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Desart in the Park

The Alice Springs community is in for a fun filled evening with 'Desart in the Park' being held at the Alice Springs Desert Park (ASDP) tomorrow, Wednesday 20 April 2011.

Desart, the Association of Central Australian Aboriginal Art and Craft Centres, and the Alice Springs Desert Park are combining forces to bring about a night of culture and colour.

Desart Executive Officer John Oster said that Art Centres are a vital part of community life in Central Australia.

"As well as providing much needed income and employment opportunities they actively support the maintenance of culture in communities," Mr Oster said.

"Buying from Desart Art Centres ensures ethical support for the production, marketing and distribution of authentic Aboriginal art. It is also an excellent opportunity for locals and visitors to purchase affordable Aboriginal art whilst listening to music and dining under the stars."

ASDP Sales and Marketing Manager Estelle Marshall said over 18 art centres will open their doors for the evening, displaying and selling art with a majority of the work priced at under \$500.

"Visitors can also enjoy a sumptuous barbeque style dinner with a range of food and beverages for sale."

This free event is to be held from 5pm to 8pm on Wednesday 20 April at the Alice Springs Desert Park.

Media Note – for more information contact Estelle Marshall on 8951 8707

Image - Basketpa Tjukulangati (Deep rock hole basket) Pantjiti Mackenzie Hand dyed Raffia 2009 Tjanpi Desert Weavers.

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