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Grand Canyon Association to Host Open House at Desert View Watchtower on Father's Day Weekend

Flagstaff, Ariz. – The Grand Canyon Association will host an open house on Father's Day weekend at the [Desert View Watchtower](#), where visitors can take a look back in the past and learn about the iconic structure located at the eastern end of Grand Canyon National Park.

The open house will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 18-19, 2016. There's no charge to attend the open house, but the cost to enter Grand Canyon National Park is \$30 per vehicle.

Famed architect Mary Colter designed the Desert View Watchtower in 1932 "to introduce the depths of native culture to the traveler." Today, the Desert View Watchtower is a gathering place for American Indians to gather for public cultural demonstrations, celebrations and other events.

The Desert View Watchtower is one of 20 national park projects currently competing in a contest sponsored by *National Geographic* to award \$2 million dollars in historic preservation funds. To learn more, visit [VoteYourPark.org](#).

"This will be a great chance for families to experience this amazing structure," said Grand Canyon Association CEO Susan Schroeder. "This is a great opportunity to show off this architectural treasure that has great significance for both the Grand Canyon and American Indians. For Father's Day, give dad an experience."

Weekend schedule:

- Grand Canyon National Park's Desert View Cultural Demonstration Series will showcase five American Indian artists from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The artists include:
 - **Waldo Davis**--Zuni Fetish Carver
 - **Iva Honyestewa**--Hopi Basket Weaver
 - **Edward Honyestewa**--Hopi Carver

- **Patrick Yellowhorse--Navajo Sandcast Jeweler**
- **Donald Dawahongnewa--Hopi Weaver**

- Grand Canyon Association Photo Booth 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

- Experience a Living History Program with Park Ranger Marie Malo as Desert View Watchtower architect Mary Colter 10 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday.

For more information about the Desert View Watchtower open house, visit the [Grand Canyon Association](#) or call (928) 863-3875.

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The [Grand Canyon Association](#) was founded in 1932 and is the National Park Service's official non-profit partner raising private funds to benefit Grand Canyon National Park. The GCA operates retail shops and visitor centers within the park, and works to help preserve and protect Grand Canyon National Park by cultivating support, education and understanding of the park.