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Prickly Pair and the Cactus Chorale and author Margaret Coel featured at 2010 Museum Day

Dubois, WY— Prickly Pair and the Cactus Chorale will bring their unique brand of cowboy music to the 2010 Dubois Museum Day on Saturday, July 17. The annual event is held on the museum grounds at 909 West Ramshorn St. in Dubois from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Museum Day is an annual event sponsored by the Dubois Museum Association featuring traditional western craft displays and demonstrations by local artists and artisans. Many artisans will have items such as jewelry, beadwork, antler art, wool ropes, saddle blankets, soaps and scrimshaw for sale.

Prickly Pair, also known as Les and Locke Hamilton, and bass player Norman Winter (the Cactus Chorale), will perform at 12 and 1:15 p.m. Prickly Pair and the Cactus Chorale perform across the state and in many other states as well.



Les and Locke Hamilton are Wyoming natives who live in the East Fork Valley south of Dubois. Norman Winter grew up in Dubois and graduated from Dubois High School. The group won the 2009 Western Music Association's Marilyn Tuttle Harmony Award.

Traditional homestead stew, fry bread and lemonade will be served at noon. Delicious home-baked goods will be sold until the last item

is gone.

Margaret Coel, best-selling author of the acclaimed Wind River mystery series, will be signing books and reading from her latest novel. Coel's novel The Spirit Woman won the Colorado Book Award and the Willa Cather Award for Best Novel of the West. Another work, The Shadow Dancer, also won the Colorado Book Award.

Western artist Tom Lucas of Lander will demonstrate the art of flint-knapping. He will also demonstrate the traditional Shoshone bows he crafts from bighorn sheep horns in a long, painstaking process.

Dubois western artist Gary Keimig will demonstrate his painting technique at Museum Day 2010. He and Lucas will create two “quick draw” paintings from 1 to 2 p.m. for a silent auction from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Keimig and Lucas are co-owners of Silver Sage Gallery in downtown Dubois.

The Wyoming Rangers, a Lander group modeled after an 1867 volunteer militia unit authorized by the governor of Wyoming to protect white and Indian residents from raiding Crow and Sioux warriors, will make a return visit to Museum Day 2010. The Rangers will walk around the museum complex in authentic battle gear telling visitors about their extensive arsenal of guns and the history of the Rangers.

Steve Banks, a fur trade expert, will bring back the era of beaver-trapping. Wearing 1820-style clothes and buckskin, he will set up an authentic trapper’s tent complete with traps. Banks will demonstrate the mountain men’s fire-starting techniques.

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