

We need YOU!

The museum has a long history of providing education and enrichment to the community. The museum is working through the financial situations many non-profits are facing. Significant increases in the minimum wage and fluctuations in funding as well as increased utility payments and the costs of maintaining the stewardship of the Museum have a continuing impact on our budget.

The Maturango Museum is a non-profit organization not funded by any city, county, state or federal monies. The museum relies on people like you. This has been true since the inception of the Maturango Museum in 1962. Our history shows what people can do when the community works together with enthusiastic volunteers. With your support, we can continue to be an important educational and cultural asset for our community.

You can make it happen!

We are accepting donations of all kinds for the auction!

Big or small, every donation helps! Smaller items (like gift cards) can be combined with other items to create a unique auction item. We make some pretty fantastic gift baskets!

Your donation is tax deductible!

Deadline for donations (so we can prepare the auction catalog) is Monday, September 14!

If you would like to join in the fun and attend the auction and dinner, we would enjoy your company! Check out our Sponsor Opportunities!

Tickets are \$60 per person and \$100 for 2 people. Presale No Frills Reserve Table for 8 \$600. Tickets are available in the museum gift shop or online at maturango.org



**Maturango Museum
of Indian Wells Valley**

100 E. Las Flores Ave
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

760-375-6900

Email: debbie@maturango.org

www.maturango.org

If you would like to donate something for the auction or you have any questions about becoming a sponsor or attending the 2026 Annual Auction and Dinner please contact Debbie Benson at the above phone number or email address.

Maturango Museum 2026

Annual Auction and Dinner

Saturday, September 26

Kerr-McGee Center

Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

**Make a difference...
and have a great time doing it!**



**Picture
Yourself
Here!**

*Maturango
Museum
Ridgecrest,
California*



The Board of Trustees, staff and volunteers of the Maturango Museum, many of whom are your friends and neighbors, are asking you to step up, make a difference...and have fun!

Your generous tax-deductible contributions are a great way to promote your business and help the museum too!

***Be a celebrated sponsor of the
2026 Maturango Museum
Annual Auction and Dinner
Play Games! Win Prizes!
End your meal with the
Dessert Auction!
Have fun with Friends!
And Support your local
MUSEUM!***

All proceeds go to operational expenses that allow this special community institution to continue protecting, supporting and sharing our regional heritage.

Sponsorship Opportunities

☐ Golden Eagle \$1,500

Reserved table for 8! Includes 8 dinner tickets, 8 drink tickets, 2 bottles of wine, 800 raffle tickets, 8 Sponsor Table Drawing tickets, ½ page ad in the event program, mentioned in all of our event advertising, and a one-year Museum Membership for your non-member table guests!

☐ Mountain Lion \$750

4 dinner tickets, 4 drink tickets, 400 raffle tickets, 4 Sponsor Table Drawing tickets, reserved seating, 1/4 page ad in our event program and mentioned in our event advertising!

☐ Big Horn \$300

2 dinner tickets, 2 drink tickets, plus 100 raffle tickets. Business card ad in the event program.

☐ Road Runner \$100

Business card ad in the event program.

To become a sponsor, choose your level above then use one of these methods for payment

- email: leslie@maturango.org your intent to sponsor and we will send you an invoice OR
- complete the information below and mail with your check or drop it off at the museum, 100 E. Las Flores Ave. Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Company _____

Point-of-contact _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Do you know all the ways the museum made a difference in the last year?

- Maturango docents presented programs to over four thousand adults and children throughout the year with special events and the popular 2nd Saturday with Free Admission!
- Over 15,700 Guests from many US states and foreign travelers came to visit our museum and patronized other Ridgecrest businesses and services.
- Field trips were available for members and visitors.
- Eight different art shows were displayed in our galleries. The Museum sponsored the Open Studio Tour for local artists.
- The Museum hosted the popular and informational Wildflower Exhibit.
- We provide free information and helpful tips to travelers heading to Death Valley, and other local and regional attractions.
- The Maturango Museum is an ASTC Museum. We also partner with other California museums, which recognize our membership and in turn promote the Museum. We also partner with NARM as an incentive for our Lifetime and Premium members.