

THE MUSEUM OF WESTERN ART

The precursor to one of Texas' most famous and beloved museums was the original Cowboy Artists of America, which was formed in Sedona, AZ to promote Western Art.

Exhibiting first at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame, they later moved the exhibit to the Phoenix Art Museum. It was time for a permanent home for this art form.

In the late 70s and early 80s L.D. Brinkman and Robert Shelton initiated the concept of the museum. Western Art is a tradition that runs deep in the Old West and the time was long overdue to bring the art form and artists the recognition they so deserved and a permanent home. Their vision of creating the first museum honing this cultural gold mine was starting to grow into more than just a vision. With a donation from oilman William F. and Carolyn Roden of 10 prime acres adjacent to the River Hills

Country Club in Kerrville, the dream was poised to become a reality.

By 1981 enough funds had been donated to commission famed Texas architect O'Neil Ford to design the 14,400 square foot structure. With Ford's untimely death, Chris Carson was brought in to be the architect to guide the completion. April 27th, 1981 was the ground-breaking day and the public Grand Opening was April 23, 1983. Since that time, the museum has hosted thousands of visitors from all over the world.

THE PARTY!

Coming up is the Museum's big shindig and hoedown! This annual event on September 19th hosts some festive fun at the Museum as part of an annual fund drive.

The Party Art Sale and Exhibition kicks off at 9am with a breakfast at the Museum Pavilion with a speaker sharing stories and the history of the Great Western



Oscar Berninghaus, *Sky Mountains/Sagebrush in Bloom*, 1950



Trail.

Shortly after there will be a shuttle ride to the unparalleled art collection of L.D. Brinkman, a founder and long-time patron of the Museum and his collection is one of the most renowned in the world

Five o'clock will be the start of the silent auction and art sale to benefit both the museum and the artists. There will be items available in a wide variety for art



lovers of all types.

At 7pm, its back to the Pavilion for dinner and a dance/concert featuring the Almost Patsy Cline Band so be sure to wear your dancin' boots.

The Party costs a \$125 donation which is a bargain when considering everything that comes with the package and the gala fun to be had.

The art show will feature some of the biggest names in contemporary Western Art both painters and sculptors.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The last Friday of the month the museum reaches out to the community in thanks for their support with Family Free Day and anyone with a Kerr County I.D. gets free admission.

October is Texas Archeology Month and on October 24th Curtis Carter shares his knowledge of the Old West lifestyle with a tepee and all the artifacts of Indian life in the 1800s.

In December the Museum will host the First Friday Wine Share and the 2nd Friday is Open House.

The Artist of the Month features contemporary Western Art.

The museum is a private non-profit entity that receives no government or public funds and relies solely on donations, grants and the income from the museum.

The museum has been a boon to the Kerrville area bringing over 12,000 annual visitors and the economic activity that comes with tourists and visitors. The community has been very supportive of the museum both in donations and volunteers.

Museum of Western Art

Open 10 am until 4pm Tues - Sat
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