

HIGH DESERT MUSEUM

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High Desert Museum 29th Annual Rendezvous Returns August 25

Signature fundraiser helps support Museum educational programs

Bend, OR — The High Desert Museum’s signature fundraiser, the High Desert Rendezvous, returns on Saturday, August 25, from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm. The lively, Old West-themed evening on the Museum’s grounds includes dinner, live and silent auctions, a raffle, gambling, a hosted saloon and dancing. The event helps support the Museum’s educational programs.

Rendezvous is also the final chance to bid on fine art by contemporary artists in the juried, invitation-only exhibition *Art in the West*. A gallery guide of the artwork in the exhibition is available to preview on the Museum’s website at highdesertmuseum.org/art-west-exhibit and is for sale in the Museum’s store, Silver Sage Trading. Silent bids for and outright purchases of the artwork can also be made at the store.

“Rendezvous is one of our favorite times of year, as we consider past accomplishments and get excited for future endeavors,” said Executive Director Dana Whitelaw, Ph.D. “We’re continually striving to serve Central Oregon as it grows and evolves, and it’s exciting thrilling to share that important work with the generous supporters who make it all possible.”

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 eight or 10. Bob Shaw, NewsChannel 21 chief meteorologist / community affairs director, will be the evening’s MC and the Honorary Chair is Ellen Waterston. Greg Quiroga, auctioneer for Stellar Fundraising Auctions, Inc., will keep the bidding lively during the live auction and The Bucklys will bring their original rock sound to the swinging dance floor.

Available now, supporters can purchase raffle tickets for a one-week stay in December at Kaanapali Resort/Marriott Maui Ocean Club. Raffle tickets are \$100, and the drawing will take place at the High Desert Rendezvous on August 25. All proceeds benefit the High Desert Museum. For more information and a link to raffle ticket sales, go to highdesertmuseum.org/hdr.

The High Desert Rendezvous helps support the Museum’s educational programs, bringing science, art and history education to lifelong learners throughout the region.

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Learn more about and register for the High Desert Rendezvous at highdesertmuseum.org/hdr.



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.

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