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It is with regret that we inform you that the Board of Trustees voted on July 30, 2009 to **temporarily** close the Museum. The entire staff has also been laid off. Kendra Amburgey will be retained as a Consultant.

The Board is working diligently to develop a plan of action and is considering multiple alternatives that will allow us to be back in operation in the near future. Temporary closure of the Museum should be seen as a positive step to stabilize, reorganize, and refocus the future of the Museum.

We want to thank all of our members who have been able to respond to our fund raising letter with a donation. The Museum is temporarily closed; it is not out of business and we continue to need funds to keep our collection and building investment safe. If you are able, and have not contributed, please consider a donation.

We appreciate your continuing support. We are currently trying to raise \$150,000 to reorganize and restructure. If you would like to make a donation or have further questions please call the museum at 623-972-0635 or email kendra@wvam.org

Thank you
West Valley Art Museum

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Mission Statement

West Valley Art Museum exists to promote understanding and appreciation of the arts and to enhance the quality of life through educating, exhibiting, preserving and interpreting works of visual art primarily of Arizona artists and Arizona collections from all cultures.