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**JR. PHILHARMONIC GUITARIST AND QUILT AUCTION FEATURED AT CMC FOUNDATION  
FALL DINNER**

JOSHUA TREE, Ca –Local classical guitarist Megan Roberson will be the featured soloist at the Copper Mountain College Foundation’s Fall Dinner on October 24, 2009, at the Helen Gray Education Center.

Megan is a homeschooled 10<sup>th</sup> grader who has completed three seasons in the Junior Philharmonic which is sponsored by the Desert Music Foundation and the Hi-Desert Cultural Center. Megan began playing guitar six years ago after studying violin for two years and was a finalist in the 2007 Desert Music Foundation Music Competition. She has been concentrating on classical guitar for the last two years, and is excited to have an opportunity to perform for supporters of CMC.

Also featured at the upcoming fundraising event will be the auction of a quilt, handcrafted by Carol Evans Babcock, the daughter of CMC student, Genevieve Salisbury. The quilt was created for the college’s 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a tribute to the original quilt which holds its place in the history of CMC. In July 1981, Morongo Basin residents Kay Vilott and Ada Hatch inspired the founding of The Friends of Copper Mountain College (later the Copper Mountain College Foundation) by raffling a quilt that contained within its patchwork the community’s dream of a local college.

The Foundation continues its search for the original quilt and welcomes any information regarding its history and whereabouts. Rotarians; Soroptimists; military personnel; city, county, and state officials; local business owners; and residents of the Morongo Basin took up the cause and together raised almost two million dollars. The groundbreaking for the college occurred in February 1983, and the campus was officially opened in April 1984. A month later in May 1984, Kay, Ada, and a large contingent of “Friends” were honored by President Reagan at the White House with the Volunteer Action Award, a medal that proudly proclaims CMC as a “Community College built by the Community.”

The CMC Foundation’s Fall Dinner also features Dr. Jack Scott, Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, as guest speaker and Huell Howser, as Master of Ceremonies. To purchase tickets or become a sponsor of the Fall Dinner, please contact the CMC Foundation at 760.366.3791 ext. 4200 or visit [www.theCMCF.org](http://www.theCMCF.org).

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