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**Review of the AGA meeting Thursday, March 26, 2015**

Scottsdale Museum of the West, 3830 N. Marshall Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85251

What an amazing new venue; below are some facts you may use when doing tour here. Michael Fox, Director, and Wade Weber, education/Program Manager delighted us with their informative presentations.

\*"Designed by Phoenix based architectural firm Studio Ma,

\*the space incorporates Western themes inside and out, according to Christiana Moss, one of the firm's principals. The exterior base is inspired by what one might find on the ground in the West, she says, such as plants and rocks. The second story has a softer feel, like the plains."

\*"Though the upper level looks like copper, it's a more contemporary material, steel with a patina on it."

\*"Inside, glass walls and large windows near the ceiling look out at the courtyard, creating an open feeling reminiscent of the expanse that once was the West. Wagon wheels hang overhead in the lobby, with organically harvested cedar lining the walls." "Just as the Western pioneers and trailblazers would have used a landmark or a point of reference and the sky to keep them on course, Moss and the architectural team employed this concept to help design a space that would help guide visitors through the eight rotating exhibits."

\* "The Christine and Ted Mollring Sculpture Courtyard became the stake around which everything else has revolved. Though each gallery connects to it, the museum is laid out in a free-form manner, so you don't feel like you are on a linear path."

\*"Sustainability played a key role in the \$11.4 million city-owned museum's design. Built to meet the LEED Gold Standard for sustainability, the museum conserves resources like water and was constructed with recycled materials whenever possible. Steel, the most commonly recycled material in the world, is found throughout the museum, including in the counters and windows."

\*"Moss points to the Weeping Wall as one of the most obvious examples of how Studio Ma incorporated sustainable concepts. When rain or condensation from the air conditioner drips down the wall, water collects in a trough and is channeled to the property's landscaping."

----- (this article appeared in the spring 2015 issue of the magazine "Su Casa")

13 things to look for (from the November 27, 2014 issue of the Arizona Republic Page A14.

\*The Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust Fine Arts Gallery will feature recognizable artist such as Georgia O'Keeffe...

\*The museum now shines silver from the outside, but the exterior will eventually oxidize to reflect its copper patina. The concrete walls were textured to reflect the spindly lines of saguaro cactus.

\*The museum features an open-air courtyard around which the gallery spaces downstairs and upstairs rotate letting in light. The courtyard will feature a sculpture garden with seven works that will change.

\*The Scottsdale Charros Gateway Foyer will lead to a large map of 19 Western States that the museum embodies with interactive components. The Charros made the single-largest donation of \$250,000 and agreed to work in security and event planning.

\*135-seat Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust Theater/Auditorium will offer fabric seating with arm rests that can be stored in a wall when not in use.

\*The Great Hall on the second floor will feature the journey of Lewis and Clark with 100 painting from the Montana artist Charles Fritz.

\*The A.P. Hays Spirit of the West Collection on the second floor will showcase saddles, spurs and other Western items, including a signed John Wayne business card and a selection of Texas Rangers badges from the 1890s.



- \*Cowboy artist John Coleman, and Arizona sculptor known for his bronze works, will have his entire collection on display in a downstairs gallery.
- \*Old West painter Maynard Dixon's dramatic 1935 mural "Kit Carson with Mountain Men" a 9-by 16-foot work, is on display in the main entry foyer.
- \*The 16 palo verde trees that are part of the museum landscaping were saved from construction-site destruction.
- \*The museum spent \$1 million on furniture for the museum.
- \*All of the museum pieces are on loan, courtesy of 50 private and institutional donors. Exhibits are expected to rotate every six months.
- \*The galleries feature almost 80 movable walls of various heights that can be reconfigured to suit exhibits and events.

### **Desert Botanical Garden**

Seasonal-table--We are excited to bring you a new event - The Seasonal Table. The dinner series last event is Dig into Spring on April 11. Reserve your seat at the table.

Spring is Coming Early -- Get outside and enjoy the "spring-like" weather during the Music in the Garden concerts. The concert series continues through June.

Illuminate Your Garden --Now is the time to begin planning spring updates to your garden. Add some art and light with hand crafted torches from the Garden Shop that are both beautiful and durable.

1201 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ, 85008 USA Open Daily 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

**Become a Certified Guide.** Testing date for certification is May 9, 2015. Please contact Janice Dunnahoo for more information. Our newest certified guides are



May 1, 2015

# From Farm to Fork

## AGA Education Field Trip



Special Guest:  
*Julie Murphree*  
Communications, Education  
& Marketing Director  
**Arizona Farm Bureau**



**8:00 AM – 3:30 PM**

Motorcoach tour to  
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community  
Huhugam Ki Museum,  
Agritopia and Arizona Farm Bureau.



### Lunch at The Farm at South Mountain



AGA Members: \$30.  
Non Members: \$35.  
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### Arizona Trivia-----science and nature

1. Arizona boasts that it has how many days of sunshine throughout the year?
2. To explore the meandering trails of the Grand Canyon, what animal is primary used?
3. Although crops are grown on only 5% of the farmland, they account for about half of Arizona's farm income, with what other products accounting for the other half?
4. What is the estimated age of the Grand Canyon?
5. What cactus that can weigh ten tons and reach the height of sixty feet grows only in parts of Arizona, California and Mexico?
6. What is the state tree of Arizona?
7. What Arizona city is known as "the astronomy capital of the world"?
8. How many observatories are situated in the Tucson area?
9. How many national forests are located in Arizona?
10. What is a butte?



Answers to the Trivia -Over 300, the mule, Livestock and livestock products, Two billion years, the Saguaro, Paloverde, Tucson, Thirty, seven, a hill that arises abruptly from a surrounding area, with sloping sides and a flat top.