

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Istel,

I discovered your museum 4 years ago in the off-season while driving from California to Texas and was dumbfounded by the beautiful monuments and engraved histories. I only spent an hour wandering around the site but my memories and curiosity have stayed with me ever since.

I am currently a student at the California Institute of the Arts in Valencia, CA and I'm doing a research project about historical landmarks and how histories are told in modern times. I would love the opportunity to speak or meet with you and learn more about the museum and your process of selecting and depicting history.

I can be reached by email or phone, and would look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,
Amanda Galli

10 March 2016

Dustin Mylius

9:44 AM (8 hours ago)

to me

Mr. Jacques-André Istel,

A well deserved 'great work!' to you and your team at Saturday's event; my wife and I were very impressed with the turnout and the afternoon's festivities. Despite the warm weather, you did a great job at hosting, presenting and entertaining and I am quite certain the attendees were all very happy to take part in what turned out to be a momentous occasion in Felicity!

We did depart after the cutting of the cake because my wife, Stephanie, is 17 weeks pregnant with our first child and was in need of some rest and relaxation, but we were speaking all throughout the evening of the exciting things we witnessed and learned. As a native-born Californian, I was captivated by the History of California on its granite panels and, as an Air Force veteran, grateful for all servicemen and women when seeing the dedication of the USMC Korean War Memorial.

Again, spectacular job and we look forward to the Museum's next great event!

Respectfully,

Dustin Moore Mylius

From Dr.Douglas Perkins

I'm sure by now you've seen the Yuma Daily Sun!

I saved a copy. The whole event was a smashing success.

Many Congratulations on a Great Success!

Dear Jacques,

A special day, with special memories! The planning, the public turn-out and dignitaries which were present are a growing tribute for the continued accomplishments for this site of history preserved in granite.

Congratulations for bringing so many people together to celebrate another monument, this for the History of California and the dedication to the State of California and accepted by the Board of Supervisor's of Imperial County, CA.

However, the recognition for women's parachuting accomplishments at the Hall of Fame of Parachuting was special. The opportunity to witness presentation of certificates for so many women medal winners and their accomplishments was inspirational.

The opportunity for special recognition at the Korean War Memorial and honoring those Marines and Navy personnel as survivors and remembrance for fallen brothers was so very spiritual....a quiet fell over the crowd as we prayed.

Your vision and planning for these combined events will be remembered. Please accept my thoughts inspired by working along side you during the past year as you shared your planning with me.

Keep plotting,

Best,

Jim

My congratulations to all for a very successful and enjoyable event.....JR

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Dear Jacques and Felicity,

First, Maurice and I were absolutely honored to be able to attend your ceremonies last weekend. Thank you so very much for inviting us to join you.

Although I had read about your fantastic Museum.... the experience of it, the magnitude of your idea was both jaw dropping and awe inspiring and accomplished with integrity, imagination and, in the best humanitarian spirit.. juxtaposed with intelligent and vital humor. Your gift to the ages will resonate through time and, I predict, appreciation for the scope of your visionary legacy will ever increase.

A close family friend of mine, Danny Hillis, was one of the early scientists at the M.I.T. Media Lab in Artificial Intelligence. Danny was the architect who developed parallel processing for super computers. Danny started something called the "Long Now Foundation" and designed a 10,000 year clock that resides in the London Science Museum. The Long Now Foundation <http://longnow.org> is designed to be a digital repository, a modern "Library of Alexandria" for all humanity. Your Museum of the World in Granite reminds me of this effort, but encourages and gives easy access to young people; to have a context, a timeline of history in a beautifully simple, condensed fashion. Yours is a donation to the future that will have consequence greater than the sum of its parts.

Felicia and Jacques,

I had a great time! Thank you for letting me come back for the museum celebration! The weekend was a fabulous success and so much fun. Vibrant energy in the air from being around that many accomplished and daring people was contagious.

You are surrounded by such sweet friends there as well. Everyone is kind and generous. It was such a pleasure to meet the Nees too. They are a lovely couple. Oh could you send me their daughter, Helen's email address?

It is always refreshing and inspiring to come to Felicity.

Thank you for everything you do and for making all of this possible!

Mayor,

Thank you for including us in your grand event. It was our pleasure to assist.

Douglas J. Nicholls, PE, RLS
Mayor
City of Yuma



Wilkinson, Greg - City Administrator

7:35 AM (2 hours ago)

to me, Douglas, Ricky, Katherine

Thanks it was a honor to be included in the dedication and to see the amazing progress you have made.

Semper Fi

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Rinehart, Ricky - Deputy City Administrator

7:56 AM (1 hour ago)

to me, Douglas, Greg, Katherine

Good morning Jacques;

Hope you had a great weekend and thank you for the kind words. Glad that the City of Yuma was able to assist with your dedication and the pictures were great. Have a good day sir.



Ricky L. Rinehart
Deputy City Administrator, City of Yu

The site is much bigger and grander than one might gather from the rather minimal advertising and highway notifications. The sheer scope of the place and the achievement of what one man can do in terms of creating something for the ages is the most inspiring part. Also the homage to the spiritual (not necessarily religious) is very well executed in the non-denominational chapel set on the hill . A new maze feature where visitors will soon be able to memorialize their own thoughts and pictures to all visitors now and in the future is almost ready to go. I think it will be a real attraction on its own as we can join with thousands of other travelers in expressing our connection to each other and to eternity as fellow journeymen through life.

Visited April 2016

https://www.tripadvisor.com/ShowUserReviews-g32375-d2651157-r366313449-The_Museum_of_History_in_Granite-Felicity_California.html#