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**Palm Springs Art Museum Announces Receipt of  
Institute of Museum and Library Services Award**

**PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (Jan. 22, 2015)** – Palm Springs Art Museum announced today that the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) awarded a \$25,000 preservation grant to the museum. Funding will be used to assess the condition of 75 outdoor sculptures on public view in multiple locations including the museum's three sculpture gardens, Palm Springs International Airport, Palm Springs Convention Center, Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, and California State University San Bernardino's Palm Desert Campus.

This federal grant is part of the IMLS *Museums of America* grant program. A portion of the funds will be applied to employ two contract conservators from the Museums of New Mexico, Santa Fe to work with museum staff over eight days to examine each sculpture for the effects of long-term exposure to the extreme conditions of our low desert environment and to make recommendations on their care and maintenance. With the results, museum staff and staff of the other facilities involved will be able to identify sculptures in need of immediate treatment and relocation indoors, sculptures that can remain outdoors with periodic care or treatment, and sculptures that can remain outdoors with minimal care.

In addition to enabling the museum staff to make critical decisions about the display and preservation of these sculpture collections, another goal of the grant is to develop a "Collections Care and Management Fund." This fund will be used for the ongoing conservation and care of the Museum's permanent collection. An initial site review with the two contract conservators will be held the end of January, followed by an eight day assessment scheduled for March.

**About IMLS**

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums. Our mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Our grant making, policy

development, and research help libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive.

### **About Palm Springs Art Museum**

Palm Springs Art Museum is the largest cultural institution in the Coachella Valley and includes three locations in Palm Springs and Palm Desert. The flagship building is located in downtown Palm Springs and features compelling art exhibitions, a vast permanent collection, and the 433-seat Annenberg Theater, all in a 150,000 square foot, architecturally-significant building. Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center, Edwards Harris Pavilion features exhibitions and programming that explore the rich topics of architecture and design. Admission to the A+D Center is free for the next two years thanks to an anonymous donor. Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert is an 8,400 square foot, Silver LEED-certified building named The Galen that presents rotating exhibitions and special collections. It is surrounded by the four-acre Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden featuring important sculpture works. Admission to the Palm Desert location is free, generously underwritten by Helene V. Galen. For more information, call 760-322-4800, visit [www.psmuseum.org](http://www.psmuseum.org), and follow the museum on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.