



Maturango News

Maturango Museum: Preserve, interpret and develop an appreciation for the natural and cultural history of the Northern Mojave Desert.

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Museum Director's Notes

By Debbie Benson, Director

Wind and clouds building around the valley with a mix of beautiful weather with evening chills is what makes Ridgecrest the place to be in the autumn and early winter. There is nothing quite like the autumnal sunsets for beauty and drama. We are looking forward to our participation in the Petroglyph Festival which will be held in Petroglyph Park on November 5 & 6.

www.rpfestival.com Some of the events will be held right here at the Museum. Come see us!

At the Maturango Museum we are thankful for our friends and our community. Even though we do not always follow the same path, we pull together in ways that come from the heart. I am constantly reminded of the generous and kind nature of the people in our valley and those who, even though they have moved to other communities, still keep us in their thoughts. Thank you for your thoughts and the time it takes to come by as you are on your travels. Your letters and visits have great meaning! Knowing that our mission and our part in the Indian Wells Valley is something that continues in importance to you has a lasting impact on us all. Thank you. The people who work so hard to make our programs work cannot do it without your support. Your money is always appreciated but sometimes we want you! If you would like to volunteer just send me an email or come in to see if there is something you would like to be a part of. We are open 10-5 every day except major holidays. Enjoy this time of thankfulness and go out to see a sunrise or sunset and enjoy your day!

Major Maturango Mojo

Thank You to all the folks that made our Annual Dinner / Auction a success.

Sponsors : Ridgecrest Regional Hospital, Anthony and Cynthia Damiano, Warren's Automotive, Desert Valleys Federal Credit Union, Searles Valley Minerals, Entron Systems, 4D Artists, Milton and Jane Burbank, and Sam Schoenhals.

Food, music, décor, oh my! : Farris' Catering for a great dinner, Rainbow's End Pastries for her beautiful cakes, Oasis Garden Club for the table decorations, Steve Morgan for his auctioneering skills, Ted Lemon for his Soundwaves music, our very own museum docents for various essential duties, and Leslie, ----- and Lois for bartending with a smile.

Museum Gift Shop

Double Dip Sundays. Every Sunday from now till Nov 27, members will enjoy double their usual 10% discount for a delicious 20% discount on regularly priced items (not including blankets). Hurry before this deal melts away.

**Erica MacArthur and Helen Smoot Concert
November 18 & 19, 7 pm**



The 2016-2017 Maturango Museum's concert series continues with a concert by Erica Anne MacArthur on violin, and Helen Smoot on piano. Tickets are available for purchase in the museum store or online, www.maturango.org. Ticket prices are \$12 and \$5 for children 12 years old and younger.



Ms. MacArthur and Ms. Smoot will present a recital containing dance themed musical selections, with music by J.S. Bach, Heinrich Biber, Lera Auerbach, Sofia Gubaidulina, Alfred Schnittke, and Kaija Saariaho.

Ms Erica MacArthur began studying the violin at age three. She has been awarded numerous awards and prizes for her violin playing, and has performed widely in her communities – California, Northern Virginia, Connecticut and Colorado– in addition to giving concerts in Canada, Morocco, and Bolivia. While studying at the Hart School (Hartford CT) with Anthea Kreston, Ms. MacArthur was drawn to the clarity and freedom of early music, and began her study of Baroque violin and historical performance at age 14. She has performed extensively music from the Renaissance to the High Baroque, in addition to more recent repertoire. From 2010-2011, she studied with harpsichordist Elizabeth Farr and violinist Lina Bahn at the University of Colorado at Boulder, presenting a concert of the complete 'Mystery Sonatas' of Heinrich Biber.

Erica performs throughout the High Desert area in solo and chamber music settings, including recent concerts with the John Muir String Quartet and the Sierra Arts Trio, and a performance of the complete Sonatas & Partitas for Solo Violin by J.S. Bach. She lives and teaches in Ridgecrest.

Ms. Helen Smoot began studying piano at the age of 8. Her teachers included Edith Knox, Eduardo Delgado and Peter Yazbeck. She comes from a large family of musicians and was brought up in Torrance. Helen received her Masters Degree in Piano Performance at the University of California, Santa Barbara graduating in 1975. She has traveled and performed in Europe: Germany, Austria, Switzerland, England and lived in Norway for one year where she taught music and was invited to play for Crown Princess Sonia, now the Queen of Norway.

Helen has taught piano privately since the age of 14, and also has taught at many colleges and universities, including Cerro Coso Community College in Lake Isabella. She has worked at various churches as organist and pianist, and is currently organist/pianist at Kernville United Methodist Church in Kernville, CA. She is active in performing in the Kern River Valley, and is the president of Sierra Performing Arts.

Edward Sheriff Curtis photogravures of Native Americans on display in the Argus Gallery.



Julianne DiBlasi Black Art Exhibit: "Color & Vibration"

Opening Reception: Friday, Nov 4, 7 pm



"Color & Vibration" is a multi-media exhibit of paintings on a variety of media, created to celebrate the original design elements of the petroglyphs with a modern twist of bright color and pop. Many of the works are painted directly on three-dimensional reclaimed wood structures, letting the texture, shapes and surface

imperfections influence the design of the overall piece - an homage to the original stone artwork, also on unpredictable and unstable surfaces.

Born in Massachusetts, Black's art has been deeply influenced by her collected life experiences and cultural studies from around the planet. Bringing to her work deeply intimate patterns and colors from visits to South America and Africa, she gently "folds in" bright metallics and geometric minimalistic shapes into the design mix.

Directing her eclectic background into the original petroglyph shapes, she hopes to give them an alternate existence where they can be respected and appreciated in a new light - a series of fun, bold technicolor recreations available for viewing in our gallery.



This exhibit runs until Jan 3, 2017.

Artist website: www.JulianneBlack.com



Happy People enjoying the Annual Dinner



Docent Doings

By Nora Nuckles

What have we done since September? We, the docents, presented over 20 programs to about 550 people just in September! Topics such as Native Americans, Reptiles, Bats, and Art are very popular at this time of year! So far our Children's Hour has focused on Coyotes in September and Bats in October! Paula and Mike Herr have presented programs in the Beth Armogida Planetarium for the Cerro Coso Star Party and for free day at the Museum on Oct. 8. They plan to present programs at the Seventh Day Adventist School and at the Bishop Cultural Center this month. A number of docents have also assisted with some adult tours here at the Museum.

A highlight of the 8th grade education experience was the atlatl station where Don Crouse, Bob Parker, and Dan Burnett will demonstrate how an atlatl was used for hunting game for food. Don has made several of his own atlatls and spears. Even our archaeologist, Sandy Rogers, was impressed with the quality of Don's creations! Don brought a few bales of hay so that students had a target when they tried throwing the spear with the atlatl. They discovered just how difficult it was to get food! Don and Sandy also worked with several adult tourists to teach them the skill! A few people did remarkably well!

For the rest of October and November we will give many Bat programs, some Native American and Reptile programs, an IWV History program, a few tours and many Art-Line programs! Carol Dezellem and Cam Alden have displayed many of the 2nd and 3rd graders' art from Gateway. Be sure to drop by and see the Docent Art Exhibit located in the Discovery Area of the Exhibit Room.

Docents are an integral part of the Maturango Museum. We are the volunteers who love to share the treasures of our desert and community! Come join us. Call me at 375-6900 or come to our next meeting on Nov. 1 at 8:45 AM in the Coso Room.

Donations and New Members as of November

Donations

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Desert Art League – Docent Special Fund
Bev and Bryan Hill
Judy and Rich Hollins
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in memory of Leah Little
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Mike and Deanna Ripley-Lotee –
in memory of Leah Little

Building Fund

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in memory of John Carr
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New Member

Stephanie Cody
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Larry and Rosemary Galvin
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Marie McGlothlin
Roy and Lorraine Randolph
Joanna Segler

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10 am - 5 pm

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Regularly Scheduled Meetings

- China Lake Astronomical Society: 1st Monday of each month, 7 pm
- China Lake Photographic Society: 1st Thursday of each month, 7 pm
- Kerncrest Audubon Society: 3rd Thursday bi-monthly [Jan, Mar, May, Sep, Nov, not July], 7 pm
- Docent League: 1st Tuesday of each month, 8:45 a.m., anyone welcome to attend



Calendar of Events

Pizza Factory Museum Fundraiser : all day Thursday, Nov 17
Erica MacArthur and Helen Smoot Concert : Nov 18, 19 : 7 pm
Free Family Fun Day : Saturday, Nov 19
Children's' Hour "Hoot Like an Owl" : Friday, Nov 18 : 10:30 – 11:30 am

**Applications are still being accepted for the last of the Fall
Petroglyph Tours on Dec 3 and 4.**

www.maturango.org. Prices are \$45 for Museum members,
\$55 for non-members.

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