



MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN

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Events and Fundraising News

Greetings Members!

If you haven't been to the current exhibit, which opened this last Saturday, you are in for a treat. The photography and artifacts are simply wonderful. We urge you to come during any regular business hours of the museum and explore Pueblo art and history.

The Board of the Museum of American Indians (MAI) is pleased to announce the addition of two events and fundraisers for the coming year. This will fit into our current plan to hold quarterly fundraisers and quarterly Events from here on out. Our annual dinner in September at the Museum will be continued. The focus of the fourth annual event has not been decided upon, but we're looking at January or February 2017.

The first new event will focus on Healing and Nutrition and take place the first week of May. This event will take place at the residence of our Board member, Peter Churchill in Penngrove. Details will be forthcoming. The second event will focus on Climate Change and take place this summer. This Event will intertwine Native American approaches, sensitivities, and observations with other contemporary local, national, and world-wide efforts to reverse excesses of carbon emissions and more. This is a natural alliance for all who care about the earth. This program is in early development and will be expanded accordingly. More details will be forthcoming.

Here's the reality for the MAI: We need to increase fundraising so that our educational and cultural programs can be sustained. Two critical efforts are in progress. First, two new display cases were made for our current exhibit. The cost was close to \$1,200. We dipped into reserves to cover this and would like help replenishing those funds. Secondly, we are preparing to provide full enclosure to the front patio area under the awning. Three new sections of the pull-down vinyl shades are ready to order. This will allow our daytime classes for children to continue in inclement weather. Also, it will allow us to hold lectures and other smaller events in this area in cool evening hours. Lights will also be added and plans are being completed for this with Novato City Parks and Recreation. The cost of the project will be about \$3,500.

You should all also be aware that new lighting and security cameras are being added to the outside of the building on all four sides. This project is entirely due to the efforts of Novato's Rotary Club. We are most thankful to them for this. They also helped rebuild the kotcha that was vandalized last year under the direction of basket weaver Charles Kenard, a real community effort. So please pencil in a few more events with the Museum of American Indians. And if you can't make any of them, then please consider a direct contribution for the two projects mentioned above. We need to raise \$5,000 right away.

Thanks for your support and interest in the Museum,

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