

Museum Happenings

Winter at the Museum

by Moab Museum Staff

February at the Moab Museum continues the momentum of a landmark year as we carry forward Voices of the Plateau, our exhibition series commemorating America’s 250th anniversary. With opportunities to explore the gallery, step behind the scenes, and look ahead to one of our most anticipated annual events, the Museum invites the community to stay engaged all month long.



Jedediah Rogers and Deena Ute introduce the Museum’s first semiquincentennial exhibit of the year, “Breaking 100 Years of Silence” at the Members’ Opening in January.

Visitors can experience Breaking 100 Years of Silence, now on view, which marks the centennial of the Posey War of 1923. Through contemporary art and storytelling, the exhibition centers Ute perspectives and encourages reflection on memory, survival, and the lasting impacts of this conflict. The exhibit will be open during February’s Art Walk, offering an accessible and welcoming space to engage with these powerful stories.

On **Friday, February 6**, the Moab Museum will participate in **Art Walk** as part of a **MARC program**, with **free admission from 5 to 8 p.m.** Details are still to come, but visitors are encouraged to stop by, explore the galleries, and spend time with Breaking 100 Years of Silence during this evening celebration of local arts and culture.

For those curious about what happens beyond the gallery walls, the Museum will host a **Collections Storage Facility Tour on Wednesday, February 11**. This behind-the-scenes experience offers a rare look at how the Museum preserves and cares for thousands of objects, photographs, and archival materials that tell Moab’s story. Recent improvements to the facility, including new compact shelving, represent a major investment in long-term preservation and stewardship. Space is limited, and

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this tour is ideal for anyone interested in museum work, local history, or collections care.

February is also the moment to start planning for one of the Museum’s most festive evenings of the year. **Mark your calendars and keep your alibis handy** for the **Moab Museum’s 2026 Annual Gala**, happening **Thursday, March 26, at The Hoodoo Moab**. Inspired by Moab’s early days of legends, fortunes, and outlaws, this year’s Gala leans into high-style saloon vibes—sneaky, glamorous, and just a little gritty. Guests can expect a lively cocktail hour, an exciting live auction, immersive historical details, and a chance to support the Museum’s exhibitions, collections, and educational programs during this important semiquincentennial year. Costumes and



Director of Collections, Allie Donnell, tours guests around the Moab Museum’s Collections Storage Facility Vault designed for highly-perishable materials and objects.

creative dress are encouraged, with more details coming soon. Tickets can be reserved online at **moabmuseum.org**. Whether you’re stopping by for Art Walk, stepping behind the scenes, or planning your Gala attire, February offers many ways to connect with the Moab Museum and the voices that continue to shape this place.



Exhibition at Dead Horse Point State Park Visitor Center

Spirit and Grit: Ranching in Canyonlands

Explore the story of settlers who pieced together a hardscrabble living in early Moab, from the 1870s onward, in this temporary exhibit at the Dead Horse State Park Visitor Center. Visitors to Spirit and Grit experience a window into the lives of some of these early settlers through this immersive satellite exhibit.

Spirit and Grit, an extension of stories told at the Moab Museum, was curated by the Moab Museum’s Curatorial and Collections Manager, in collaboration with the Moab Museum of Film and Western Heritage (MMFWH), and with assistance from longtime Moabite and local historian Mark Beeson. Featuring historic photographs, objects, stories, and a life-sized cow camp, the exhibition paints a vibrant portrait of ranch life in the area of canyonlands at the turn of the twentieth century.

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