

# Museum Happenings

## (Spring) Break from the Outdoors at the Moab Museum

by Moab Museum staff

When you inevitably reach the need for a break from the many glorious springtime adventures on tap in Moab, stop by the Moab Museum to contextualize the landscape, hear a few stories from folks who called this place home, and speak with the knowledgeable staff here about the questions that are bound to arise! April at the Museum is a month of celebration: On April 24th, we are proud to present our Annual Membership Gala, each Tuesday offers a conversation with an archaeologist, and programs present an opportunity to dive beyond the exhibition on display.

### Beyond the Exhibition: A Moab Prison Camp

On April 4th at 2pm and 6pm, Rose Masters, a volunteer and former National Park Service Ranger at Manzanar National Historic Site presents “Manzanar to Moab.” This talk provides an overview of Manzanar’s history as Masters shares stories of some of the men incarcerated at Manzanar Relocation Center who were transferred to the Moab Isolation Center following the so-called ‘Manzanar Riot’. The program will be held virtually in the Moab Museum’s South Gallery.

On April 18th at 2pm and 6pm the Museum will host a free film screening of “Injustice at Home: Looking like the Enemy.” This short film features the inspiring stories of people in the Japanese American community, focusing



Potsherds collected around a dwelling in Southeast Utah. Chat with an archaeologist at the Museum every Tuesday this April and May about what we can learn from pottery!

on Japanese Americans during WWII, both inside and outside the evacuation zone, chronicling their struggles and perseverance.

### Archaeology on the Lawn

*What can an archeologist interpret from a piece of ancient pottery? Why does it matter if we take something someone discarded long ago?*

Chat with the Moab Museum’s Curatorial & Collections Manager weekly on Tuesdays between 11am-2pm to ask these questions and more. Handle a variety of ancient pottery sherds at the Archaeology Station and learn what an archeologist sees when she examines an artifact and why it’s critical to visit cultural sites with respect.

This program is free with Museum membership. Regular museum admission applies.

### A Celebratory Evening: The Museum Gala

**Date:** Wednesday, April 24th, 2024

**Time:** 6 pm-8:30 pm

**Location:** The Grand Center, 182 N. 500 W., Moab,

**Tickets:** [www.moabmuseum.org/annual-membership-gala](http://www.moabmuseum.org/annual-membership-gala)



**118 E. Center St.  
Tues-Sat 9am-5pm**

The Moab Museum is pleased to announce the second annual Membership Gala with special guest Roberta “Bobbie” Conner. Join us for an evening celebration of the Moab Museum community on Wednesday, April 24 from 6-8:30 pm, and partner with us to make Museum programming, special events, and exhibitions possible. Community partners help us to introduce locals and traveling guests alike to our region’s cultural and natural history, and the big stories unfolding today across the region. An up-scale buffet dinner will be provided by Moab Private Chef for guests to enjoy along with local beverages and cocktails from 98 Center.

Roberta (Bobbie) Conner, Director of the Tamastslikt Cultural Institute on the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, will discuss “Nurturing Cross-Cultural Collaboration.” Ms. Conner is a former member and President of the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) Board of Trustees and a former member of the American Alliance of Museums (AAM) Board of Directors. Drawing on her professional experience, she will discuss the opportunities and challenges museums face as they strive to share stories of the diverse and underrepresented cultures of Southeastern Utah and Four Corners region.



Visitors explore the current exhibition on display at the Member’s Preview in February 2024. *A Moab Prison Camp: Japanese American Incarceration* is on display at the Museum until June 29, 2024.



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