



# Maturango News

Maturango Museum:

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

100 E. Las Flores Ave., Ridgecrest, CA 93555

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## Museum Director's Notes

*By Debbie Benson, Director*

As the summer is heading for September, Ridgecrest and its neighbors continue the work on recovery. Our earthquakes have meaning to each of us while bringing the attention from the outside in. It is a time of transition as we all reevaluate our preparedness and our support systems. At the Museum we feel fortunate to have not suffered a large amount of damage from the 6.4 and the 7.1 and the deluge of aftershocks, but we did learn some things we need to change and make adjustments for in the near future. We are also fortunate that our staff and volunteers were able to provide help as well as the volunteers from the Ridgecrest Branch of the Kern County Library who came to help clear some of the mess. We feel grateful to be a part of this community of people who provide so much to their neighbors and those in need. We are definitely more careful at what we have on our shelves and they are strapped to the walls!

## Annual Auction and Dinner

**Kerr- McGee Center, Saturday September 28, 5 pm**

☀ catered dinner, bucket raffle, silent auction and live auction ☀

Beer, wine and soft drinks will be available to purchase.

Tickets are \$50 per person or 2 for \$95; available in the museum gift shop or at [shop.maturango.org](http://shop.maturango.org)

Accepting donations of items or services; your donations are tax-deductible. Sponsorships are also available: Road Runner - \$100 includes business card ad in event program; Big Horn - \$250 includes 2 dinner tickets, 25 raffle tickets, and business card ad in event program; Mountain Lion - \$500 includes 4 dinner tickets, 50 raffle tickets, ¼ page ad in event program and mentioned in all event advertising; Shaman -- \$1000 includes reserved table for 8 people, 8 dinner tickets, 2 bottles of wine, 100 raffle tickets, 1/2 page ad in event program, mentioned in all event advertising and Museum membership for non-member table guests.

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## “Faces of Southeast Asia” Photo Exhibit

Opening Reception on Sunday September 8, 3 pm.

Dave Kurdeka will be present to talk about the photos, how he captured the scene and will answer questions. These photographs are quite intriguing and draw the viewer into the photograph to study the details of the people and their culture.

## Sean Stackpoole Jazz Quartet Concert

Saturday September 14, 4 pm

Steeped in the tradition of the great jazz era of the late 1950's and early 1960's, the quartet's music looks simultaneously back to the tradition of straight-ahead jazz and forward to the jazz of the future.

The Sean Stackpoole Quartet performs regularly throughout the eastern Sierra as well as at the hottest jazz clubs in Los Angeles. The quartet members are Sean Stackpoole, saxophone, Ron Berman, guitar, Blake White, upright bass, and Evan Pouchak, drums.



Sean is an exceptionally talented performer who is equally at home in both the jazz and classical worlds. He plays saxophone and flute on his debut CD "What's New". This CD, available at the concert, is straight-ahead jazz and contains both traditional jazz standards and original works. Sean has also authored the saxophone method book "Saxophone Basix" published by Alfred Publishing and has performed at the Monterey Jazz Festival and toured Japan. He has also performed with Joe Labarbara, Putter Smith, Eric Reed, Chris Dawson, Rita Moreno, Steve Allen, Bill Berry and Jack Sheldon. Sean is a founding member of the City of Angeles Saxophone Quartet, which performed at the museum in January during the last concert season.

Concert tickets (\$20 and \$5 for children 12 years old and younger) are available in the museum store or online [shop.maturango.org](http://shop.maturango.org).

Please join us for a great afternoon of jazz music!

### E-mail receipts...

In trying to be more aware of the environment, we now offer e-mail receipts in the gift store. As a member, your email address is most likely already in our system; but it's not necessary to be a member to take advantage of this new option. At checkout, you will have the choice of a paper or email receipt, both or none.

## Open Studio Tour 2019 Artists' Exhibit

Opening Reception Sunday September 15, 2-5 pm.



The Open Studio Tour is a wonderful way to meet many of our local artists and see the amazing array of talent that we have in our community. All of the artists will have a few pieces of their artwork displayed in the Museum September 15 through Oct 27. Meet the artists and view their talents during the Opening Reception. The artwork will be for sale and Museum members will get a 10% discount on purchases during the reception.

The tour weekend will be Saturday and Sunday, October 19 and 20, 10 am – 5 pm each day. Artists in Ridgecrest and Inyokern open their studios, or set up their displays in different venues, for this event so ticket holders can visit and purchase artwork. The \$10 per person ticket includes a map of locations; you and your friends drive around at your convenience during the tour. Tickets will be available beginning September 15 in the museum gift shop.

## Docent Doings

*By Nora Nuckles, Education Coordinator Extraordinaire*

The Docent League of the Maturango Museum is gearing up for the start of the 2019-2020 school year. The docent board members and I will provide breakfast at our first meeting of the year on Tuesday September 3, at 8:45 am.; anyone interested in meeting, and maybe joining our group, is invited. We're planning for a productive, joyful season with children and adults!

In the works now are plans for free Saturday on Sept. 14 and also for October 12. In September we prepare for the beginning of fall with some activities on "why leaves change color and how we get the beautiful display of fall colors". We will celebrate "harvest time" by decorating small papier-mâché squash and pears. Activities for Free Saturday in September will begin at 10 am and end at 1 pm since there is an afternoon concert at 4 pm. We are planning to present pumpkin painting for our October Free Saturday event.

The first Children's Hour for this season will be presented on September 20 at 10:30 am.

New docent program request forms are available for teachers and other groups. Just ask at the desk or call Nora at the Museum. Forms should be on-line soon and will be available to email back to me at the Museum. Some teachers have already submitted their requests for the school year.



Fawn Martinez concluded her last art class for the summer season on Aug. 8. Fawn offered wonderful art experiences for the children who signed up for the classes. We appreciate her donation of many hours for the students. Congratulations to Fawn on her new position as a Kindergarten teacher. She will still offer some special opportunities for museum goers such as Mardi Gras mask making in 2020.

As you can see, the docents can always use more help! Why is it great to become a docent? You can teach and interact with many children and adults in the community.



You can learn more about our desert, its history, geology, flora and fauna. Most of all, you can meet the most incredible, fascinating people who love our community and make Ridgecrest such a special place. You can interact with doctors, nurses, geologists, biologists, engineers, and the rest of us who love to learn. Each docent brings interests and enthusiasm to the group.

So consider joining the Docent League of the Maturango Museum. Contact me at [nora@maturango.org](mailto:nora@maturango.org) if you wish to know more about the docent league or have your own personal tour of the docent room, our special headquarters.

## Natural History Curation

*By Sherry Brubaker, Natural History Curator*

With all the shake, rattle, and roll, I am pleased to report that there was very little damage in curation. One of the bird displays did fall apart; however, only one of the prepared mounts was seriously damaged. There is a lot to be said for the use of museum wax, even on shelving. A new bird display will be up soon.

As we slide into fall, be mindful of our wild creatures also preparing for fall and winter. Birds are moving south so providing water and full feeders will help them along.

The ravens will also take advantage of the opportunity to pillage, so keep trash cans covered and encourage neighbors and businesses to do the same. Also keep pet food where they can't get into it. My outdoor cat has to be fed after dark to keep the ravens out of the barn where the food is put out. Yes, the birds do boldly entered the barn to help themselves.

To keep pesky ants out of hummingbird feeders use cooking spray (like Pam) on the feeder stand or the top of the feeder; it doesn't take much and hot water will wash the residue off during cleaning.

## **Donations and New Members in July and August**

### Donations

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Naomi Norris

### Taxidermy Fund

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## **Maturango Museum of the IWW**

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### **Staff**

Debbie Benson, Museum Director  
Maureen Goff, Store Manager/Buyer  
Sandy Rogers, Archaeology Curator  
Elaine Wiley, History Curator  
Sherry Brubaker, Natural History Curator  
Julie Stephens, Finance Manager  
Fran Van Valkenburgh, Membership  
Andrea Pelch, Art Gallery Coordinator  
Joann Barbee, Assistant Bookkeeper  
Nora Nuckles, Education Coordinator  
Linda Saholt, Petroglyph Tour Coord.  
Leslie Layfield, Accounting Assistant  
Sue Gilbert, Museum Assistant  
Deanna Stewart, Museum Assistant  
Nora Nuckles, Museum Assistant  
Nick Rogers, Museum Assistant  
Andrea Pelch, Newsletter Editor

### **Committee Chairpersons**

Dan Burnett, Building  
Fran Rogers, Concerts  
Sandy Rogers, Lectures  
Elaine Wiley, Publications  
Bob Westbrook, Strategic Planning  
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## **Regularly Scheduled Meetings**

- China Lake Astronomical Society: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month, 7 pm
- Kerncrest Audubon Society: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday bi-monthly [Jan, Mar, May, Sep, Nov, not July], 7 pm
- Docent League: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, 8:45 a.m., everyone welcome
- California Turtle and Tortoise Club: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, 7 pm
- Museum Board of Trustees: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, 7 pm

## Calendar

- Opening Reception for "Faces of Southeast Asia" photo exhibit – Sunday Sep 8, 3 pm
- Free Saturday September 14
- Sean Stackpoole Jazz Quartet Concert – Saturday September 14, 4 pm
- Opening Reception for Open Studio Tour Artists' Exhibit – Sunday Sep 15, 2-5 pm
- Annual Dinner and Auction – Saturday Sep 28, 5 pm.



### **Pizza Factory and Beanster's Espresso Fundraiser**

All day September 19.

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