Museum. Our *Little Wonders* program does just that. This program grants all Head Start families in Central Oregon a free annual family membership. Your support this evening helps us fund the future of this program and the many ways we bring art, culture, natural history and wonder to Central Oregon.

Each year, the High Desert Rendezvous recognizes individuals in our community who contribute to its vitality and support organizations that make it an incredible place to live. This year we recognize Todd and Lorri Taylor. The Taylors are pillars of the Central Oregon community and have volunteered and donated the services of Taylor NW to numerous organizations, including the High Desert Museum. Their personal and professional contributions to the health and vitality of the region is phenomenal. It is a privilege to have them as a part of the High Desert Museum family.

Thanks to our generous sponsors, your donations this evening will go to support our educational programs that make this a truly exceptional place. Tonight, you can help us to continue to amaze visitors with meaningful experiences. So please, raise a glass—and your paddle—to help fund the High Desert Museum and the programs we all make possible for our community!

Cheers!

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SCHEDULE

5:00-6:00 pm

Registration

Silent Auction Opens

Live Auction Packages on Display

Art in the West Show Opens

Hosted Beverages and Hors d'oeuvres

Raffle Sales

Gambling in the Cowboy Lounge

6:30 pm

Silent Auction Section A Closes

6:45 pm

Silent Auction Section B Closes

7:00 pm

Silent Auction Section C and *Art in the West* Close

Raffle Ticket Sales Close

Find your Table in the Tent for Dinner

7:00 pm

Dinner by Tate and Tate Catering

7:30 pm

Raffle Winner Announced

Welcome

Opening Remarks by Julie Miller,

Greater Oregon Regional President,

First Interstate Bank, Member FDIC

Honorary Chair, Todd Taylor, Taylor NW

Museum Executive Director Dana Whitelaw, Ph.D.

Live Auction Begins

Conducted by Greg Quiroga

Following the Live Auction:

Please stay for a rocking performance by **Dry Canyon Stampede** and enjoy some delightful treats in the Museum.



MENU

Passed Hors d'oeuvres

Blackberry, Brie and basil butter crust tartlets

Open-faced cucumber, cream cheese and chive mini sandwich

Smoked mozzarella and spinach turnovers

Family-Style Dinner

Arugula and baby greens with watermelon, goat cheese
and balsamic vinaigrette

Strip steak with green peppercorn Madagascar sauce

Glazed white peppercorn with shallot confit salmon

Gilled summer vegetables, fresh green beans with rosemary
and garlic oven-roasted potatoes

Vegan option (request only)

Dessert Station

Blueberry-peach cobbler with fresh whipped cream

Decaf and regular coffee and hot tea



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The High Desert Museum extends special appreciation to:

Honorary Chairs – Todd and Lorri Taylor are long-standing members of the Central Oregon community. Committed to giving back, Todd has served on over 25 committees and held five board positions, last being the chair of St. Charles Healthcare System. Lorri has volunteered for the Oregon Community Foundation, providing information and guidance to help identify local needs, developing response strategies and mobilize resources. Together, they own and operate Taylor NW, a community-minded construction company. Last year, Taylor NW generously replaced the wood chips with gravel on the Museum's Raptors of the Desert Sky trail. This much-needed upgrade improved accessibility to our signature summer program, helping more than 13,000 annual visitors experience the agility, beauty and power of free-flying raptors. It is a privilege to honor them tonight.

Bob Shaw for acting as our Master of Ceremonies

Auctioneer Greg Quiroga

Bend Party Rentals for the donation of a portion of tonight's rentals

The Bulletin for its in-kind support of print advertising

Crater Lake Spirits for the gifts for our Buckaroo table guests

Deschutes Brewery for its in-kind support

Dry Canyon Stampede for their post-event entertainment

Josh Newton for honoring the Museum tonight as our guest speaker

Stokes Auction Group for its in-kind support of some of tonight's sound and lighting system

Tate and Tate Catering for tonight's delicious meal

Twist Cocktail Catering Company for tonight's bar service

Windflower Farm, LLC for the beautiful centerpieces

And our Museum Board, Staff and Volunteers



AUCTION GUIDELINES

We hope you enjoy the selection of treasures and trips offered through our live, silent and art auctions. **Our thanks to the very generous donors who have provided wonderful items and adventures for the 28th Annual High Desert Rendezvous.** Our congratulations to the successful bidders who are so generously supporting the Museum through their purchases. All sales are final and non-refundable.

Greater Giving

For your convenience, the High Desert Museum is using Greater Giving to process auction purchases at the High Desert Rendezvous. In order to receive your bidder number and packet, please provide your credit card at the registration table. Please note, your card will not be charged unless you purchase something. No charges will be made without your permission.

If you haven't already, please check in with the registration staff. They will be happy to swipe your card and explain the process for the evening. In doing so, your auction and raffle purchases will be processed automatically. Of course, you can always void your credit card slip at the end of the evening and pay with cash or check instead. Please go to the checkout station for an itemized receipt of your purchases, conveniently located near the Brooks Gallery. Next, go to the package pickup station with your receipt to collect items located in the Brooks Gallery.

Auction purchases can be picked up in the Brooks Gallery.

All purchases must be paid for on August 26, 2017.

Auction Guidelines

All property is sold "as is." The High Desert Museum makes no warranties or representations of any kind or nature with respect to the property or services, nor is it responsible for the accuracy of the description, authenticity, genuineness, attribution, provenance, or condition of the property. No statement printed in the program or made at the sale elsewhere shall be deemed a warranty or representation of the assumption of liability.



AUCTION GUIDELINES

Please Note:

- Values assigned to some items are estimates only and are not warranted by the High Desert Museum for tax purposes or for general value.
- All sales are final. No exchanges or refunds.
- If your item is a gift certificate, please pick it up from the checkout station located near the Brooks Gallery. Please review it carefully. All certificates and trips will expire on August 26, 2018 unless otherwise noted.
- All items must be removed from the High Desert Museum premises the night of the event, unless size prohibits. Oversized items must be removed from the Museum by Monday, August 28 through Friday, September 1 unless other arrangements have been made.
- Please keep all receipts. They contain tax information.

Silent Auction

A bid sheet can be found adjacent to each silent auction package or description. Please note the auction number and package description, expiration dates and restrictions before bidding to make sure it is the one in which you are interested.

To bid on a package, print your bidder number and last name on the next available line. Bids are valid only with a minimum raise as indicated on the forms. If you would like to purchase an item instantly for the buy-out price, write your bidder number and last name in the designated purchase area at the bottom of the bid sheet. This will end the bidding and guarantee you will take home that special item, while supporting the Museum in the process.

Auction item purchases are not tax-deductible, except for the portion of the purchase that exceeds the item's value.



HIGH DESERT MUSEUM RAFFLE



18 kt Gold 3/4 Carat Diamond Necklace

By Designer Jose Hess

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Raffle includes:

This beautiful 18-karat yellow gold diamond necklace with three brilliant diamonds was created by jewelry designer Jose Hess, and once modeled by Cindy Crawford.

Retail Value: Up to \$4,000

- 150 raffle tickets will be sold for \$100 each
- The raffle will be held prior to the live auction
- All proceeds benefit the High Desert Museum

Please note that raffle tickets are NOT tax-deductible.



PARTY IN THE PAST: MEET UP EVENT



19th Century Cuisine High Desert Style on Friday, April 6, 2018

The High Desert Museum's *Spirit of the West* exhibit offers an unforgettable journey through time where you stroll past a Northern Paiute shelter, a fur trapper's camp, an Oregon Trail wagon, rock mine and bustling Silver City. Join the Living History team and explore the past through savory foods and lively libations that would have been found throughout the 19th century in the High Desert. For those of you who have ever wondered what people ate as they traveled through the West, come experience the familiar and bizarre. Don't miss out on one of the 50 seats available and enjoy this truly once-in-a-lifetime experience.

- hors d'oeuvres and cocktails – *Spirit of the West* style
- 50 person max
- Min bid \$50 per person/\$100 per couple



LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

1L – Deschutes River Fly Fishing Adventure for Two

Enjoy a three-day, two-night trip on the Lower Deschutes River with fisherman Chuck Kenlan who has guided fishermen for over 20 years. The trip will feature spectacular scenery and some of the best fly fishing in the West. Enjoy gourmet riverside cooking and fine wines while sharing tales around the campfire of the day's fishing success. Choose between trout or steelhead fishing depending on the season during which you choose to take your trip.

Donors: Chuck Kenlan and Scott Blackwell

Value: Priceless

2L – Wild Salmon Dinner and Chardonnay for Six

Join the High Desert Museum's Finance Committee at Board of Trustees Member Don Paterson's beautiful home in Sunriver for a delicious dinner of wild salmon and wine. Hear about the ecological and cultural importance of salmon from High Desert Museum Curator of Natural History Louise Shirley and Curator of Western History Laura Ferguson. Invite five friends to share this wonderful evening.

This exclusive package will provide an unforgettable night of food, wine and friends.

Donor: High Desert Museum Finance Committee

Value: \$1,000



LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

3L – Gearhart Beach House for Five Days

Enjoy this spacious six bedroom, 3.5 bath home located in lovely Gearhart, a quiet town just three miles north of Seaside. Enjoy your morning walk, with coffee in hand, down the path to watch the great Pacific Ocean play upon the sand.

This home away from home offers cozy bedrooms on the second story with deck access. The airy master bedroom invites you to relax by the romantic fireplace, unwind in a clawfoot tub or take in the night breeze on the private deck. Grab your favorite book and take it to the charming sitting room located on the second floor or watch your favorite show on TV. Enjoy propping your feet up in the family room on the comfortable couches by the warm crackling fireplace or play a game at the oval table. Be creative in the chef's kitchen and chat with friends seated at the island bar. Serve your culinary creation at one of three dining areas with plenty of seating. Play a tune on the upright piano for dancing feet. Hardwood floors throughout the house lend to the charm and elegance of this home. A large outdoor fireplace with an enclosed courtyard beckons you to enjoy beautiful sunsets and starlit skies. Great for groups and family reunions!

Restrictions: Booking subject to availability at a mutually agreed upon date in 2018.

Donors: Gail and Bill McCormick

Value: \$4,673

4L – Wild Kingdom Wonders

Join wildlife expert and celebrity Peter Gros of Mutual of Omaha's *Wild Kingdom* and co-host Executive Director Dr. Dana Whitelaw for a cocktail reception at the High Desert Museum. Peter has nearly 30 years of field experience with captive wildlife. In his former position as director of land animals and vice president at Marine World/Africa USA, he established breeding programs for 377 endangered animals. Invite up to 50 of your friends, family or colleagues to hear Peter's stories during this fun and educational evening at the Museum.

Donors: Peter Gross and High Desert Museum

Value: Priceless



LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

5L – New Zealand Adventure

Launch your New Zealand getaway with a six-night stay for eight people on New Zealand's gorgeous Matakana Coast, just one hour north of Auckland.

The package includes a three-night stay for four couples at the Koru Hideaway, providing privacy, tranquility and ultimate comfort with meticulously hand-crafted furniture and fine art. Expansive lawns look over the Kawau Bay and the secluded guest deck (which includes outdoor furniture, a fireplace and spa bath) faces Mt. Tamahunga. Guests may also use the solar-heated pool and wood-fired pizza oven at the Koru House.

Also included is a private studio tour by internationally-acclaimed artist, botanical researcher and biologist Lindsay B. Scott, renowned for her oil paintings and pencil illustrations of African and North American wildlife.

Enjoy three additional nights at the nearby luxurious Black Fern Matakana Lodge (with four king size bedrooms).

The lodge has spectacular 360-degree views of native bush, the valley and vineyards below, and is conveniently located near Omaha Beach. It features a fully-equipped kitchen, heated pool with landscaped gardens, an outdoor living space, gas fireplace, big screen TV and more!

Guests also will enjoy a tour and tastings at the Heron's Flight Winery. In addition, they will visit the Brick Bay Winery for more wine tastings and a guided tour of the sculpture gardens. Morris & James Pottery will also provide a studio tour of their handmade ceramics.

Bill McCormick, former Ambassador to New Zealand, and his wife Gail will treat the winning bidder to dinner at the Pine Tavern in Bend prior to their trip to New Zealand to help plan your adventure. With farmers markets, golf resorts, fishing charters and more nearby, you are sure to have an unforgettable experience.

Restrictions: Airfare not included. Booking subject to availability.

Donors: Lindsay Scott and Brian McPhun, Jenny Kerry and Vern Tyerman, Brick Bay Wines, Heron's Flight Winery, Morris & James Pottery and Gail and Bill McCormick.

Value: \$5,752



LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

6L – Wine Time

Bring home these 13 bottles of red wine which are ripe and ready for your cellar. In addition, enjoy a tour and tasting experience for eight at the Maryhill Winery in Goldendale, WA, complete with incredible views of the Columbia River Gorge and detailed information about each wine sampled. Also included is a private reserve tour and tasting for eight with one of the winery ambassadors at Willamette Valley Vineyards.

- Amici Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 1993
- Amici Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 1994
- Amici Napa Valley Meritage 1996
- Cakebread Cellars Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon Benchland Select 2002
- Caymus Vineyards Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 1993
- DeLille Cellars Yakima Valley D-2 Red Wine 1996
- Glen Fiona Appellation Walla Walla Valley Syrah 1997
- Lago Di Merlo Dry Creek Valley Merlot 1999 (6 bottles)

Donors: Gary Maffei, Maryhill Winery and Willamette Valley Vineyards

Value: \$1,776

7L – Name the Baby Otter and be a Curator for a Day!

The Museum's most recent addition to the wildlife collection is a four-month-old otter that will join our two other otters, Brook and Rogue, in the exhibit. The winning bidder will be able to name this special and charismatic otter pup! Learn about all the wildlife as you join the Museum's staff for a behind-the-scenes wildlife tour, including a special encounter with the young otter, and see what it takes to care for the collection of 175+ animals in our care.

Wildlife Naming Parameters:

- Names should be inspired by the High Desert
- Names should respect the animal
- Names must be appropriate to the Museum's various audiences
- Your chosen name will be publicized on the Museum's website and in our member newsletter. You will also receive a certificate of naming with a photo.

Restrictions: Wildlife tour must be scheduled on a mutually agreed upon date.

Donor: High Desert Museum

Value: Priceless



LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

8L – Weekend Escape with High Desert Adventures

Come ride Oregon’s “Old West” backcountry on a two-day guided motorcycle tour for four from Prineville to Silver Lake and back. Experience this extraordinary area as you and your friends ride 150+ miles per day on mostly wide-track trails and wagon roads with minimal high-speed gravel and pavement. Meals, lodging, lead and sweep riders and a support vehicle to carry your gear will be provided. You may bring your own off-road motorcycles or request the Museum rent them from High Desert Adventures (rental fee covered by HDM).

Donor: Peter Richter

Value: \$2,380

9L – Helicopter Tour and Dinner for Two

Raise your paddle for this unforgettable helicopter adventure for two that can be used to enjoy a sky view of Christmas holiday lights or to discover the Cascade Lakes during the summer. Afterwards, enjoy a special dinner at 900 Wall in downtown Bend.

Donors: Air Link and St. Charles Health Systems and 900 Wall

Value: \$5,100

10L – Board of Trustee Wine Cellar

This 40+ bottle collection of unique and premium wines will either form an instant classic wine cellar or add great depth and flavor to your current one. Relish these rare and exclusive vintages. Cheers, from our Board to you.

Donor: High Desert Museum Board of Trustees

Value: \$2,000



LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

11L – Discover Villa Paradiso in Amed, Bali for up to Eight

Enjoy a seven-night stay for up to eight people at Villa Paradiso, an exquisite private home recently built on the tranquil eastern coast of Bali, in the village of Amed.

Villa Paradiso sits just a few hundred meters from the beach and has stunning views of both the ocean and the lush river valley and mountains beyond.

The main house has three bedrooms (two with king beds and one with two twin beds) and there is a separate fully self-contained one bedroom cottage in the back of the villa with views of the valley and mountain range. All bedrooms and the separate cottage have their own beautifully-tiled marble bathrooms and are air-conditioned.

Villa Paradiso has a beautiful private 40' swimming pool and a smaller shallow pool that is perfect for young children.

During your stay, enjoy four full-body massages at an on-site spa, one specially prepared Balinese dinner served at Villa Paradiso or Garden Café presented on your last evening, complete with special entertainment.

Discover the culture, beauty and delightful people of Bali while enjoying a truly unique vacation and adventure on this lovely tropical island in the Indian Ocean.

Restrictions: Added meals, drinks, phone, excursions, transportation and gratuities NOT included. Airfare NOT included. Trip must be used within two years of purchase date. (Transfers not allowed without consent). Accommodations based on availability. You must present certificate to staff in Bali.

Donors: Sojourn Ventures and in part by Sharon and Henry Hewitt

Value: \$4,500

12L – Dinner at the 1904 Miller Family Ranch for Twenty

Join Executive Director Dr. Dana Whitelaw, Lifetime Trustee Cameron Kerr and a Museum Curator for a delicious meal at Mrs. Miller's 1904 ranch. This special evening will highlight the High Desert Museum's 35-year history and will also share stories of pioneer settlement in the West. Enjoy live music during this special evening. The staff will fire up the Lazinka Sawmill just for you and 20 of your friends.

Donor: High Desert Museum

Value: Priceless



LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

13L – Adventure in Maui

Luxury and privacy meet at Maui Kamaole Resort, located just minutes away from the three sunny Kamaole beaches. Enjoy a weeklong stay at this luxurious two-bedroom condo with a beautiful ocean view. Stroll the grounds of this low-rise property and discover tropical gardens, two heated pools, Jacuzzi/spa, tennis courts and BBQ areas. The spacious lanai offers spectacular views and a true taste of Hawaiian living. Kamaole Beach Park III, located just across South Kihei Road, is one of South Maui's best swimming, snorkeling and sunning beaches.

Enjoy a Molokini Snorkel Tour for four from Trilogy. Molokini Crater is a "must-do" on a Maui vacation. Trilogy provides all snorkeling equipment, instruction and wetsuits. Start the morning with Mom's homemade cinnamon rolls baked fresh daily at Trilogy's kitchen and enjoy Captain Coon's BBQ'd teriyaki chicken for lunch.

While on the island, experience an authentic Hawaiian luau for four at the Old Lahaina Luau. Your evening starts with a fresh flower lei greeting, followed by island craft and demonstrations, such as an Imu unearthing of the Hawaiian underground oven, poi pounding and kappa making. Tropical cocktails and beverages are included throughout the evening. Enjoy a feast of traditional Hawaiian cuisine and Island favorites with enough variety to satisfy everyone's palate. After dinner, experience an award-winning production of legendary music and hula that will take you on a musical journey through the history of Hawaii and its people.

Restrictions: Airfare not included. Booking subject to availability.

Donors: Betsy McCool and Susan Drinkward Waymire/Travelstore

Value: \$2,800



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Free Classroom Field Trips

We believe museums should spark imaginations and plant seeds of curiosity, especially in children. Through our free, day-long educational programs, Fired Up, Desert Waters, and Energy and the Environment, elementary students engage in hands-on science, igniting critical thinking and problem-solving skills while having fun. As one student remarked after attending one of our field trips, “I learned so much about energy and solar panels. You convinced me to want to be an engineer and build new stuff.”

During our field trips, students learn about the role of fire in forest ecosystems, the power of moving water and the future of renewable energy by conducting experiments taken from real world examples. Thanks to our donors, these programs provide vital inquiry-based learning experiences not available in the classroom.

These programs significantly help meet the educational need in our rural community and across the state. They ignite student interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) fields, inspire lifelong learning and develop necessary career readiness skills. In 2016, the Museum engaged more than 1,700 students in hands-on field experiences, with 85% of them representing Title 1 or high-need schools.

Your donation of \$500 can sponsor one field trip for an entire classroom. Offering these classes at no cost, we are able to ensure equitable access to these learning opportunities, help to close the achievement gap and effectively meet the educational needs of this rural region. Please join us in supporting these programs during a special paddle raise this evening.

Little Wonders

Our goal is to encourage children from an early age to feel comfortable in a museum, spark their curiosity and create connections to the world around them. **Your donation of \$100 covers the cost of a High Desert Museum Family Membership for an entire year, plus special events, for qualifying families enrolled in our Head Start Little Wonders program.** Please provide a child a learning opportunity they simply couldn't get anywhere else in the region. You never know where your gift of early inspiration might lead!



NOTES
