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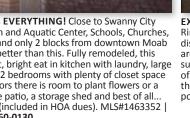
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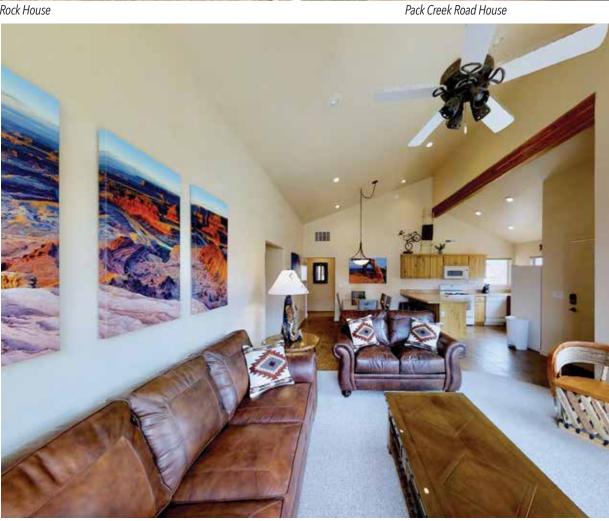


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"MUSIC IN CONCERT WITH THE LANDSCAPE"

Written by Sharon Sullivan

Moab Music Festival features nature's greatest venues

fter a 45-minute jet boat ride down the Colorado River passengers and musicians disembark on its bank, and walk 50 yards to where chairs and instruments – and even a piano – have been set up ahead of time in this natural, outdoor concert venue. Concertgoers take their seats amongst red sandstone cliffs. The silence and surrounding desert landscape only enhance the music performed by world-class musicians who come each year to play at the Moab Music Festival.

Violinist Harumi B. Rhodes recalls her first grotto concert, where, to her amazement, the soloist who was opening the concert climbed up on a rock ledge above the audience and began to play his French horn. "It was so majestic, rich and expressive," Rhodes recalls. The music bounced off the canyon walls creating an echo that was "unbelievable," she says. Black ravens against a blue sky provide a visual accent to the music.

The Moab Music Festival is a one-of-a-kind, 10-day music festival that features old and new chamber music, Latin-flavored jazz, and traditional music from around the world. More than 40 musicians come each year to collaborate and perform in one or more of the 20 different concerts that take place at various indoor and outdoor venues around Moab. Concerts are held at Star Hall, Red Cliffs Lodge, in private homes, Sorrel River Ranch, school auditoriums, and at various undisclosed outdoor wilderness locations.

Festival's 25th anniversary

This year's festival, August 31 through September 11, is celebrating its 25th anniversary, along with the 100th birthday of Leonard Bernstein – "the greatest musician of the 20th century," opines festival co-founder Michael Barrett. Eighteen of the musicians who will be performing throughout the week will put on a closing night Leonard Bernstein Centennial Celebration concert Sunday, September 10, at the Grand County High School Auditorium. His daughter Jamie Bernstein will narrate the evening with personal stories about the late composer's life.

The highly notable husband-wife banjo duo Bela Fleck and Abigail Washburn will perform this year at Red Cliffs Lodge, on Saturday, September 2. The couple will play songs from their new self-titled album, which won a 2016 Grammy Award for Best Folk Album.

Two separate solo concerts will be performed by Barrett's "favorite living jazz pianist" – Marcus Roberts – one concert at a private home, and a second at Star Hall. Finding stellar musicians to perform at the annual festival has

not been difficult. "The artists that come here respond well to the landscape," says Barrett's wife and co-founder Leslie Tomkins. "They're completely taken by it."

A host of other musicians playing percussion, flute, violin, viola, piano, cello, baritone, button accordion, guitar, bass, clarinet, bagpipes, electric bass, and vocals will perform a variety of concerts, including Brazilian, classical, and contemporary works by living composers.

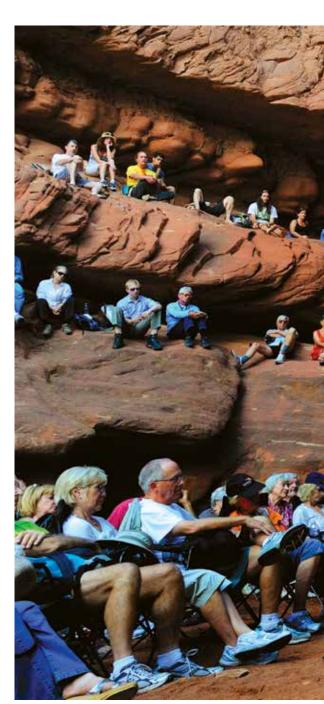
'Music in concert with the landscape'

The Moab Music Festival's signature events are the outdoor grotto concerts — "pristine, acoustically wilderness grottos carved from the surrounding red rock walls" — reached only by boat via the Colorado River. After all, it was the landscape, that inspired the festival's founding, says Barrett and Tompkins.

On a rare vacation out west, the freelance musicians from New York City fell in love with the Moab landscape. The couple had already been thinking about starting a music festival somewhere. Barrett, a conductor and pianist, is also co-founder and associate artistic director of the New York Festival of Song. Tomkins, a violist, is associate director of Summertrios, which provides coaching and performance opportunities for adult amateur musicians. After visiting Moab they knew they had found a home for their new music festival

"I was so taken by the total beauty of the place," Barrett says. They both knew that if they established a festival here they would get to come back again and again. "We got together with locals to see if there was interest." Uranium mining was no longer the economic driver, and town leaders were looking to reinvent the economy – a music festival fit with Moab's plan to attract more tourism to the area.

"We wanted to be part of the community," Barrett recalls. "Moab is so spectacular – after all these years we're so in love with the place. It's fun to try and share special places with beautiful music, so expertly performed – there's something exquisite about the two coming together."



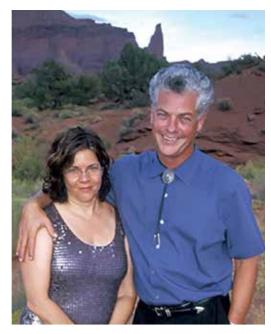
The festival draws patrons worldwide, as well as people from Moab like Karen Feary, who attends as many of the concerts as she can each year. "The setting really sets the tone for the music," she says. "One of my favorites is the Ranch Benefit Concert," held at a private ranch on the banks of the Colorado River. This year's concert, "Excusez-moi, Do You Speak Fiddle" features fiddler Brittany Haas, a regular on Prairie Home Companion, along with her sister Natalie Haas on cello, guitarist Jordan Tice, and Yann Falquet playing button accordion. The ensemble will perform a mix of traditional Quebecois, Appalachian, Celtic and Scandinavian music, along with original tunes. The concert is one of several that raises funds for the festival's education outreach program.

Another local resident, Yrma van der Steenstraeten, of Castle Valley, says she and her husband always attend two of the evening outdoor concerts. "We love the Cuban music, the Latin American music," she says. "Sometimes the combinations are based on a classical tune. It's really intricate and really wonderful."

The sound of silence

A musical raft trip is offered both the day before, and the day after the festival for those who crave adventure along with their music. On August 28, 15 patrons joined the Ruby-Horsethief and Westwater Canyons musical raft trip – a twonight, three-day affair that took rafters through a narrow canyon gorge and whitewater rapids. At the campsite violinist Kristin Lee and cellist Clancy Newman performed for the group.

A second musical raft trip, slated for September 11, through Cataract Canyon includes class 3 and 4 whitewater rapids. When asked how the musical instruments are kept dry and protected, Barrett responded with a chuckle: "We now own



Moab Music Festival founders Leslie Tomkins and Michael Barrett. [Courtesy Moab Music Festival]







carbon-fiber instruments that are mostly indestructible." Thus far, none of the rafts carrying the musical instruments have flipped – although some of the accompanying kayakers, including Barrett, have swum at times. The four-day, three-night raft trip includes daily concerts by violinist Ayano Ninomiya; Christopher Layer, on bagpipes and flute; Jay Campbell performing cello, and guitarist Matt Munisteri.

You don't have to brave rapids, however, to enjoy the music in an outdoor setting. During the festival itself, there are plenty of opportunities to attend concerts while reveling in Moab's stunning scenery. There are three grotto concerts scheduled at secluded, "natural places that nature has carved out on the banks of the Colorado River," says Barrett. "It's extremely quiet, sheltered, protected; not too hot." Chairs for the audience are placed in a circle around the musicians, though some choose to clamber up onto cliff ledges to find their seats — "it's like being up in the balcony," describes Barrett.

Silence is an integral part of the experience. "I start every concert with a full minute of silence," Barrett says. "We're always surrounded by extraneous noise whether it's a humming refrigerator or an overhead jet. Here, there is extreme silence. It's a very moving experience to have 100 people gathered for a full minute of silence; then, the music starts out of the silence." A dozen musicians, or a single violinist may break the



stillness. Either way, "the acoustics are amazing," says Barrett.

Barrett and Tomkins invited Rhodes to perform at the festival four years ago after they heard the violinist play on several occasions in New York City. Rhodes is an artist member of the Boston Chamber Music Society and often travels to play with other groups as well. Additionally, she's teaches violin at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

"It's great to return to one of the most special places on earth," says Rhodes, who is performing in two of this year's grotto concerts. "We play so softly; the blend with the other musicians – these sounds are not possible in a manmade hall – it's magical. Rhodes will perform in one of the grotto concerts a selection of Johann Sebastian Bach's works. "In these acoustics, the purity of



Bach's music will allow us to shape, interpret the music in new ways. It allows us to hear the music more purely," she says.

"There's nothing like it — it's a festival that stands apart from everything else that exists. I've played a lot of festivals. At this one, there's chemistry between the people, the music, and the landscape. While it's common to feel chemistry with people; this place is unique in that kind of energy and chemistry exists in collaboration with nature."

The various small ensembles that perform throughout the festival are not, for the most part, preformed groups before they arrive to Moab. Barrett and Tomkins gather a core group of musicians who rehearse together throughout the week for onstage collaborations at various venues during the festival. Chick Corea and Bela Fleck performed together at a past festival, for example. Tomkins and Barrett join musicians in about half of the concerts.

In addition to the grotto concerts there are "music hikes" where musicians and concertgoers hike together to a "secret" site where, again, chairs and musical instruments have been set up beforehand. Patrons and musicians take a shuttle from downtown Moab to a particular trailhead where everyone hikes for about a mile to a previously undisclosed location. "We keep it a secret," Barrett says. "It's always an amazing spot. We always thought we should take advantage of the beauty of the landscape. So, since the beginning, it's been a big part of what we do."

Music education for Moab youth

From its inception, a guiding principal of the festival has been to solidly immerse itself in the Moab community. Since the first year, visiting musicians have gone into Grand County schools

Silence is an integral part of the experience.

to perform for, and work with students to contribute to their music education. Programs are tailored to be interesting and relevant for each particular level of student. "For instance, the older kids will get a modified version of the closing night Leonard Bernstein centennial concert with the narrator," Tomkins says. "It will be a very unique program."

In February, during Moab Music Festival's Winterlude event, University of Utah musicians worked with local students and teachers, including those in the BEACON Afterschool's Moab strings program. After a week of workshops, some students were given the opportunity to perform at an evening Star Hall concert with professional musicians, says BEACON program manager Kaitlin Thomas.

"Students were empowered and motivated by the experience," Thomas says. "It opens their eyes to a variety of opportunities that can exist



in their future with music." Since 2000, the music festival has additionally arranged for an Artist-in-Residence program during the year.

"Moab is so spectacular," Barrett says. "After all these years we're so in love with the place. It's fun to try and share special places with beautiful music, so expertly performed — there's something exquisite about the two coming together."

"This is really a special year for us – our 25th year," Tomkins adds. "It's a milestone. I'd like to say to everybody who has helped us – it takes a lot of people, support, and effort. We're very grateful."

Opposite page, top: Cellist Mark Votapek and Festival artist Christopher Layer on bagpipes during the raft trip. [Photo by Nisha Sondhe]. Middle: Cellist Tanya Tomkins at a Music Hike performance [Photo by Richard Bowditch]. Right: From left to right, the festival's Moab office staff: Box Office Manager Bobby Hollahan, Festival Coordinator Erin Groves and Executive Director Laura Brown. [Photo by Murice D. Miller]

This page, top: Cellist Jay Campbell at a Moab Music Festival Music Hike. [Photo by Elizabeth Leslie Photography]. Bottom: Violinist Ayano Ninomiya on one of Moab Music Festival's raft trips. [Photo by Richard Bowditch]

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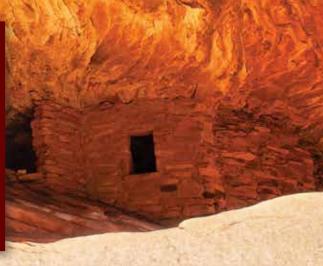
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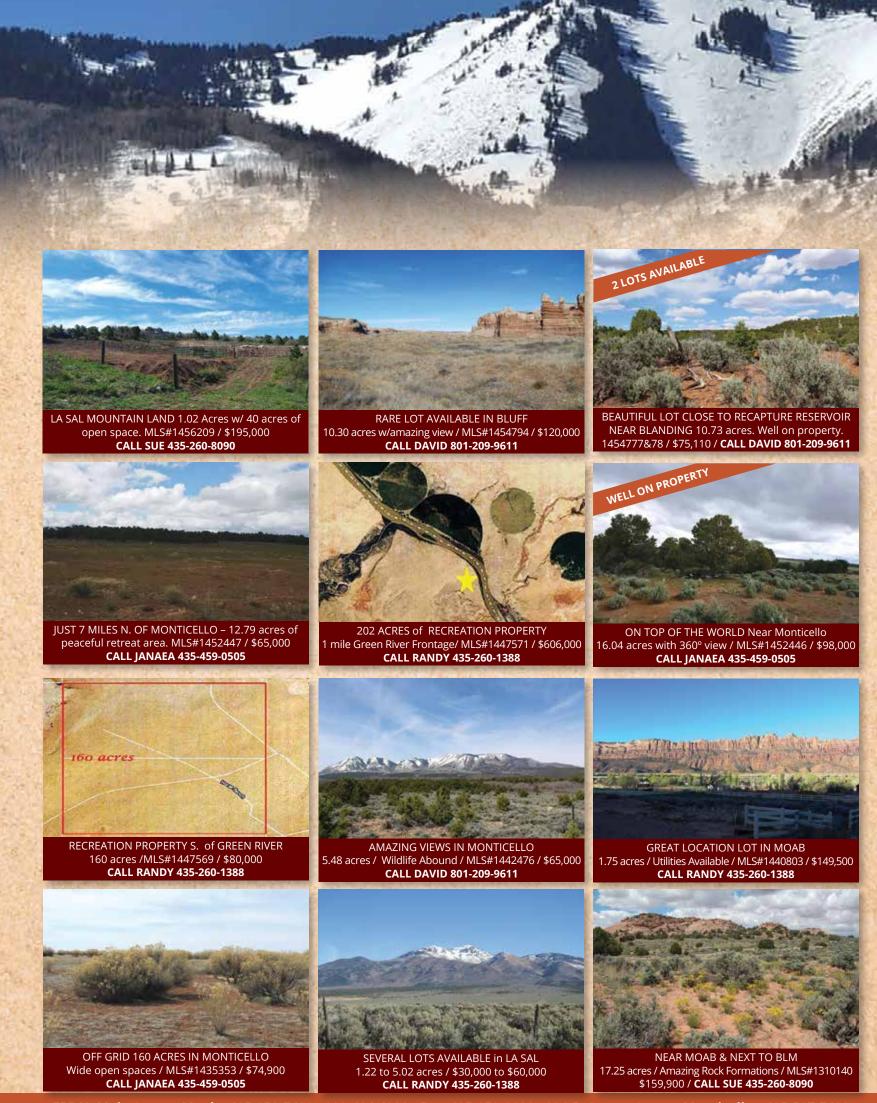
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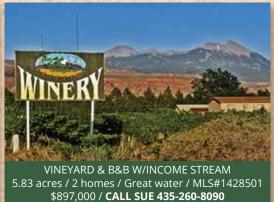
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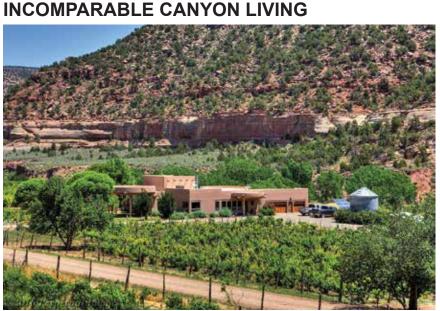
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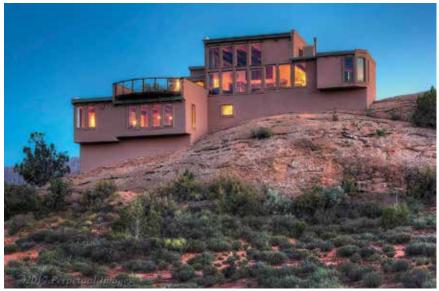




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This exquisitely detailed 3 bed, 2 bath, 2,600 sf home is perfectly designed to celebrate high desert beauty and awe-inspiring views. Natural materials are featured throughout the home. Fabulous floorplan, with private Master wing. Extraordinary outdoor living spaces, cliff-side pergola/studio/teahouse, two car garage, gorgeous setting on 21.5 acres with gated access.

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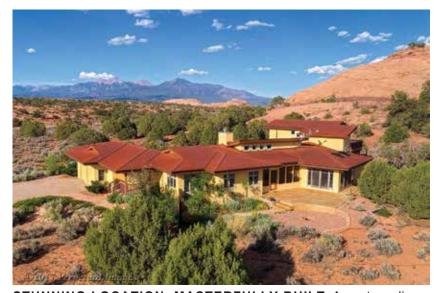




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STUNNING LOCATION, MASTERFULLY BUILT An extraordinary 4 bed, 4.5 bath, 3,282 sf Flat Iron Mesa home, built for energy efficiency in harmony with the landscape; beautifully crafted living spaces that are luxurious and welcoming. Two Master Suites, sunroom, indoor lap pool, 2 car garage on 13.07 acres w/ stunning views! **\$795,000 #1463584**



CASTLE VALLEY RANCH Rugged beauty in a stunning red rock setting with breathtaking views! This 5 bed, 4.5 bath, 3,986 sf log home is tucked into 5.17 acres in beautiful Castle Valley. A magnificent Western estate! Two Master Suites, sitting area, game room, separate apartment, indoor spa. Oversized 2 car garage with work bench. \$795,000 #1461208

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WELCOME HOME Gorgeous setting on a rare double parcel in White Horse Subdivision! This lovely 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 2,018 sf home features vaulted ceilings, open and airy kitchen and family room, and beautiful natural light. Relax on the patios and enjoy the views of the Rim, La Sals, & slickrock. 3 car garage, 1 acre. \$599,000 #1441997



CREEK-SIDE RETREAT A private, unique setting and a one-of-a-kind house offer an almost magical get-away. Special 3 bed, 2 bath, 1,741 sf home features open living spaces, beautiful rock work, and unique architectural details. Lush 1.26 acre parcel with mature trees. Detached oversized garage. \$395,000 #1458050





ECOLOGICAL SANCTUARY Harmonious balance of green living & extraordinary design in an amazing creek-side setting. A soothing 3,372 sf retreat set between desert and mountains on 9.01 acres in Pack Creek. Stunning craftsmanship, post & beam with strawbale insulation, natural materials, and artisanal detail throughout. Truly beautiful living spaces, gorgeous natural light. Stunning 75' indoor lap pool. Detached 2 car garage, lovely landscaping, multiple outdoor living spaces, private path leading to the Creek. Grid-tied solar PV system. This very special property offers a serenity you will simply love. \$846,000 #1325867







RED ROCK PANORAMAS Beautiful newer 2 bed, 2 bath 1,753 sf home perched above the valley on 6.13 acres atop Kayenta Heights. Wonderful floorplan, quality craftsmanship, and a beautiful setting minutes from downtown. Formal entryway, huge living area featuring oversized picture windows and a cozy wood stove. Superb kitchen, functional yet elegant. Private Master Suite with en suite bath featuring separate soaking tub and walk-in shower. Second bedroom, office/den, and full bath in a separate wing of the home. Gorgeous grounds, spacious patios, 2 car garage, RV parking. \$699,000 #1450760

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DOWNTOWN CATCH Bright and open 3 bed, 2 bath 2,139 sf home with a perfect downtown location, beautiful green setting, and a bonus "Mother in Law" apartment. Finished basement with separate entrance. Beautiful .17 acre lot with mature trees, fenced back yard. Attached 2 car garage & off-street parking. Great investment! \$359,000 #1465893



UNIQUE RETREAT "Not so big" house crafted with green building principles in gorgeous Pack Creek. This 2 bed, 1.5 bath, 1,687 sf home offers a serene & inviting atmosphere and a calm, comfortable feel throughout. Workshop, storage shed on 1 acre, surrounded by 23+ acres of deeded open space. \$349,000 #1436947



PERFECT POTENTIAL!
Capture this cute 3 bed, 2 bath, 2,016 sf home and make it shine! Open, well-designed floorplan, very nice kitchen, great potential to create a spacious private bedroom suite in the finished basement. Large, fenced back yard, shady mature trees, huge deck. \$249,900 #1474354



MAKE IT YOUR OWN 4 bed, 3 bath, 1,976 sf home on a full acre, with beautiful Rim and mountain views. This home offers a great blank canvas for your vision; add your creative eye and a little elbow grease and craft this home into a fabulous space! 2 car garage, RV parking, room for horses. \$215,000 #1436265



TINY HOME, BIG VIEWS
Cute & comfortable 1 bed, 1
bath, 626 sf home on 4.59
acres in beautiful Castle
Valley. Adorable living space
with kitchen, living, & dining
areas; full bath, stacked w/d,
deck. Fenced, irrigated, nearly
surrounded by trees, gorgeous
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GREAT HOME, GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD Spacious 4 bed, 3 bath 2,720 sf home on a lovely .20 acre corner lot. Enjoy mature trees & cool green grass; relax on the inviting deck, play in the fenced back yard. Fabulous space including a large Master Suite, huge family room, and more! \$359.000 #1445479



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CUTE AS A BUTTON! Adorable 4 bed, 2 bath, 1,423 sf home with a nice mid-valley location & a charming back yard you will love. Formal entryway, spacious living area, patio access from the dining area. Master Suite with walk-in closet and en suite bath. Fenced back yard with grass & trees, xeriscaped front yard. 2 car garage, RV parking. **\$299,000 #1468595**

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PRIVACY & VIEWS! 2 bed, 2 bath, 1,767 sf off-grid home in a peaceful setting w/ stunning views on 80 private acres NE of Monticello. Artistic detail and an open feel throughout. Solar electric, propane cooking/hot water, wood stove, cistern, well & septic in place. Cell/Internet service keeps you in touch while you get away! \$284,000 #1386941





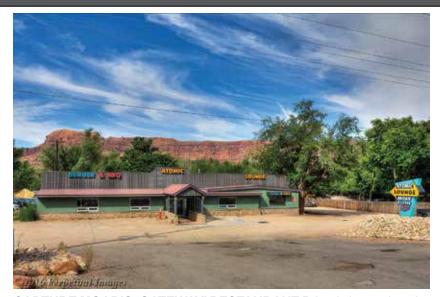


RED ROCK RETREAT Nestled beneath the Moab Rim. this updated 2 bed. 2 bath, 1,556 sf home features an easy, single-level floorplan with spacious bedrooms & baths, an expansive kitchen, open living and dining areas. Beautiful covered patio, landscaped yard with dining patio & fire pit. 2 car garage, 5.16 acres extends up the Rim! New Price! \$416,000 #1454717

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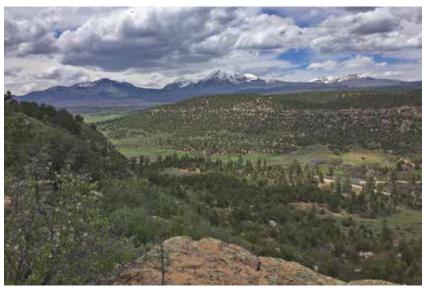


CAPTURE MOAB'S 'GATEWAY' RESTAURANT Primely located on the North end of Main Street, in close proximity to Arches National Park, Hotels, RV/Camp Parks, & the downtown core. Exceptional remodel in 2015! Stylish dining area with gorgeous patio, chic lounge with outdoor bar, coveted Private Club License. Fully operational endeavor, includes all furniture, fixtures & equipment. One acre Resort Commercial land, high visibility location, development potential. Well with 37.42 acre feet deeded rights, offering great potential for brewing or distilling. Employee housing on site. Extraordinary opportunity! \$1,650,000 #1436455

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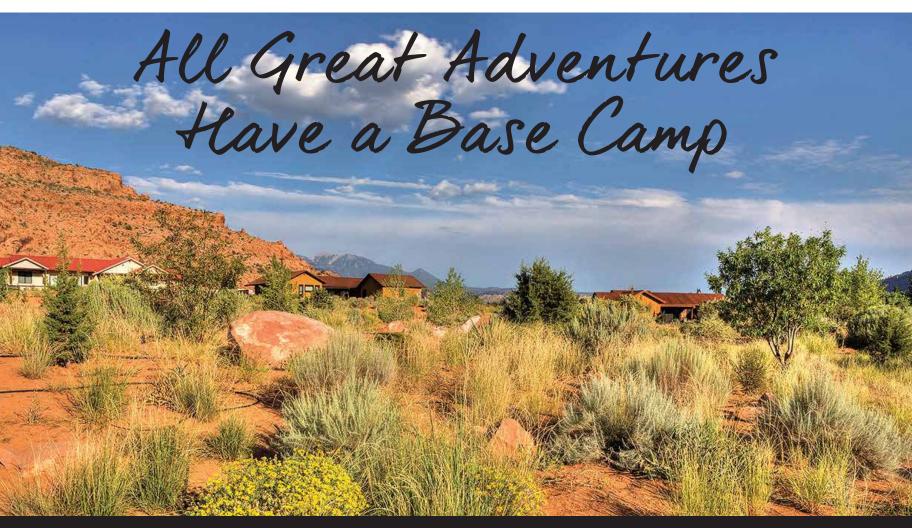


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RARE PACK CREEK PARCEL Beautiful 4.05 acre building lot in lovely Pack Creek. Stunning setting, with deeded open space, breathtaking mountain & red rock views. Power, telephone, water available. A special opportunity to craft your Pack Creek home! \$250,000 #1328749



GOLF COURSE BUILDING LOT Excellent .5 acre parcel, minutes from the first \$119,000 #1415505



YOUR ISLAND IN THE SKY Kayenta Heights view lot, dramatic landscape. 3.23 acres, Seller Financing! \$189,900 #1260380



BROWN'S HOLE EAST Remote yet accessible, beautiful 9.96 acre parcel set in the foothills of the La Sals. \$59,000 #1299333



6.27 acres, \$99,000 #1417853 6.41 acres, \$149,000 #1417865



TWO UNIQUE PARCELS Side by EXTREME VIEWS Stunning views & terrain atop Kayenta Heights! Perch side, just above downtown Moab. your dream home on this 2.6 ac lot! The viewscapes from this parcel are awe-inspiring, with sweeping panoramas of the Moab Valley and beyond. \$170,000 #1399391



WIDE OPEN SPACES Excellent 1.89 acre corner lot features slickrock, mountain, and Moab Rim views you will treasure, sunrise to sunset! All utilities in the street, well with deeded rights & power, no HOA, horses allowed. Minutes to golf, hiking, biking, 4x4 trails. \$199,500 #1466359



RED ROCKS ON THE RIDGE Navajo Ridge Lot 6B, 2.3 acres with stunning Millcreek views! New Price! \$202,500 #1342619



BEAUTIFUL VIEWS .91 parcel in Buena Vista Estates. Creek-side, mature trees, just stunning! \$129,000 #1421378



READY TO BUILD Gorgeous half **BEAUTIFUL** acre lot in Buena Vista Subdivision, perfect location for your Gorgeous site surrounded by dream home. \$98,000 #1362218 recreation! \$125,000 #1316168



DOUBLE Spacious 2.61 acre double lot.



SECLUDED BEAUTY 2.39 acre building lot in a lovely location. Utilities in street, includes 3 Acre Feet Irrigation! Great red rock and mountain views, quiet setting. Wonderful location to build your dream home, and plenty of room to bring your horses along! \$240,000 #1302613



ABSOLUTELY STUNNING 3.66 gorgeous acres perched above the valley in Kayenta Heights. Magnificent red rock, slick rock, and mountain views. Abutting parcel is also for sale, consider both for an exceptional estate site! Seller Financing Offered! \$250,000 #1346908



FOUR CORNERS DESTINATION Beautiful parcel in a gorgeous setting! Less than 30 minutes from downtown Moab, easy access to Hwy 191, expansive open space surrounds you. Incredible land value! 1.32 ac, power, water, phone/DSL. \$50,000 #1367900

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YOUR MILLCREEK CANYON Over 115 acres of land... An absolutely surreal place, your own private canyon, tucked into a landscape that will both inspire your reverence, and invite you to explore its beauty... creekside spaces, red rock walls framing the canyon floor, & sweeping up onto the flat, eastern mesa. What an extraordinary site for a one-of-a-kind retreat! \$1,995,000 #1434478



MOAB OASIS Located at the edge of Moab, this private oasis of 8.19 acres includes a streamside paradise featuring terraces of natural waterfalls and pools, mature shade trees, ancient rock art, and soaring redrock cliffs. A truly unique estate site, with a secluded building area for your home. Power to the building site, municipal water & sewer and natural gas nearby; irrigation well & water shares. \$395,000 #1440954

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9.26 acres (4 lots) with 1.13 acres entry frontage.
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Great Mtn. Property on South Mesa with amazing views of the La Sals & Moab Valley. Undeveloped 136.80 acres. Year around access. Many great cabin sights. Very private.



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20 Acres in the Moab Valley. Ready for development or a few homes. Property is flat and has excellent solar potential. Zoned RR!



#1464139 / \$1,500,000

5.06 Acres for Developers. Fenced yard with lots of water,
2 water wells. Zoned RR! Equestrian Center is close by.
Views of the La Sal Mts & Redrocks.



Avikan Hills Subd. From \$32,500-\$64,000
Enjoy Blanding's clean country air & wide open spaces.
Spectacular views of Bears Ears, Sleeping Ute, Abajo
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Creek Side Property. 3.12 acres, in town location, with lots of privacy, zoned R3 multiple bldg. location.
Beautiful views of the morning light on the west wall.



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2.12 Acres Corner Lot — flat, easy to build. Potential for solar. Close to the Moab Golf Course. Has CC&Rs, zoned RR, water & sewer taps are paid.



#1397580 / \$250,000

5.10 Acres in Kayenta Heights. Native vegetation, outcropping rock sculpture throughout, multiple private areas to build. Beautiful views in every direction.



#1345434 / \$200,000

Commercial Property with RXR Spur. 2 room office
1 bath on 3.24 ac. Flat lot, great views, fully fenced,
with 3 bed 2 bath manfhome. 5.51 acres.



Red Rock Paradise! A plethora of possibilities exist on this flat parcel on main street, Bluff, Utah. Tasty artesian water flows abundantly from the existing well.



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Flat usable 1 acre building lot with stunning views in all directions. Utilities are stubbed to the lot. Protected by CC&R's. The perfect place for your new dream home.



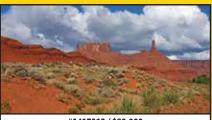
#1472228 / \$39,900
2.28 Acres with fantastic mountain views!
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#1416832 / \$111,000
Excellent 1.43 Acre Lot in Estrella Estates
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10 Acres, 7 Woodlands at La Sal
Gorgeous Views! Room to roam. County road. Mus drill well
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4.64 Acres in Castle Valley. Scenic views in a serene community. Star gazing at it's best. Easy access to the Colorado River. Priced BELOW the assessed value.



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lot lines. Lot 45 is also for sale for \$21,000



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Private, serene 37.44 acre lot, has several suitable bldg. sites. Open spaces, trees, brush, rock & a pond that collects rain water. Touches BLM land on the NW corner.



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Develop this 31 acre parcel to your liking. Commercial highway frontage with deeded access from highway 191.

Utilities are nearby. Located in scenic San Juan County.

Low Priced, vacant land east of Monticello.
Hwy frontage near MM 1 on Hwy 491.
Elevated lot has fabulous views of several
mtn. ranges. Suitable for farming,
grazing & county living.

#1422144 / \$27,000

#1456433 / \$37,000
2.44 Acres in La Sal. Power is stubbed to the lot, no natural gas available, propane available, shared well.



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#1465230 / \$599,000

Top of the World Location! Adjoins National Forest. 2 cozy log cabins. Vacation rentals with potential for 2 more cabins on 4 acre commercial property with year round access off Loop Rd. PRICED TO SELL!



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Sunset Cabin Nightly Rental off the Loop Rd. on 6.5 commercial acres. Potential for more units. Borders National Forest with stunning views and year



Views! Views! Views! Furnished updated cabin on BURRO PASS (Loop Road) bordered by forest service .5.00 acres. Year around access. Motivated sellers. PRICED TO SELL!



#1444480/\$225,000

Re-think Thompson. 1926 Italian Brick Motel, 10-guest rooms & manager apt. 2-car garage, shed with basement, two 2,000 gal. septic tanks, propane heat, built needs TLC.



#1427957 / \$250,000

Large Commercial building in scenic San Juan county, north of Blanding, UT with highway 191 frontage. 1.5 acre lot with more land available



1445814/\$797,500

Custom Southwest Home - 3216 sqft, 3 bed 2 ½ bath, 3-car garage, manicured exterior with a swimming pool, patio, porch & hot tub. 1800 sqft, 16' tall shop with a lift.



#1408276 / \$699,000

One of a Kind Home & Location. Custom Southwestern 1968 saft, 3 bed 2 bath with 360 degree views on 9.38 acres in Bridger Jack Mesa Subd.



#1460358/\$489.000

SPACIOUS 3 bed 2 bath, great room with kitchen to die for! Master bedroom with tile shower & jetted tub. One acre with views in every direction.



#1455098/\$315.000

Located on quiet cul-de-sac. Over 1400 sqft of open living space. 3 bed 2 bath. Large master suite with walk-in closet. Quaint covered patio. New HVAC.



#1339490 / \$495,000

Custom Executive Log Home on 4.62 acres in Castle Valley. 4 bed 3 bath; spa room, great room, modern kitchen with jennair grill/range



#1465467 / \$335.000

Modern 3 bed 2 bath home, located in a fine in-town neighborhood on a quiet cul-de-sac. Private back yard with shaded patio. Central air + evaporative cooler. 2-car garage.



#1455123 / \$165,000

Spacious Home in Blanding. 5 bed, 2 bath, storage galore. 0.25 acre lot—fully landscaped front & back. Room for toys & motor home behind the home.



#1379599/\$134,900

Well Maintained Home in Green River. 3 bed 2 bath, oversized family room, dining room, food storage area, & laundry room. Great views



#1454406/\$310.000

Low Maintenance 3 bed 2 bath home on 0.20 acre lot. Close to town & bike trails. Includes all appliances & hot tub. Double garage, RV parking & covered patio.



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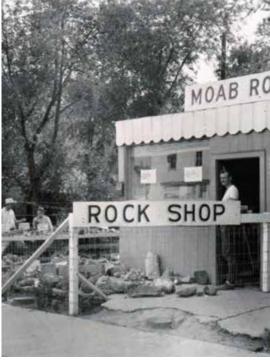


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ROCK STAR

After nine decades, Lin Ottinger still loves collecting and sharing the desert's mineral and fossil treasures





t was the time of the Great Depression, and Eileen Ottinger was working hard in a Tennessee cornfield to keep her boys fed and clothed.

"When she was out hoeing, I'd go along and find arrowheads and fairy crystals, and anything else that looked nice to me," relates Lin Ottinger. "I collected a shoebox-full and kept it in the bedroom I shared with my brother in our little cabin. I had so many that they overflowed the box."

His mother, weary of sharp things underfoot, finally insisted he move them out of the house.

"I was so sorry about it," he says. "I took them out to the barn like she said – and then I put some in my pocket. I didn't know if I could do that, but I did it anyway."

Ottinger's eyes twinkle as he shows the treasures that overflow his nearly 3,600 square-foot Moab Rock Shop and its parking area. "Lin is a collector of everything," says his partner and fellow rock hound Ann Ertel. "He sees treasure everywhere. And what he really loves most is sharing it."

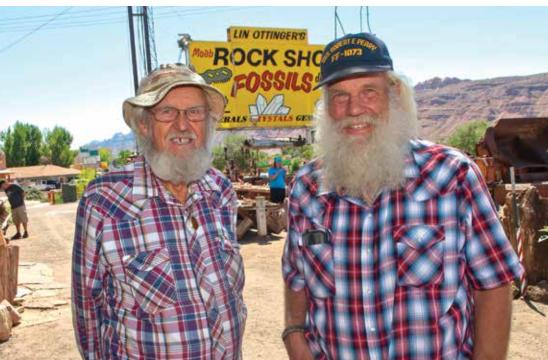


Located at 600 N. Main St., the shop is the number one place to shop in Moab according to TripAdvisor, boasting more than 4 stars on all the major review Web sites. It's also where Ottinger will celebrate with the community his 90th birthday in November.

Ottinger continues to carry around rocks in his pockets. "Do you want to know what I have in my pockets right now?" he asks. He produces what appears to be a polished green and reddish-brown precious stone. "That's dinosaur bone." Light glimmers through its finely polished surface, illuminating webs of tissue fossilized into a reddish-hued rainbow of minerals. Lapidary work and silversmithing are among Ottinger's talents. He turns the bone admiringly and returns it to his pocket.

We continue just a few paces into the shop and stop. It's hard to know where to look first. The massive teeth inside the gaping jaws of the Allosaurus skull?





The Iguanodon femur taller than a human? The giant three-toed tracks in sandstone slabs?

"A rock hound heaven!" a visitor exclaims. Others gush: "My kids were amazed," and "Cool museum, um, I mean shop."

Ottinger's first encounter with dinosaurs was as a 12-year-old, at a museum in Denver his family visited during a stopover on a train ride to Oregon.

"I went straight to look at the dinosaur fossils," Ottinger says. "My sister, mom and brother looked around and said, 'Let's go.' Mother wanted me to see the rest of the museum, but I didn't see anything else in the museum that day."

Ottinger returned to the Colorado Plateau decades later in the mid 1950s, after a fellow enthusiast at a rock and gem show in Idaho showed him a uranium sample from Kane Creek, Utah.

By then Ottinger was already an accomplished

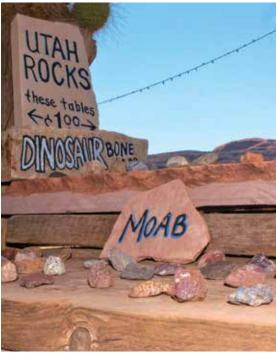


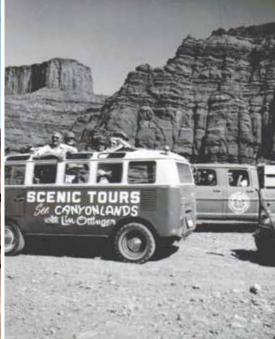
amateur geologist – better known as rock hound. With a few weeks to burn before starting a new job with a lumber company in northern California, he and his wife brought the family to Moab to see what luck they might find in the area.

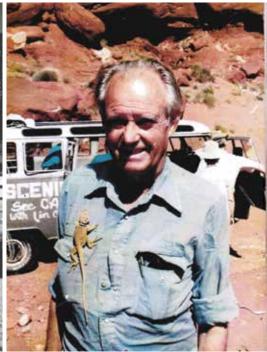
A camping trip in the area turned into employment with a mining company. At turns a miner, a prospector with numerous claims in the area, a skilled mechanic, an imaginative naturalist, talented photographer, and allaround savvy businessman, Ottinger became one of the first of what is now the classic Moab entrepreneur.

Lin's son Sonny Ottinger remembers prospecting with uranium mining legend Charles Steen; he describes a childhood spent freely roaming the streambeds and mesas around Moab.

"Mom would take us up to Sand Flats road and tell us to go play," he says. "As we played around, we found things."







Top left: Lin Ottinger with his mother, his wife, and his five children in the 1950s. [Courtesy Ottinger family] **Top right:** Lin, with his son, Sonny Ottinger, in August 2017, in front of the Moab Rock Shop at 600 N. Main Street. [Photo by Murice D. Miller]





gist Jim Jensen, was the first paleontologist to walk into the Moab Rock Shop in 1965. Ottinger piqued the professor's curiosity with a collection of armoured dinosaur scales, or scutes. On a later visit, the two hiked out to the sandy wash from where the scutes came – that wash is now known as the Dalton Wells Quarry.

"Our work on the Dalton Wells Quarry, which you discovered, is continuing," Sheetz wrote in a letter to Ottinger in November 2009. "It has proven to be the richest and most diverse Lower Cretaceous bonebed in the world."

The partnership between rock hound and paleontologist ultimately led to the reclassification of an entire layer of geological history – the Cedar Mountain Formation. Before Jensen began to dig, it had been completely ignored.

"There's a lot of dinos out there," he adds, with a twinkle in his eye like his father's. "You just have to know where to look."

One such discovery was a trail of bone fragments

[Courtesy Wikimedia Commons]

Utahraptor skeleton.

leading to a bank where father and son uncovered a massive dinosaur fossil eroding away in intermittent gully washes.

Sonny recalls helping his father re-bury the fossil. "We turned the stream bed away to stop the erosion," he says. "I made a dam with rocks, and we filled it in with dirt. That way I knew the dino would stay there." He grins as he clarifies, "And not get picked up by someone just looking for dinosaur bones."

Thirty years later, Brigham Young University paleon-tologist Dr, Rod Scheetz walked into the Moab Rock Shop looking for dinosaurs, and the Ottingers decided it was time to bring their treasure to light. Most of the family participated in the dig of what turned out to be an enormous long-necked Apatosaurus, likely mangled into its sandy grave by Utah's giant carnivorous Allosaurus.

"Lin is unique because he realizes the value in things, and turns valuable things over to science," Scheetz says.

A binder full of letters from geologists and paleontologists dating back to the early 1960s chronicles Ottinger's contributions to the scientific record – including the discovery of a dinosaur – the Iguanodon Ottingeri – that was named after him in 1984.



"One of the defining characteristics geologists used for the Cedar Mountain Formation was that there were no dinosaurs in it," Museum of Moab Director John Foster says with a chuckle. "The Dalton Wells Quarry was the beginning of the end of that idea."

Foster says he had heard of Ottinger long before he moved to Moab. "He's a walking encyclopedia of information about everything around here," Foster says. "Whenever you have a question about trails or sites, he's the first person you ask, because he's seen all of it."

With a new understanding of where to look for dinosaurs, paleontologists began digging in the formation all across the state, which led to discovery of the Utahraptor and the recently announced Moabosaurus, among other new species of dinosaur.

Scheetz says that in the next several years, several new species of dinosaurs that lived during the late Cretaceous period will be announced – all from Cedar Mountain quarries. Their discovery can be traced directly back to Ottinger sharing his scutes with Jensen in the early 60s.

"There's no substitute for experience," Scheetz says. "You can go to school and take classes, but nothing replaces getting out there and walking those hills and seeing it firsthand. In an August 2008 letter to Ottinger, Scheetz thanked him particularly for preserving the Apatosaurus in its bank and sharing it untouched with the scientific community.

"As you realize," Scheetz wrote, "a bone with no context is like a character taken out of a book... of course, none of this could have happened were it not for your love of Earth's history and the fossils it reveals. Thank you again for your support of science to further our knowledge of the past."

Back in the Moab Rock Shop, Ottinger passes the dinosaur bones and reaches for another treasure in his collection. Nestled in yet another collection, this one of lamps, is a kerosene lamp with a leaded-glass shade.

He chuckles as he explains that after removing his arrowhead collection from the house to the barn as a young boy, he had shown the few in his pocket to a barber in town who was a collector.

"The barber asked if I wanted to sell, and I said 'No!" Lin says. "Then I asked my mother if it was okay, and she said, 'I don't care what you do with them, but you can't bring them back in the house.' Well, I decided I couldn't do anything else with them."

So back he went to the barber, and negotiated for them the only sum he had ever seen – ten dollars, the amount of his mother's weekly wages. "Every week, I went back and sold arrowheads for \$10. I sold one or three for \$10 – it depended on what was in my pocket."

The leaded glass-shaded lamp was the first thing he ever bought with money he earned from his work as a rock hound.

He also used his earnings to help purchase train tickets for the family to move from Tennessee to his mother's home state of Oregon – the train that stopped in Denver, where he saw his first dinosaur.



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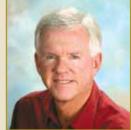
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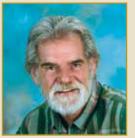
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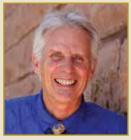
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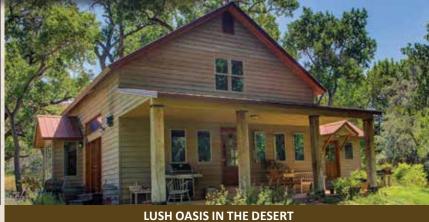


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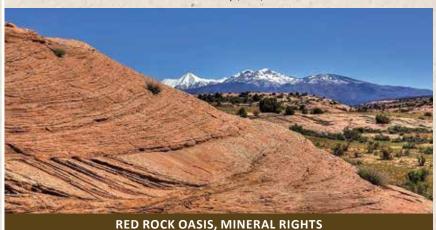
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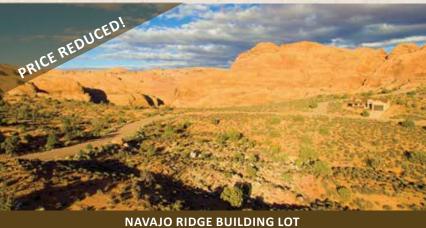
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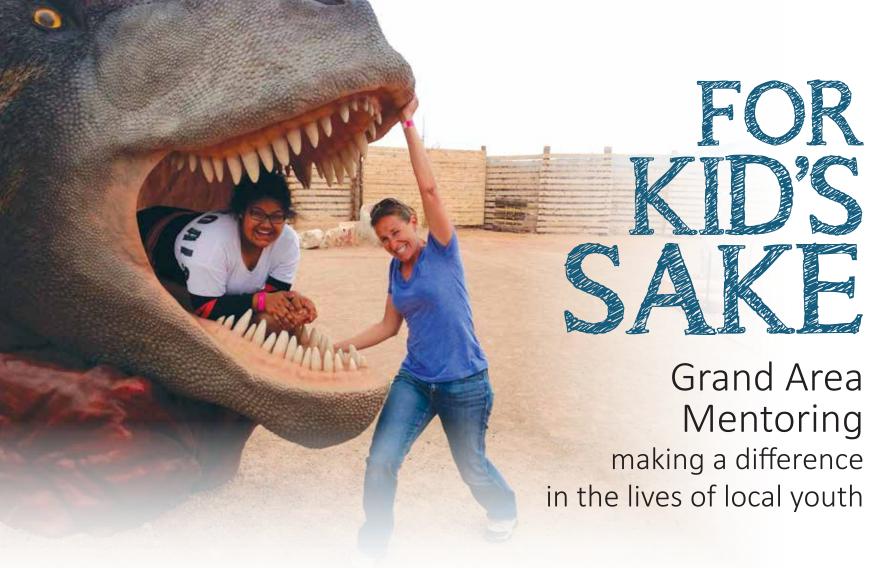
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aniel McNeil understands what it's like to feel vulnerable. So when an opportunity arose to build from the ground up a child-mentoring program – similar to Big Brothers Big Sisters of America – he jumped at the opportunity. Grand Area Mentoring matches children with caring adults who donate one hour each week to help with homework, play games, make conversation.

At age 18, McNeil was struck by a car, which left him in a coma and with a traumatic brain injury. The recovery process, he says, was long and grueling. The accident traumatized McNeil in many ways. His jaw was broken, and his "mind had been shattered; years of memory lost," he recounts. "People I thought were strangers greeted and hugged me and asked me intimate questions. I fell into depression and alienated the people I did know."

Over the next couple of years things changed for the better – McNeil says he met the right professors; made new friends, read good books. And, his family supported him when he needed it most. "I benefited from the goodwill and strength of others," he recalls. "That's what we're doing here (at Grand Area Mentoring) – linking promising children with adults who can provide goodwill and strength."

There are a wide variety of reasons why parents or teachers refer children to the mentoring program. Sometimes it's due to an illness or death in the family, or lack of a parent in the home. Some children have behavior problems, or struggle academically, or socially. Others are bullied. "Many kids face daunting challenges," McNeil says.



Top: Grand Area Mentoring Volunteer Michele Onderko enjoys a visit to the Moab Giants dinosaur park with a mentee. [Courtesy photo] **Bottom:** Grand Area Mentoring Director Daniel McNeil in his office at Helen M. Knight Elementary School. [Photo by Murice D. Miller]



McNeil's own traumatic experience "made me deeply appreciative of what it is to be a vulnerable person," he says. "These kids may not have been hit by a car, but many were hit by other circumstances. I'm grateful to be able to help them in a meaningful way."

Like a lot of Moab residents, McNeil moved to Moab for its unique geography and its outdoor recreation opportunities. After a year of teaching seventh grade special education, he became director of the mentoring program, which was founded initially in 2005 with Department of Education grant money. Originally from New England, McNeil says he never expected to stay indefinitely. However, "I fell in love with the job, the community, the people here."

While a well-run program is important – McNeil and his mentor coordinator Megan McGee ensure that volunteers are well-trained and well-matched with their younger counterparts – it is the volunteer mentors who have made the nonprofit program so successful, says McNeil. "The volunteers in Moab are remarkable – they really are."

Karen Schlom became a volunteer mentor three years ago after she retired from her job. She was looking for a way to contribute positively to her community, she says. She currently has three mentees, with whom she meets weekly for an hour each. "It is a positive experience for me as well as the mentees," she says. "We show these kids that we'll be there for them every week, on time, and support them. They love it and they need it. We all need that in our lives."

Mentors and students typically get together for an hour on school grounds. They can also meet for off-campus activities throughout the year – but must get permission and go as a group with other mentor-mentee pairs. Group outings include hikes, or swimming at the Moab Recreation and Aquatics Center, which is free to mentor-mentee pairs. Groups also go to Back of Beyond Books where thanks to the local bookstore and the Mountains and Plains Independent Bookseller Association kids can pick out \$18 worth of books to take home.

"Being in groups is for the safety of both the mentor and mentee, and it's also for socialization, because a lot of these kids have social difficulty," Schlom explains. "This gives them an opportunity to interact with other kids and make friends."

Typically, a dozen Moab children are on a waiting list for a mentor at any given time. Oftentimes young mentees do not have the stability or economic advantages that other kids have, says Schlom. Ninety-five percent of the youth qualify for free or reduced lunch, a federal indicator of poverty. There were 90 matches made last year — some of those mentors, like Schlom, meet one-on-one with more than one child. "Kids really benefit from positive role models — one-on-one attention," says McNeil.

"Since the initial three-year federal grant we have funded it largely from local donations and grants; 18 percent of our budget comes from the school district," McNeil said.

Mentors are asked to commit to a child for one year, although many maintain the relationship for much longer. Melissa Nerone, for example, has mentored the same girl for the past six years, starting when the child was in first grade. They do a variety of things when they get together each week. "It's

a mix, we start outdoors and we also play board games. She's very artistic. She loves to paint and draw. She makes things. Her brother-in-law is in the military; she makes things for him." Nerone and her young friend have a tradition of inviting other mentor-mentee pairs in joining them in decorating holiday cookies each year.

It's not just the students who benefit from the partnerships. "I truly look forward to my weekly hour with my mentee. I like the fact that she is adventurous and game for almost anything. She is willing to try new things. I love the hugs and smiles we share each week," Nerone says. "It makes me feel good seeing my mentee grow as an individual. She is thoughtful and caring. It has been fun watching her grow and mature intellectually and with her critical thinking skills."

Trenton White was a high school student when he signed up to be a mentor. He was matched with Ashley Wareham's son Kyler, who was in kindergarten at the time. "These two immediately bonded," says Wareham. Though Trenton eventually moved away to join the military, "(Kyler) still talks about him and has his picture in his room. Trenton was a great example of kindness and encouragement for Kyler." The two recently reconnected as pen pals, Wareham says.

McNeil notes the program works diligently to facilitate a good fit, which is the role of the mentor coordinator, Megan McGee. "She is part of the backbone of this whole program so she deserves a lot of credit. Her role is supporting the matches throughout the year. She troubleshoots problems, and she does a lot of outreach to families. She has up to 75 matches at any given time," McNeil says.



Kyler is now 11, and was recently matched with Kevin McGann, a new mentor – his second since kindergarten. "I have noticed positive changes in Kyler's mood when getting ready for school on mentoring days," says his mother. "Mornings are hard for Kyler to get out of bed and get ready for school, but on mentoring days he gets ready to go without me telling him several times and then he reminds me he has mentoring today before he leaves for the bus. He looks forward to spending time with his mentor, learning from him and having that one-on-one attention. As a parent this makes me smile."

Some mentees stay in touch with their mentors, long after they've graduated from the program. Christian Hundley, a 21-year old server in Moab and former mentee, says she's met for lunch with her past mentor Karen Henker. "She was always there for me and I always looked forward to seeing her on mentoring days," Hundley recalls. "School improved for me. She helped me understand things. She helped me understand things better than my teachers did. She understood my learning abilities."

"I kind of rebelled against my mom when I was younger, but when I was with Karen I was a happier person coming home from school. If I knew a troubled kid I would recommend the mentoring program."

In a thank-you note to a donor, a current 13 year old mentee named Sarah writes: "I have been with my mentor for five years. I know five years is a really long time, and I still want to keep it going! Mentoring has helped me in many ways. It's given me the encouragement to keep going in school and get good grades. It's helped me get out there a little more and make new friends. When I first started (at 8 years old) I was the type of girl who was antisocial and didn't care about getting good grades in school. But that all changed when I met my mentor, Mrs. B. She has pushed me really hard over the past five years, and now look at where I am! I'm even a member of the National Junior Honor Society. I don't know where I would be without my mentor."

One mother told McNeil that finding a mentor for her daughter "was the best decision she ever made for her." Prospective mentors must complete a written application, an interview, provide references and undergo an FBI fingerprint background check. The next mentor orientation will take place Tuesday, September 26, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Helen M. Knight Elementary School. "There's no obligation," for attending the orientation, McNeil says. "If people decide they want to become a mentor, the benefits to them include meeting like-minded people, learning about our schools, and for some it might be a good way to enhance their resume."

In addition to liking kids and having the ability to keep them safe, mentors should be good role models, McNeil says, noting that the question for children is not so much "Do I want to be good, but whom do I want to be like?"

Schlom is glad she signed on to be a mentor. "I would encourage people who do have that ability, to take an hour a week to invest in these kids' futures," she says. "It's all about giving something now to make life for a child better down the road."

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1-11 25th Annual Moab Music Festival

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2-3 Moab Artist Studio Tour

Various locations – Moab & Castle Valley | moabstudiotour.com |435-259-6447

- 2-4 Red Rock 4wheelers Stay with Us, Play With Us, Labor Day Campout rr4w.com/events.cfm | 435-259-ROCK
- 3 Night Sky at Dead Horse State Park Moonlit Hike stateparks.utah.gov/parks/dead-horse/night-sky | 435-259-2614
- 4 Labor Day Holiday
- 8-12 Blazer Bash

Various Jeep Routes | blazerbash.com | 970-834-2884

9 Art Walk

Venues throughout town | moabartwalk.com | 435-259-6272

15 Dancing with the Moab Star

Presented by Moab Valley Multicultural Center | moabmc.org/events | 435-259-5444

15-16 Green River Melon Days Festival

Various Locations in Green River | melon-days.com/see | 435-820-0592

16 An Evening with Dar William

Star Hall | moabfolkfestival.com/dar-williams | 435-259-3198

17 Rocky Mountain Enduro Series - Whole Enchilada

Enduro mountain bike race | rockymountainenduroseries.com | 719-221-1251

21 Utah Film Center – Free Film: No Man's Land

Star Hall | utahfilmcenter.org/event/no-mans-land-moab | 435-259-1111

21-24 Mother of all Boogies - Skydiving event

Locations around Moab | motherofallboogies.com | 435-259-5867

23 Moab Century Tour

Various trail locations | skinnytireevents.com | 435-260-8889

28-30 Moab Pride Festival

moabpride.org | 201-923-7785

30 National Park Fee Free Day

Arches & Canyonlands National Parks, Hovenweep & Natural Bridges National Monuments

October

6-8 Outerbike

outerbike.com | 800-845-2453 or 435-259-8732

7 Radical Reels Film Festival

banffcentre.ca/mountainfestival/radicalreels/usa

7-14 Red Rocks Arts Festival PleinAir Moab

Open Air Painting in Breathtaking Environments | pleinairmoab.com | 435-259-6272

- 9 Columbus Day- Holiday
- 13-15 Rock, Gem and Mineral Show

Old Spanish Trail Arena | moabrockclub@live.com

13-16 First Annual Moab ArtTrails Sculpture Exhibition

Various byways around Central Moab | Moabarttrails.org | 435-259-2709

14 Art Walk

Venues throughout town | moabartwalk.com | 435-259-6272

15 The Other Half 13.1 mile run

Colorado River Road | moabhalfmarathon.com | 435-259-4525

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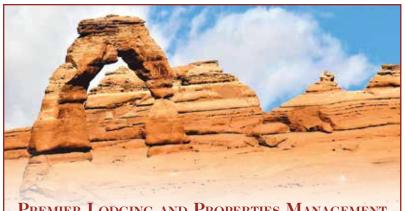
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Chamber of Commerce: 259-7814 City Planning Dept.: 259-5129 City Recreation Dept: 259-2255

GRAND COUNTY NUMBERS

Sheriff: 259-8115

Grand County School District: 259-5317 County Clerk (Voter Reg.): 259-1321 County Assessor: 259-1327

County Administrator's Office: 259-1346

County Recorder: 259-1332 County Treasurer: 259-1338

Recycling Center: 259-8640

Building/Development Permits: 259-1343 Building Inspector: 259-1344 Economic Development:259-1248 Travel Council: 259-1370

UTILITY CONTACTS

City of Moab: 259-5121 Questar (gas): 259-7137 Rocky Mtn. Power: 888-221-7070 Grand Water & Sewer: 259-8121 Moab City Public Works: 259-7485 Monument Waste Services: 259-6314 / 7585 Frontier (Phone): 800-921-8101 Emery Telcom: 259-8521 Green Solutions: 259-1088 Amerigas Propane: 259-6756

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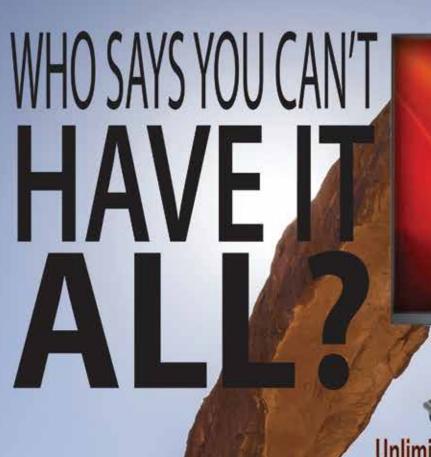
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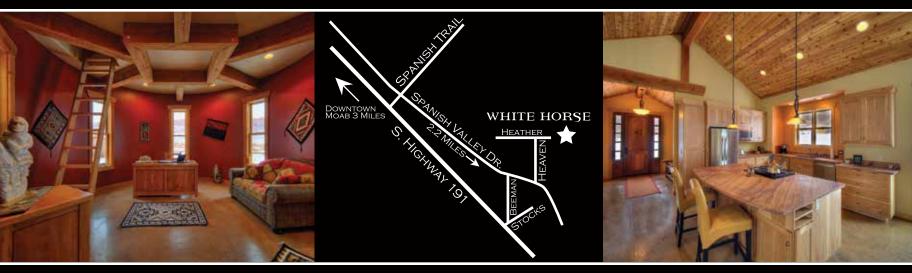
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