

## Joins the NM Museum of Natural History & Science

## **Presenting**

'Birds of Paradise: Amazing Avian Evolution'



Join us as we Celebrate in Style
for our

21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Party AND a Field Trip Too
Saturday, June 20
3 p.m. into the evening
\$50 per person

(includes Museum admission and 3 course dinner at High Noon Restaurant)

Dress is low-key casual, but if you come dressed as a bird of paradise there will be a special prize!



## 'Birds of Paradise: Amazing Avian Evolution' National Geographic Exhibit at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science

Our tour leader is Dr. Ayesha S. Burdett, Bioscience Curator. She will lead us on a virtual tour to New Guinea and the exotic world of birds-of-paradise, a destination that most of us will never see. The exhibit highlights the groundbreaking research of photographer Tim Laman and Cornell Lab of Ornithology scientist Edwin Scholes.

Best of all, the exhibit features the extravagant plumage, crazy courtship dances and bizarre behaviors of the extraordinary birds. It highlights the importance of birds-of-paradise to New Guinea. Maps and diagrams of the birds' ranges across the

country explain how the country's environment allowed the birds to adapt and evolve over time. Legends and folklore are shared from generations past.

Equal parts natural history, photography, and science exhibition, "Birds of Paradise" gives visitors an in-depth look into the lives of birds-of-paradise via natural soundscapes, traditional wood carvings, and a montage of all 39 birds-of-paradise species. Photos, videos, bird specimens, and a kinetic sculpture of a riflebird (a bird-of-paradise species) also show the transformations that birds-of-paradise undergo to attract their mates and the various moves that make up their mating rituals, and interactive games such as "Dance, Dance Evolution" let people dance along with the birds to learn their signature moves.

There will be time to explore other museum exhibits or visit with Hawks Aloft staff and members prior to dinner. Afterward, we will celebrate in style at the High Noon Restaurant in Old Town Albuqerque. Join us for a three course dinner and a fun-filled evening, complete with mini-raffles and prizes. Non-alcoholic beverages included in the above cost. Bar service available with separate checks.

## Dinner at the Historic High Noon Restaurant in Old Town Albuquerque A Tradition since 1974

High Noon Restaurant and Saloon opened its doors in July of 1974, beginning a long-standing tradition of excellent food and great Margaritas in historic Old Town. Owned and operated by the Villa family since its inception, High Noon serves eclectic food, elegantly presented with exceptional service.

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