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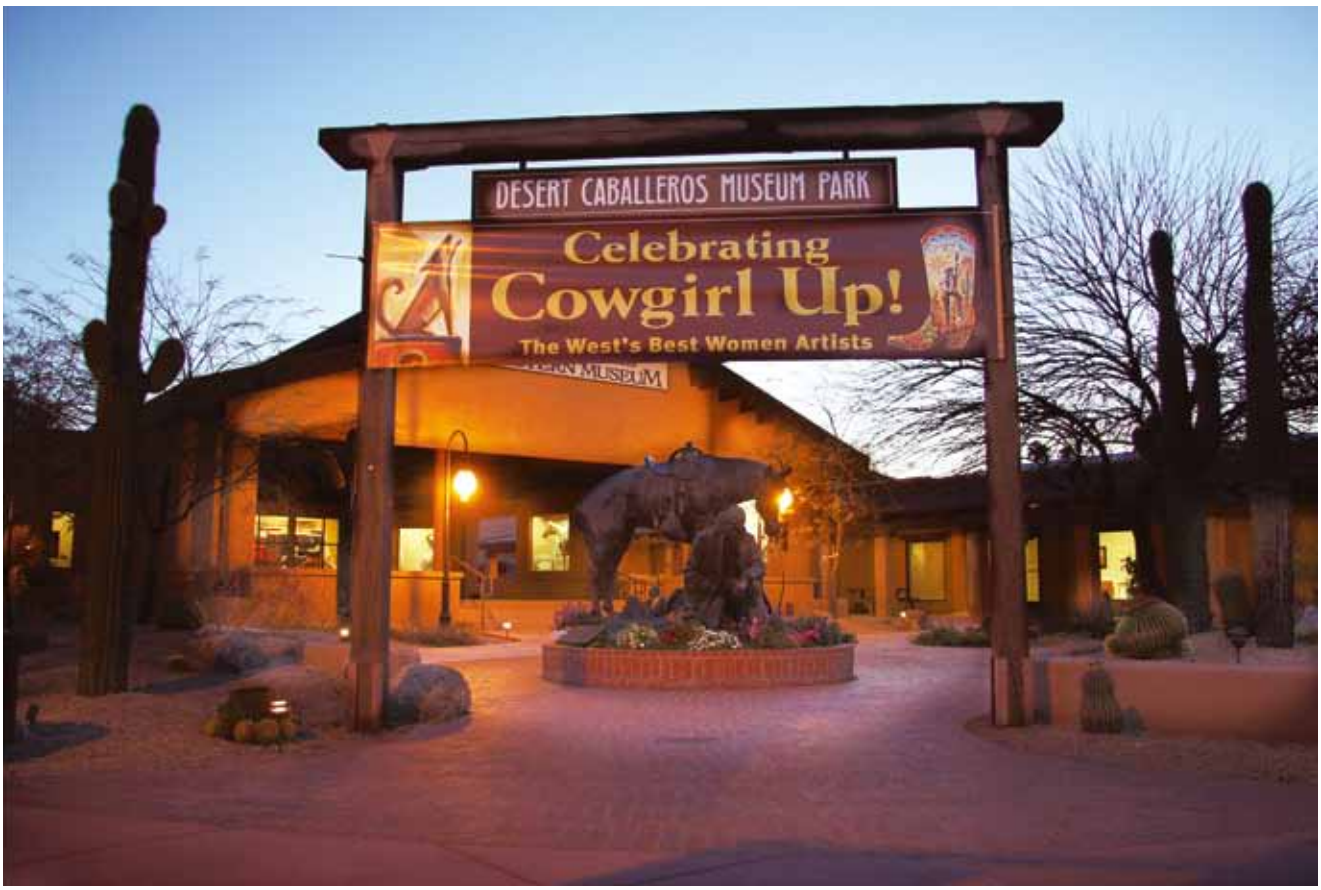

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MUSEUM SHOW TURNS TOWN INTO HOT ART DESTINATION

COWGIRL UP!

ART FROM THE OTHER HALF OF THE WEST EXHIBITION & SALE

By generating nearly a half-million dollars in sales for its artists and attracting collectors and art enthusiasts from across the Nation, the Desert Caballeros Western Museum's Cowgirl Up! invitational exhibition and sale has put Wickenburg on the map as a hot, new art destination – and not just in Arizona, but throughout the West.

"We are very proud of the fact that Cowgirl Up! Art from the Other Half of the West, in just five years, has become the most important show and sale for women artists in the West," says Mary Ann Igna, curator of the Museum. "With 57 artists in this year's show, you would have to travel to at least three other states and to all the other major art shows in the West to see the breadth and depth of what we will have here at one time…and in one place."

Lassoing a Find It is a critical mass of art by the West's best women artists that has been discovered by avid collectors, with up-and-coming collectors now beginning to catch on, too. "This is the perfect show for what we call the

'emerging collector,' says Museum Director, James Burns. "Although our goal is to raise the 'leather ceiling' that has traditionally held pricing down for Western women artists, those who want to collect museum quality Western art of value are still able to lasso a real find here."

With more than 200 drawings, paintings and sculptures in the 7th annual Cowgirl Up! show, collectors will find a much broader scope of works than are usually found at a Western art show. "This is what makes Cowgirl Up! so unique," says Museum Director, James Burns. "Cowgirl Up! artists stretch beyond traditional Western art to embrace the West's unique lifestyle and spirit. Of course, we also have our share of horses and steers, but even those are unusually dramatic."

A Spirited Roundup of Special Events More than an art exhibition and sale, Cowgirl Up! is a month-long celebration that kicks off with a whirlwind weekend of events Friday, March 23 through Sunday, March 25. Opening weekend starts with an "Artists' and Patrons' Party" on Friday evening at Wickenburg's historic Monte Vista Ranch Estates Clubhouse.

The 7th Annual Cowgirl Up!'s big opening night "Bash 'n Bid" gala is on Saturday evening beginning at 4:30 p.m., and will feature an artists' awards dinner and an auction of special works donated by selected artists. On Sunday morning, the very popular Chuck Wagon Breakfast is planned for 9:00 a.m., and includes a lively artists' "quick draw" at 10:00 a.m. followed by a highly spirited live auction. For the second year, the popular "Miniatures Sale" will be held at Noon on Sunday, March 25th in the Museum's new Cultural Crossroads Learning Center. P&P

Longtime Cowgirl Up artist, Susan Kliewer works on a sculptor.

Cowgirl Up! Patron Package tickets are $225 per person for all Friday, Saturday and Sunday events; individual event tickets are also available. Tickets for the opening night "Bash 'n Bid" sale and dinner only are $150 per person and includes buyer's ballot book. Tickets to the Chuck Wagon Breakfast, Artists' Quick Draw and Live Auction on Sunday, March 25, are $30 each and includes admission to the Museum, and a ballot book for the Miniatures Sale at noon on Sunday, March 25. For reservations and/or for more information, call the Museum at (928) 684-2272. Event tickets are also available for purchase online at www.cowgirlupart.com.

A Month-Long Exhibition and Sale Following Cowgirl Up!'s opening sales night on Saturday, March 24, the show will be open to the public with general museum admission and unsold artwork will be available for purchase from Sunday, March 25, through Sunday, May 6, 2012.

Desert Caballeros Western Museum
Wickenburg, Arizona

About the Museum

Named "2007-2008 Western Museum of the Year," the Desert Caballeros Western Museum is known as Arizona's Most Western Museum serving nearly 60,000 visitors a year by preserving and exhibiting the art and history of the Southwest and the desert frontier. The Museum is known for its innovative programming and has an extraordinary collection including western art and American Indian arts, along with the Hays' Spirit of the Cowboy Collection, one of the most complete collections of western artifacts on display in the country. The Museum's entire lower level is devoted to a re-creation of life in Late Territorial Wickenburg and to a fascinating, permanent exhibit called Out on the Ranch which has been especially created with children in mind. The Museum's Cowgirl Up! exhibition and sale was awarded the 2006 Governor's Tourism Award for best special event in rural Arizona and one of the ABA's Top 50 events in 2009. The Desert Caballeros Western Museum's programs are funded in part by the Arizona Commission on the Arts, National Endowment for the Arts and the Wellik Foundation.

The Desert Caballeros Western Museum is located at 21 N. Frontier Street in historic downtown Wickenburg. Hours of operation are Monday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, noon – 4:00 p.m. Closed on Mondays during June, July and August. *For more information, call 928-684-2272, or visit www.westernmuseum.org*

Cowgirl Up! 2012 Participating Artists

Maura Allen
Elizabeth Black
Amery Bohling
Trish Booth
Sophy Brown
Shawn Cameron
Kim Casebeer
Nancy Dunlop
Cawdrey
Anne Coe
Karen Cooper
Harriet "Rox" Corbett
Sheila Cottrell
Lisa Danielle
Judith Durr
Teresa Elliott
Joni Falk
Carrie Fell
Deborah
Copenhaver Fellows
Jenny Forge-Schmalstieg
Alyce Frank
Linda Glover Gooch
Veryl Goodnight
Ann Hanson

Deb Penk

Sherry Harrington
Christina Holmes
Susan Kliewer
Laura Koller
Sue Krzyston
Laurie J. Lee
Linda Loeschen
Jan Mapes
Sharon Markwardt
Pat Matheisen

Louisa McElwain
Jan Martin McGuire
Ann McLeod
Krystii Melaine
Vel Miller
Marcia Molnar
Judith Moore-Knapp
Gayle Nason
Darcie Peet
Deb Penk
Martha Pettigrew
Cynthia Rigden
Amy Ringholz
Linda St. Clair
Sherry Salari Sander
M. Haynes Scott
S. J. Shaffer
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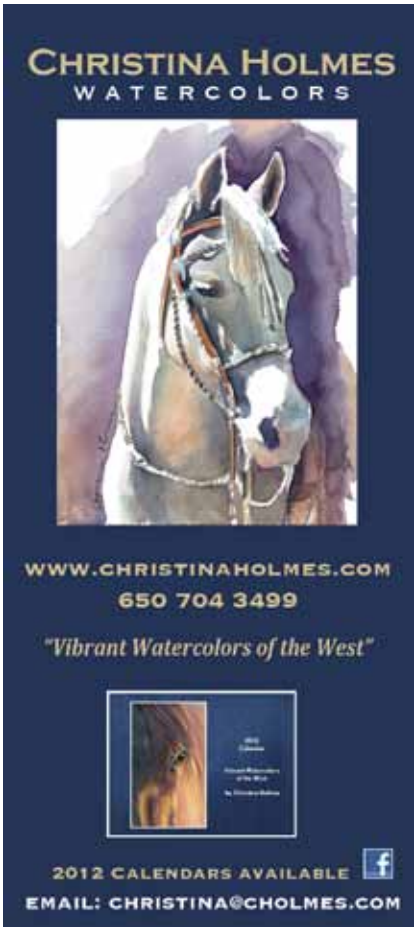

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