

# TALKING SUN



Newsletter of the Smoki Museum of American Indian Art and Culture

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## **SOUTHWEST INDIAN ART FESTIVAL!!** **MAY 29th AND 30th**

Memorial Day Weekend promises to be an exciting time here at Smoki and Prescott. This year our festival will offer a wide variety of artists and their work. Baskets, pottery, silver, textiles, sculpture, wood working, 2-D and beadwork are just a few of the categories that will be here. We also have a renewed focus on artists that are Native Southwest artists and crafters.

In addition to performing artists, we will also offer artists demonstrating their work. See how baskets are constructed; watch silversmiths at work; watch everything from paintings to katsinas being created before your eyes! If you've been looking for that very special piece to complete your décor or jewelry collection, this is your opportunity to find that interesting and unique handcrafted work.

Hopi, Navajo, Zuni, Pomo, Mohave and Apache are among the tribes that will be represented at this year's festival. Along with their art, learn about the traditions that have lead to their wonderful works.

Admission to the Festival also includes Museum admission: \$5.00 for Adults, \$4.00 Seniors; \$3.00 Students and as always, all Native people are free. Navajo Tacos, baked goods, hot dogs and lemonade will be available for sale, so bring your appetite with you, too! Festival hours are Saturday the 29th and Sunday the 30th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

If you are from out of town, plan to spend the weekend. In addition to our festival here at the Smoki, the 36th Annual Phippen Museum Western Art Show and Sale is taking place at the Courthouse Square. On Saturday and Sunday, hours are from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. On Monday the 31st, hours are from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. All museums need public support now more than ever. Support two of Prescott's treasures and have a fun, art-filled weekend!

**Harry Benally's Amazing Wood Sculpture**



**Jesse Hummingbird & friends**



**Howard Sice's Sculpture**



## President's Report

By Jim Christopher, President, Board of Trustees

### 75 Years Old And Still Going Strong

A few years ago my son mentioned that his cousin was getting "old." I asked him (at the time he was about 20) what he considered old and he said that he considered anyone over 25 as old. By that standard the Smoki Museum is ancient and in many ways it appears that way. But I think that we should choose to look at it not for what it has been, but what it is and what it can be. We need not only to think about the past 75 years, but the next 75 years. The museum needs a facelift and some updating, but it still is relevant and has much to teach and share with the community. In particular four things come to mind for me as we enter a season of celebration of those last 75 years:

#### **The museum is a window into the prehistory of the Prescott area and Native American cultures of the Southwest.**

People have been living in the Prescott area for thousands of years. The museum was originally founded to house artifacts being found from early archaeological excavations being done in the 1930's. The collection has grown over the years to include a number of prehistoric and historic artifacts from all over the Southwest.

#### **It is also a window into the last 90 years of Prescott history.**

When the seeds of the Smoki People were sown in 1921, nobody would have anticipated the significance of the role that they would play in the history of Prescott.

#### **It serves a window to the Indian Policy of our country and society.**

The story of the attempt of the United States to eradicate Native American culture played out in Prescott in a very unique manner. The Smoki People attempted to reproduce Native American dances and ceremonies at a time when they were discouraged and forbidden to be carried on by native peoples. Governmental and societal policies changed and those changes also played out in the life of the Smoki People.

#### **The Smoki Museum serves as a window to the vibrant contemporary cultures of Southwestern Native Americans.**

Through special exhibits, auctions of Navajo rugs and native art, Native American Festivals and lectures we bring an appreciation of today's Southwestern Native American cultures and peoples to the Prescott community.

We hope that the Prescott community will join with all the members and friends of the museum in remembering our rich past and anticipating our next 75 years.

## Hey Members!!

If you have recently renewed your membership, you may have noticed that you **DID NOT** receive a "Membership Card." Since we have moved our membership renewals from a volunteer to staff position, we now run monthly reports of our current members. No need to bring your card to The Trading Post for your 10% discount or to the Front Desk for free admission ...

**You're on the list!!**

**This helps us save time and money.**

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### Our Mission

**The Mission of the Smoki Museum is to instill understanding and respect for the indigenous cultures of the Southwest.**

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Student \$20

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# SMOKI MUSEUM CALENDAR

## April - June 2010



April 6th	1:00 pm	75th Anniversary Team Meeting
April 12th	2:00 pm	Book Club: <u>In Search of the Old Ones</u>
April 13th	12:00 pm	Trading Post Team Meeting
April 13th	1:30 pm	Exhibit Team Meeting
April 18th	1:00 pm	Sundays at the Smoki Lecture Series: Culture Keepers Series, Donald K. Nelson, "The Continuation of Life: Where do I go from here?"
April 24th	9a-4p	"Migration and Trading Paths" (Montezuma's Castle, Montezuma's Well and Tuzigoot) Visit three culturally sensitive sites for several Northcentral Arizona Indian tribes. Hear stories and native perspective as we criss-cross the Verde Valley. (easy walking) Pack a brown bag lunch; water and snacks provided. \$70 Smoki Members, \$80 non-members.
April 27th	9:00 am	Volunteer Meeting
May 4th	5:30 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
May 9th	all day	HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!
May 11th	12:00 pm	Trading Post Team Meeting
May 11th	1:30 pm	Exhibit Team Meeting
May 16th	1:00 pm	Sundays at the Smoki Lecture Series: Culture Keepers Series, Bill Nebeker, "Cowboys & Indians: A Sculptor's Point of View"
May 22nd	all day	"Homeland of the Ancients" (Wupatki, Sunset Crater and Walnut Canyon) Spend the day with a Hopi of 3rd Mesa and hear the relationship of these continually visited sites relative to 3rd Mesa history and traditions. (easy walking) Pack a brown bag lunch; water and snacks provided. \$70 Smoki Members, \$80 non-members.
May 25th	9:00 am	Volunteer Meeting
May 29th	10a-4p	Southwest Indian Art Festival !!!
May 30th	10a-4p	Southwest Indian Art Festival !!!
June 5th	1:00 pm	"The Sign of Smoki: Art & Artistry of the Smoki People" Exhibit Opens
June 8th	12:00 pm	Trading Post Team Meeting
June 8th	1:30 pm	Exhibit Team Meeting
June 20th	all day	HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!
June 20th	1:00 pm	Sundays at the Smoki Lecture Series: Culture Keeper's Series, Melissa Ruffner, Fort Apache with Martha Summerhayes, 1870's"
June 22nd	9:00 am	Volunteer Meeting
June 26th and 27th		"Diné Bıkeyah, Navajo Land" (Canyon de Chelly) A look at the sacred home of the Yei. Enjoy the ride across the Navajo Reservation to one of Northern Arizona's most beautiful and personable canyon lands. (easy walking) All meals and lodging provided. \$375 Smoki Members, \$400 non-members.

Thank you Volunteers for all you do at Smoki !



**My Generation...**  
the life and art of Margarete Bagshaw



Photos from the "My Generation ..." opening.  
Congratulations Margarete and Dan on the wedding!  
Thanks to Joan Krauskopf for the introduction to Margarete's work!

A very special thank you to:

J.W. Kieckhefer Foundation

For their generous  
end of year  
gift to the museum.

**SAVE YOUR**

**STUFF !!!**

**Bizarre Bazaar  
& Boutique**

**September 4th**

**8 am Until It's All Gone!**

**Smoki Pueblo**

**My Generation ...**  
the life and art of Margarete Bagshaw  
On exhibit until May 28th





# Introducing ... Smoki Tours!!



April 24, 2010: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

**"Migration and Trading Paths"** (Montezuma's Castle, Montezuma's Well and Tuzigoot) Visit three culturally sensitive sites for several North central Arizona Indian tribes. Hear stories and native perspective as we criss-cross the Verde Valley (easy walking). Pack a brown bag lunch; water and snacks provided. \$70 Smoki Members, \$80 non-members. **MIMUM OF 6 NEEDED TO BOOK THE TRIP; MAXIMUM OF 12 PEOPLE PER TRIP.**

May 22, 2010: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

**"Homeland of the Ancients"** (Wupatki, Sunset Crater and Walnut Canyon) Spend the day with a Hopi of 3rd Mesa and hear the relationship of these continually visited sites relative to 3rd Mesa history and traditions (easy walking). Pack a brown bag lunch; water and snacks provided. \$70 Smoki Members, \$80 non-members. **MIMUM OF 6 NEEDED TO BOOK THE TRIP; MAXIMUM OF 12 PEOPLE PER TRIP.**

June 26 and 27, 2010: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

**"Diné Bikeyah, Navajo Land"** (Canyon de Chelly) A look at the sacred home of the Yei. Enjoy the ride across the Navajo Reservation to one of Northern Arizona's most beautiful and personable canyon lands (easy walking). All meals and lodging provided. \$375 Smoki Members, \$400 non-members. **MIMUM OF 9 NEEDED TO BOOK THE TRIP; MAXIMUM OF 12 PEOPLE PER TRIP.**

July 17, 2010: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Museum of Northern Arizona: "Walking in Harmony, the life and work of Lomawywesa"** Michael Kabotie's life, work, family and collaborations in this exhibition of painting, prints, jewelry and poetry (indoor walking). Pack a brown bag lunch; water and snacks provided. \$70 Smoki Members, \$80 non-members. **MIMUM OF 6 NEEDED TO BOOK THE TRIP; MAXIMUM OF 12 PEOPLE PER TRIP.**

August 28, 2010 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

**"Healing and Migration"** (Honanki, Palatki and Verde Valley) Although these sites have Hopi names, both are used and visited by members of several tribes for the empowerment to aid others (uneven walking). Pack a brown bag lunch; water and snacks provided. \$70 Smoki Members, \$80 non-members. **MIMUM OF 6 NEEDED TO BOOK THE TRIP; MAXIMUM OF 12 PEOPLE PER TRIP.**

September 25 and 26, 2010: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

**"First Time Hopi Mesas"** (all three mesas) Come see and walk through the oldest inhabited villages in North America. Hear a little of the oral tradition that has maintained this living culture into the 21st century (uneven easy walking). All meals and lodging provided. \$350 Smoki Members, \$375 non-members. **MIMUM OF 9 NEEDED TO BOOK THE TRIP; MAXIMUM OF 12 PEOPLE PER TRIP.**

October 23, 2010: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

**"Verde Valley Yavapai-Apache"** (Camp Verde) Visit the Yavapai-Apache Cultural Center at Camp Verde, Arizona. Come hear the oral tradition of both the Yavapai and Apache people that make up this Verde Valley tribe (easy walking). Pack a brown bag lunch; water and snacks provided. \$70 Smoki Members, \$80 non-members. **MIMUM OF 6 NEEDED TO BOOK THE TRIP; MAXIMUM OF 12 PEOPLE PER TRIP.**

All trips include transportation via a van, with pick-up and drop-off at the Museum. Vans will be stocked with water, fresh fruit and snacks for all trips. *For one day trips, please pack a sack lunch.* All park, cultural center and entrance fees are included. Driver/guide is Donald Nelson, Hopi and Smoki Board and Native American Advisory Council Member. Overnight trips include all meals and lodging.

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SMOKI MUSEUM !!**

**For reservations, Call Cindy 928-445-1230**





## Trading Post Notes

Janet Shaw, Trading Post Manager

The Museum has a very full calendar of events scheduled for the rest of the year! The Trading Post Team is already in motion gathering inventory to support each event. This is in addition to our regular search for new and exciting items.

Our present exhibit, *My Generation...The life and art of Margarete Bagshaw*, opened in March. Margarete follows in the footsteps of her mother Helen Hardin and Grandmother Pablita Velarde. All the artwork is very impressive. We have originals, giclees and numbered prints for sale. Margarete also signed a limited number of the Museum's *My Generation* posters to sell in the Trading Post. The Trading Post also is selling the book *Changing Woman: The Life and Art of Helen Hardin* by Jay Scott and will continue to do so as long as we can get hold of these out of print copies!

For the opening of "The Sign of Smoki" exhibit, the Trading Post will have a sale on June 5 and 6 with 20% off for members and 10% off for non-members. Anyone purchasing a membership on the day of the sale will get 20% off.

Have you seen all of our new Zuni fetishes? We also have beautiful beaded moccasins. Our great selection of Mata Ortiz Pottery is always changing. Keep an eye out for our summer selection of ladies boutique style shirts with Indian-inspired designs. They were a big hit last summer and by the time you read this newsletter this season's styles should be in the Trading Post.

When the Trading Post started its "Used and/or Out of Print" book shelf we had no idea how popular it would become. We usually have titles for children and adults. We have fiction and nonfiction and all have either a connection to Indians or to the field of archeology. These books are priced competitively and placed on the shelf as space permits. They are a hit with members and out-of-town visitors. The great part is they are all donated! We are very thankful to have generous Museum members and friends.

Soon Mothers Day, Fathers Day, and the season for graduations and weddings will be upon us. When you are in the Museum to view an exhibit or entertain visitors, attend a Sunday at the Smoki lecture or attend an OLLI class, do yourself a favor and shop in the Trading Post for cards and gifts. Members always get 10% off and there is never any sales tax.

## FROM THE JOANNE CLINE RESEARCH LIBRARY

Ginger Johnson, Librarian



What is our major work effort in the library? Bringing you more and more wonderful books that enhance our collection and fit our mission statement, of course! Jodi Orr has given us books from Michael Cohee's collection, Jean Stephenson has given us books from their collection, and it continues. Many of Jean's donation are books from our past—real treasures. We have also done some purging in our inventory, giving up some fiction and books that do not fit the museum's mission statement, thus making room for new additions. The purged books will be included for purchase at our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Bizarre Bazaar the first weekend in September (Labor Day weekend). So we hope you will mark your calendars. Better than that, it would be great to see you here—as always, we are open on Wednesday afternoons unless I'm out of town. If you wish, just call our Visitor Services Desk to verify that I'm here. And many thanks to those of you who continue to donate items we can use. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and interest. Do keep in mind that we are oriented to southwest Indian art and culture.

6 Thank you and see you soon!

# Executive Director's Report

By Cindy Gresser

My, my—what a Winter!

First, there was our totally awesome Holiday Hangover Party. We all now know that Jimmy Carlson will be sweet smelling when he is around Smoki due to his wonderful gift of scented bath salts. After a fist fight nearly broke out over Carolyn Mason's goat soap basket (due to the Director not following the rules ...), Carol Keskimaki graciously handed them over to Inga Mahonik. The George Bush talking doll was a big hit, and found a home with Joan Mead (actually Pat, I think). Murl Preble has ongoing foot massages with her green frogs, and Lila Witt dines in style with her Limoge. Rumor has it that Bill and Shari Hill have a new pet—Chihuahua, I think. Unfortunately, I did not win big (and therefore the Smoki didn't either!) in the lottery, but it was fun dreaming about it!! It was a great party, and I hope everyone will try to make it next year. Regina Butt will serve as Sergeant at Arms, and make sure I follow the rules next year!!

We survived the storms, but not without some damage to our beloved 'Snake Myth' painting by Kate Cory. With the help of Kevin's friends Adam and Jerry, the water was dealt with very quickly and further damage was minimal. The conservator has been hired, and soon 'Snake Myth' will be missing for awhile undergoing restoration.

We've also been blessed with some wonderful volunteers from the Prescott House. These men have agreed to volunteer time with us, under Kevin's direction and are currently working on painting the Pueblo's wood trim. They also assist with several other tasks, from hanging the Bagshaw exhibit to sorting rugs and cleaning bathrooms. They have just been a great addition when we need an extra hand.

March brought us our first burst of events and activity around the Museum. The Margarete Bagshaw opening was a wonderful event, and our gallery is now truly an explosion of color. It was also just wonderful to be a small part of a special day in Margarete's life ... she and Dan McGuiness got married that morning (and we thought that we had a lot going on!). Congratulations to the happy couple!!

The Rug Auction was totally awesome!! Thanks to Chair Linda Young for a terrific job of organizing and pulling it all together. Lynn Bischoff once again assigned us our tasks and the event flowed very smoothly! Thanks to all who helped out and/or bought rugs. The Museum received a check this week for \$16,097.72. YEAH! Or I guess that should be YEI !!

With Donald Nelson's assistance, we have built a wonderful schedule for Sundays at the Smoki and the new "SMOKI TOURS!" Be sure and check out the details in this newsletter. I hope that many of you will take part in these events, as all profits benefit the Museum.

We're looking forward to a wonderful Spring! Our Southwest Indian Art Festival, 75th Anniversary and "The Sign of Smoki: Art and Artistry of the Smoki People" exhibit will bring our next flurry of activity. And of course, planning has already started for the July Indian Art and Rug Auction.

As always, if you haven't been in for awhile, please come by! We look forward to showing you a beautiful exhibit and sharing the new and exciting happenings around Smoki.



**Holiday Hangover 2009** 7



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### Membership Levels:

- Student \$20
- Individual \$25
- Family \$35
- Mogollon \$125
- Hohokam \$250
- Kokopelli \$500

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SEE YOU THERE!!!**

Send form with check payable to the Smoki Museum, Inc.  
Mail to: Smoki Museum, PO Box 10224, Prescott, AZ 86304-0224

**Yes! I want to volunteer at the Smoki Museum!**

The Museum is currently looking for new members for the following teams and events: Grants, Education, Marketing, Library, Visitor Services and Rug Auction. Many more fun and educational opportunities are also available. Call (928) 445-1230 for more information ...

**JOIN THE FUN !!!**



**The Garden will bloom soon! Check it out!**