



Save the Date: Tuzigoot's Historic Museum Reopens June 3, 2011

Save the date! Tuzigoot National Monument's historic visitor center and museum will reopen Friday, June 3, 2011, with new exhibits highlighting recent research and detailed collaboration with interpreters, Tribal representatives and scientists from around the American Southwest.

A celebratory gathering will be held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. June 3, with a community open house June 3, 4, and 5, 2011. There will be no fees during the three day event, open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, co-hosted with Western National Parks Association staff.

Park Superintendent Kathy M. Davis initiated the renovation project in 2004, explaining that the last refurbishment of exhibits was in the mid-1970s. The museum building, constructed in 1935-1936 as a Works Project Administration project, also needed a sprinkler system, new wiring and security, paint and electrical fixtures.

NPS Exhibit Specialist Sue Fischer developed a sequence of exhibits designed to relate the story of Tuzigoot, highlighting the people who inhabited central Arizona before European contact, and linking the heritage and connections with American Indian people today.

During the 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. observance, heritage awards will be presented to volunteers and organizations who have exemplified achievement in historic and cultural preservation. There will also be cultural demonstrations offering the public a hands-on opportunity to learn about ancient technologies. For additional information, contact Tuzigoot National Monument at 928-634-5564.