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***Sunset & Stars the Finale for Weed Show Workshop***

TWENTYNINE PALMS - Sky's the Limit and The Twentynine Palms Historical Society's Weed Show committee are teaming up to explore the desert's fall beauty, featuring native plants and the night sky.

A free, two-hour workshop from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2 will be held at Sky's the Limit Observatory and Nature Center, on Utah Trail just north of the entrance to Joshua Tree National Park. The workshop is designed to prepare participants for the Weed Show, an annual judged competition scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 5 and 6 at the Old Schoolhouse Museum, 6760 National Park Drive in Twentynine Palms.

Native plant expert Darrell Shade and Weed Show Chairwoman Cathy Snodgrass will lead a walk along Sky's Nature Trail to initiate the workshop. They will point out examples of desert flora and explain how it can be incorporated into artistic arrangements.

Marilyn Fernald and Pat Rimmington, seasoned Weed Show planners and competitors, will then provide materials and hands-on opportunity for attendees, encouraging experimentation and demonstrating creative ways to use native plants and found objects in Weed Show entries.

A separate program for children will be lead by Sky's volunteer Doris Lawless, and everyone will have an opportunity to view the sun through Sky's the Limit's new solar scope.

After the workshop, attendees are invited to experience the Nature Center's Meditation Garden at sunset, then step into our Solar System via the Orrery. After dark, astronomers will have telescopes set up and talk about highlights of the fall sky.

Seating for the workshop is limited and children must be accompanied by an adult. Walk-ins are welcome, but those who sign up will have a priority for hands-on participation.

Sky's the Limit recommends that those wishing to stay after the workshop for night-sky viewing bring a comfortable camp chair and a flashlight. Participants are welcome to bring a "brown bag" supper.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call (760) 367-2452.

For more information on the 29 Palms Historical Society's Annual Weed Show, go to [www.29palmshistorical.com](http://www.29palmshistorical.com). Visit [www.skysthelimit29.org](http://www.skysthelimit29.org) to learn more about the Observatory and Nature Center.