

## Second Annual George Montgomery Award to be Presented at Palm Springs Art Museum's Western Art Council Welcome Back Barbeque

October 27, 2009 - (Palm Springs, CA) The second annual George Montgomery Award for outstanding contributions to the Palm Springs Art Museum's Western Art Council will be presented at the organization's October 30 *Welcome Back Barbeque* at a private residence in Palm Springs . The award recognizes members for their contributions, support, service and dedication to the Western Art Council (WAC). This year's award will be presented by WAC Chairman, Virginia Hillgoss, to Jane L. Hoff, Jean Irwin Hoffman and Joan Irwin Green (posthumously), Jean and Maury Page Kemp and Sally Phinny. The award is presented to individuals that have demonstrated outstanding contribution, service, dedication and support of the Western Art Council.

In addition to the award presentation, the event (chaired by Carole Herrera) will include tours of the desert garden on the grounds of the residence, a Western-style barbeque buffet, live Western music featuring Bobby Furgo, a silent auction and a no-host bar. Tickets are \$100 per person. Guests are welcome but must RSVP in advance of the event to 760.322.4834.

This award has been established in the name of the late well-known actor, artist and philanthropist George Montgomery in recognition of his multi-faceted talents and accomplishments, his generosity in donating his significant art collection to the Palm Springs Art Museum, and for his enthusiastic support of the Western Art Council's events and programs.

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.

Located downtown in an architecturally-significant building, the Palm Springs Art Museum features compelling exhibitions and a robust permanent collection of modern, 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. with free admission from 4 – 8 p.m. sponsored by the City of Palm Springs. Admission is free to members; youths 12 and under and active-duty military and their families. Regular admission is \$12.50 for adults; \$10.50 for seniors 62 and over; and \$5 for adult students. For more information, call 760.322.4800 or visit [www.psmuseum.org](http://www.psmuseum.org).

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