

Desert Museum Membership



Dear Friend of the Desert,

The Imperial Valley Desert Museum Board of Directors encourages you to join us in supporting the preservation of native desert tribe artifacts, and educating our community to the history, geology and culture of the Yuha desert area. By becoming a member of IVDMS, you will be able to participate in “member only” special events and Talk with an Expert dinners. You will receive priority notification of all museum activities. Your admission with a guest is free and you will receive a 10% discount on all gift shop purchases. We hope you have been able to visit the museum to see what’s been accomplished. Below is a quick overview of some of these exciting new exhibits. Watch for our Phase III Geological exhibit, which is coming soon!



Nearly 100 ceramic vessels are on display for the first time in over 40 years!

Make a trip to the Museum, or visit us on the web at www.ivdesertmuseum.org for detailed descriptions and more.

- ❖ **Archeology:** Introducing visitors to the museum and what you might see on a hike in the desert: grinding stones, ceramic sherds, and stone debitage that archaeologists use to recreate the area's history.
- ❖ **Rock Talks:** Pull out panels describing a hike and its geology, where you would see the actual rock formation used as a model for each exhibit rock.
- ❖ **Adaptation Cases:** Highlighting three of the ways Native Americans adapted to survive in the extreme landscape of the Imperial Valley.
- ❖ **Visible Storage:** In addition to text panels digging deeper into the story of Southern California ollas are 2 monitors presenting a video on traditional Kumeyaay ceramic arts thanks to a grant from the [Alliance for California Traditional Arts](#).

Your annual, sponsoring or lifetime membership supports the on-going costs of museum upkeep and staffing. Additionally, a Museum Endowment Fund was created in July 2015 through community donations and approved use of mitigation funds from solar wind energy projects. Endowment funds will be matched 3:1 with 5-year grant funding from the National Endowment for Humanities (NEH). Our goal is to use income from this fund to sustain staffing and educational projects relating to Native American artifacts and student field trips in the years to come.

Thank you for considering becoming an IV Desert Museum member. Your membership will support education and activities for both yourself and the community. Additional donations will support sustained funding from Endowment Fund income.

Please return bottom section with your donation. *HELP US STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOU BY UPDATING YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION*

Yes! I want to support the Museum with:

Make checks payable to IVDMS and mail to:
 IVDMS –Imperial Valley Desert Museum
 P O Box 2455
 El Centro, CA 92244-2455

- Annual Membership \$35.00** (Individual)
- Sponsoring Membership \$100** (Individual)
- Life Membership \$1,000.00** (Individual)
- I want to make a general donation in the amount of \$ _____**

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 Please call (760)358-7015*

- Friend of the Museum 5 for 5 annual pledge** (\$500 annually for 5 years to Endowment Fund.)
- I want to make a donation to the Endowment in the amount of \$ _____**
- I want to make a donation to the Endowment *In Memory of:* _____**

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