Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center, Edwards Harris Pavilion Announces Free Admission Beginning This Fall

PALM SPRINGS, Calif.(July 17, 2015) – Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center, Edwards Harris Pavilion announced today that beginning October 1 visitors will have free admission every day. A donor who wishes to remain anonymous agreed to underwrite admission fees for the next two seasons, providing all visitors complimentary access through July of 2017.

"This generous donation, for which we could not be more appreciative, will allow even more people to enjoy the center and its great architecture and design exhibitions," said Michael Hinkle, Manager, Donor Relations and Operations for the A+D Center. "We look forward to sharing the A+D Center with more residents of the Coachella Valley and beyond, especially students of architecture and design that may not have visited because they could not afford the cost of admission."

Seeing the Light: Illuminating Objects is the next exhibition taking place from October 10 through January 3, 2016. Diverse objects selected from the museum's permanent collection and from private collections will demonstrate the boundless fascination of the expressive power of light. Artworks include midcentury to contemporary designers and artists, examining how the chosen materials and media reflect light or illuminate. The exhibition is organized by Palm Springs Art Museum and funded in part by Presenting Sponsor Renova Solar.

The current exhibition, *Eye on Design: Andrea Zittel's Aggregated Stacks and the Collection of Palm Springs Art Museum*, can be viewed through July 26. This commissioned installation combines Native American and modern textiles from the museum's permanent collection together with original works produced in Zittel's Joshua Tree studio. Responding to the rigorous grid of the building's architecture, Zittel's sculptural works play off of the geometry of the building, while simultaneously evolving the regularity of the mid-century grid toward a more fractured or decomposing state.

Please note the A+D Center will be closed the month of August. For more informationcall (760)423-5260 or visit www.psmuseum.org. The A+D Centeris located at 300South Palm Canyon Drive in downtown Palm Springs.

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. 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 now free to the public, generously underwritten by Helene V. Galen. For more information, call (760) 322-4800, visit www.psmuseum.org, and follow the museum on Facebook, Twitter and InstaGram.

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