

## Western Art Council of the Palm Springs Art Museum Celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> Silver Anniversary Fundraising Event

*Event will honor Barbara & H. Earl "Bud" Hoover II at Thunderbird Country Club*

February 2, 2009 (Palm Springs, CA) – The Western Art Council (WAC) of the Palm Springs Art Museum will hold its 25<sup>th</sup> Silver Anniversary Celebration and Fundraiser at Thunderbird Country Club on Saturday, February 28, 2009 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. The event is organized by Fundraiser Chair, Michael O'Keefe, and will feature cocktails, dinner, entertainment, and a silent and live auction. The suggested attire is "Dressy Western & Sparkling Silver." The ticket price is \$200 for WAC members and \$225 for nonmembers and reservations must be made by February 18. For reservations, contact Nancy Thomsen at 760.322.4888 or email: nthomsen@psmuseum.org.

The celebration and fundraiser will honor H. Earl "Bud" Hoover II, WAC's first Chairman, and his wife Barbara. The Hoovers have been a vital part of the council since its inception twenty-five years ago and continue to actively support the council and the museum. Mr. Hoover continues to serve as an Honorary Trustee of the museum after serving on the Board of Trustees for a number of years and was president from 1980-82. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover have devoted a number of years to the WAC Board of Directors and both are passionate about collecting Western art. They generously share their expertise in support of the Palm Springs Art Museum and are involved in the arts in Santa Fe.

"We are extremely privileged to honor the incredible time and personal effort that the Hoovers have continued to devote to the Western Art Council since its founding in 1984," said Virginia Hilligoss, chair of the Western Art Council. "This event will be a spectacular celebration of the Hoover's incredible efforts and the accomplishments of the Western Art Council over the past quarter of a century."

A commemorative souvenir program from the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event will be given to each guest that will include personalized messages to the Hoovers. Attendees may place their special message in the program by contacting Nancy Thomsen at 760.322.4888 or email: nthomsen@psmuseum.org.

### About WAC

The Western Art Council is dedicated to assisting in promoting and fostering interest in Western and Native American Art at the Palm Springs Art Museum. Established in 1984, WAC raises funds for the support of Western Art exhibitions, educational programs and the acquisition of art for the museum's permanent collection.

### About the Palm Springs Art Museum

Located downtown in an architecturally-significant building, the Palm Springs Art Museum features compelling exhibitions and a robust permanent collection of contemporary, Native American, Western and Pre-Columbian and glass art in 28 spacious galleries and in its two outdoor sculpture gardens. The museum offers educational lectures, films and an assortment of programs and art workshops for all ages. The museum's Annenberg Theater features outstanding musical performances. The museum is open six days a week; Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is free to members; \$12.50 for adults; \$10.50 for seniors 62 and over; \$5 for adult students and active-duty military with I.D. and free for youths 12 and under. For more information, call 760.322.4800 or visit [www.psmuseum.org](http://www.psmuseum.org).

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