



COPPER MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

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COPPER MOUNTAIN COLLEGE FOUNDATION ACCEPTING ART AUCTION DONATIONS

JOSHUA TREE, Ca– The Copper Mountain College Foundation is accepting donations for its 11th Annual Alumni Association Art Auction, to be held February 28, 2009, at the Helen Gray Education Center. Benefits from the auction support the CMC art department and provide funding for 33 scholarships, including 16 awarded annually to seniors at all 4 local high schools.

In an effort to support the art community, a group that is generous throughout the year with all the Morongo Basin non-profits, the CMC Foundation is offering a 20% commission for all artists and art owners who donate art for the auction.

“This art auction has a long tradition of being a major February event that is fun for everyone. This year’s auctioneer, Gary Daigneault from Z107.7, an artist in his own right, will bring his high energy and appreciation of our local talent to support an event that funds the bulk of our annual scholarships,” said Foundation Executive Director, Syndee Slayton.

The Art Auction event will feature a festive environment of color and excitement with complimentary hors d’oeuvres and a no-host bar benefiting the Boys and Girls Club. Admission to the event is free, but there is a \$10 fee to bid.

“Local art buyers tell us they are especially interested in originals and smaller format pieces,” says Foundation Board President and 29 Palms Inn owner, Jane Smith, “but we want to offer a wide variety so that there is something for everyone. This is a fundraiser, but it is also a gala event that celebrates the close connection the college has had with our art community throughout its history. 2009 is the 25th anniversary of our campus and our receipt of the Volunteer Action Award from President Reagan that recognized the Morongo Basin for creating the ‘Community College Built by the Community.’ 2009 is a big year for us, so we are looking to make our next Art Auction a truly memorable event.”

To arrange for an art donation or for more information, please contact Syndee Slayton at the CMC Foundation at 760-366-5296 or via email at foundation@cmccd.edu. More information about this event and the Alumni Association is also available online at the Foundation website, www.theCMCF.org.