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Western Art Council of the Palm Springs Art Museum to Host Annual Barbeque Oct. 30

October 9, 2008 (Palm Springs, CA) - The Western Art Council of The Palm Springs Art Museum will host its annual Welcome Back Barbeque on Thursday, October 30, 2008, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Leon's at the Canyon, Indian Canyons Golf Club. Tickets are \$75 per person. Guests are welcome.

The event will include a Western-style barbeque buffet, live Western music featuring Bobby Furgo, dancing, a silent auction and a no-host bar. Artists will be in attendance painting and offering their art for sale.

The event is open to the public , but you must make reservations with Nancy Thomsen at 760.322.4888 by Wednesday, October 15, 2008.

Additionally, the Western Art Council will hold a breakfast program and tour to introduce potential new members to the museum and to Western art on Thursday, November 13, 2008 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the museum.

A complimentary continental breakfast will be provided as well as a tour of the Denney Western American Art Wing and the special exhibition Space Silence Spirit/Maynard Dixon's West: The Hays Collection on view at the museum. Guests who join the art museum and the Western Art Council at this event will receive a discount on their Western Art Council membership and special discounts at the Museum Store.

Dress for the event is casual or Western. To reserve space, call Nancy Thomsen at 760.322.4888 by Friday, November 7, 2008.

The Western Art Council embraces all types of Western and Native American Art from traditional to contemporary as it relates to the West. WAC raises funds to purchase both historic and contemporary Western Art for the Museum's permanent collection and to support special exhibitions. Council members like to wear Western attire such as jeans and cowboy boots, not tuxedos, and silver and turquoise jewelry instead of diamonds.

Located downtown in an architecturally-significant E. Stewart Williams-designed building, the Palm Springs Art Museum features exciting exhibitions of contemporary, Native American, Western and Pre-Columbian art in spacious galleries. It features two sculpture gardens, stimulating lectures and educational

programs for all ages, and offers diverse performances at its Annenberg Theater. The Art 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 17 and under. For more information, call 760.322.4800 or visit www.psmuseum.org.

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