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35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
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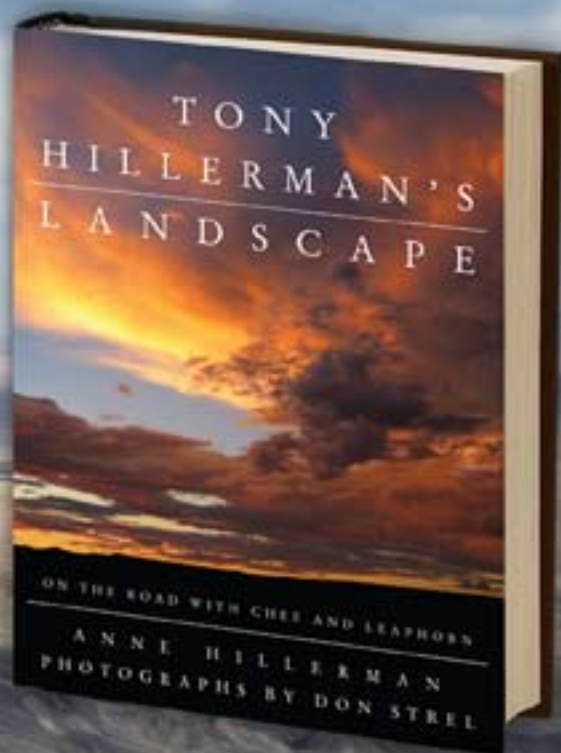
Presentation by Anne Hillerman & Don Strel

2 – 4 p.m., Sunday, November 15, 2009

Global Resource Center Auditorium (limited seating)

12th Street on Western New Mexico University Campus

Anne Hillerman and Don Strel present and sign "Tony Hillerman's Landscape: On the Road with Chee and Leaphorn," a book that journeys through the country featured in many of Tony Hillerman's award-winning mystery novels. The author passed away in 2008. Anne Hillerman is his daughter and Don Strel is the photographer whose work is showcased in the book. — annehillerman.com



Book Signing & Reception

Immediately following presentation
at the WNMU Museum

Books are available 11/6/09
for \$30.44 (includes tax) at the
University Museum Gift Shop
575/538-6386



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WNMU MUSEUM TO KICK-OFF ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SILVER CITY, NM – Kicking off the yearlong celebration of Western New Mexico University Museum's 35th Anniversary on November 15, 2009 is a lecture by author Anne Hillerman and photographer Don Strel on their book *Tony Hillerman's Landscape: On the Road with Chee and Leaphorn* immediately followed by a reception and book signing at the WNMU Museum.

Anne Hillerman, the daughter of the late author Tony Hillerman, and Don Strel spent three years traveling the country featured in Tony Hillerman's seventeen- mystery novels featuring the legendary Navajo police officers, Sergeant Jim Chee and Lieutenant Joe Leaphorn. The result is a beautiful book in which Hillerman's lovingly and eloquently written memories of her father are interspersed by quotes from his mysteries and Strel's stunning photographs of the Navajo landscapes vividly described by Hillerman in his novels.

The lecture by Anne Hillerman, accompanied by Strel's original documentary photographs, will be held on Sunday afternoon, November 15, 2009 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Global Resource Center Auditorium located on 12th Street on the WNMU Campus. Seating is limited and will be on a first come, first served basis. Immediately following the presentation a reception and book signing with Hillerman and Strel will be held at the Western New Mexico University Museum, located at 10th Street within the university campus.

To celebrate the 35th anniversary since the opening of the University Museum to the public, and in appreciation for the 35 years of support the University Museum has received from the citizens of Silver City and the surrounding communities, the presentation by Hillerman and Strel and the reception is free and open to the public. Collaborating with the University Museum on the November 15 event are WNMU's Office of Institutional Advancement, Western Institute for Lifelong Learning (WILL), and the Silver City Arts & Cultural District.

Throughout year 35th Anniversary Celebration year the University Museum will hold several events and present a number of special exhibitions featuring the University Museum's collections, local artists, and Grant County residents, including veterans. To make these events and the 35th Anniversary very special, the University Museum has developed collaborations with a number of Grant County groups and individuals, including the MRAC, Silver City Museum, Ft. Bayard Historical Society, Grant County veterans, Associated Students of Western New Mexico University, WNMU faculty and local artists. The yearlong celebration will culminate with the University Museum's famous Black-on-white Gala in November 2010.

Hillerman and Strel's book will be available for purchase beginning November 6th at the WNMU Museum Shop. The total cost of the book, including tax, is \$30.44. There will be 100 copies of the book for sale and early purchase is recommended.

For more information on the upcoming November 15th kick-off and special exhibitions and events planned throughout the year, or to purchase a copy of the Hillerman and Strel book, *Tony Hillerman's Landscape: On the Road with Chee and Leaphorn* please visit or call the University Museum at 575-538-6386 or email cavep@wnmu.edu.



Pictured is a Don Strel photograph featured in the book Tony Hillerman's Landscape: On the Road with Chee and Leaphorn.

Located in Silver City, New Mexico, Western New Mexico University has served the people of the state of New Mexico and its surrounding areas as a comprehensive, regional, rural, public coeducational university since 1893 and caters to a student body diverse in age, culture, language and ethnic background.

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