



Letter: Museum is treasure for community

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We want to express our appreciation to Mayor George Huntington and Mark Nuaimi for their continuing support of our community's Hi-Desert Nature Museum, especially that support expressed at the recent Town Council meeting.

We are longtime residents of Yucca Valley and raised our two now-grown children here. Education and science have always been important to us, as was having a fun and safe environment in which our kids could learn about Yucca Valley's natural and cultural heritage, as well as the larger world around them. The Hi-Desert Nature Museum helped fill their hours with age-appropriate workshops, activities, cultural programs, entertainment and a springboard for their intellectual curiosity.

Now that our children are grown and gone from the area, we continue to support and enjoy this valuable community treasure for all ages. We know firsthand the museum activities that have helped put Yucca Valley on the map and draw visitors from outside the area, such as the Starry Nights Festival, Earth Day and special cultural events.

Yes, sharing financial challenges, our museum has had steep cuts in its budget in the past few years, but even with their reduced staff and budget, they continue providing our community with quality cultural, educational and enjoyable programs to all ages.