# HIGH DESERT MUSEUM PRESERVES HISTORY



Leon, a long-eared owl, is one of the stars in The High Desert Museum's birds-of-prey presentations.



The High Desert Museum near Bend on the edge of the Deschutes National Forest is open every day except Christmas, New Year's and Thanksgiving.



A young visitor at The High Desert Museum rings the bell for service at the Hi Loy Mercantile in the Earle A. Chiles Center on the Spirit of the West.

he natural and cultural heritage of the Intermountain West comes alive at the High Desert Museum near Bend.

When visitors tour the museum they take part in live animal presentations on porcupines, otters and birds-of prey.

A walk-through history lesson becomes part of the fun in exhibits on forestry, a settler's cabin, small mill, sheepherder's wagon and Autzen Creek, a pond and ripar-

Native American artifacts are featured in special collections. Trailside exhibits on nature, forestry and pioneer life abound in the wonderment of the museum's grounds.

"The Changing Forest," a brand-new exhibit sponsored by the U.S. Forest Serve, explores the dynamics of high desert ecosystems and the challenges in managing them for the future. The exhibit's indoor/outdoor displays feature viewing scopes, mystery boxes and moveable scrolls to create a close-up experience with life in the forest.

Events scheduled for 1995 include Nick Eggenhofer: Images of Frontier Transportation, a exhibit of paintings and drawings of mules, mudwagons and men. Homestead Skills Showcase on Saturday, Feb. 11 is an annual day of living history demonstrations and hands-on activities focusing on pioneer skills such as spinning, butter churning, weaving and hug hooking. And annual Kids' Day on Wednesday,

March 22, is held during spring break with living history demonstrations along with activities for the whole family such as soap carving, crazy quilting and story telling.

The museum is located six miles south of Bend on a 150-acre site bordering the Deschutes National Forest. It was founded in 1974 as a non-profit organization and opened to the public in 1982.

Admission is \$5.50 for adults and \$2.75 for children. Kids under 4 are free.

For more information call 382-4754 or write to The High Desert Museum, 59800 S. Highway 97, Bend, OR 97702-8933.

## Coupon **Offers** Museum **Discounts**

Pepsi-Cola is promoting admission for children at two nationally known museums in central Oregon.

Pepsi is distributing special edition cups trumpeting "Rediscover the West," promoting the Museum at Warm Springs and The High Desert Museum in Bend. Each cup includes coupons offering free admission to the museums for kids.

The cup features a native American dancer, a gold miner and a golden eagle with the coupons and a description of each museum on a background of royal blue.

"We are proud to help support these Oregon non-profit institutions that provide such a valuable experience to visitors young and old," said Pepsi marketing director Pat Duval of Bend. "Celebrating our natural and cultural heritage is an important part of society today."

## Ancient Peoples **Brought To Life**

The Museum at Warm Springs displays the art and artifacts of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation as well as other native nations.

Using film and interactive displays, the museum brings the art and culture of ancient people to life. The museum in Warm Springs, Ore. has achieved national prominence and received many awards.

The Joe Fedderson collection is currently being displayed through mid-December. It features the works of a variety of art by 27 native American artists of 22 indigenous nations.

"Sisters of the Earth: Contemporary Native American Ceramics," opens Dec. 10. The exhibit features artists who draw upon their native cultures and beliefs to create contemporary figurative works to reflect their personal experiences.

## Central Oregon Museum To Run On Sunlight Power

Pacific Power is installing a \$100,000 solar power system at the High Desert Museum near Bend, marking the first commercial use of

photovoltaic power in Oregon. Pacific Power is testing the extent to which photovoltaics can supplement the building's electricity needs and reduce its use of

electricity from power lines. The utility will conduct around-the-clock monitoring of the project and share the date with the Department of Energy and Sandia National Laboratories, co-sponsors of the project.

"Turning solar energy into commercially, cost-effective power has been one of the nation's biggest energy challengers," said Clark Satre, Pacific Power district manager in Bend. "Pacific Power's installation at the High Desert Museum underscores our leadership role in testing this technology, which has great environmental benefits. It fits into our

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strategy to make renewable energy part of our resource mix."

Don Kerr, president of the museum, said the museum is delighted to provide a site for Pacific Power to research alternative power sources like solar energy. The project nicely supports a museum goal to promote wise use of the region's natural resources.

Satre said the installation will produce five kilowatts of electricity and will have an effect similar to a typical energy efficiency measure.

The solar system will reduce the amount of electricity the building requires. If the building's energy requirements fall below the solar system's output, the extra electricity will be added to Pacific Power's electricity grid.

The efficiency and life expectancy of photovoltaic projects have improved considerably over the past decade, said Miles Russell of Ascension Technology in Waltham, Mass., the engineering firm for the project.

"The panels we are using at The High Desert Museum are the largest in the industry and have the highest power output," he

The environmental benefits also make photovoltaic attractive. Solar power produces no emissions and is renewable.

## **Food Box Packing And Delivery** Schedule

Volunteers will start delivering this year's Christmas Food Boxes at 0700 hours (7:00 a.m.) on Friday, December 23, 1994 from both the Sunshine Division and also Northeast Precinct, 449 N. E. Emerson Street.

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