

Were You at the Friends' Fundraiser??

If not, you missed a great event!! Friends of the Florissant Fossil Beds, National Park Service employees, Soldiers and staff assigned to Fort Carson's Warrior Transition Battalion along with local and state politicians celebrated "A Night on the Rocks" September 20th at the Norris-Penrose Event Center in Colorado Springs. Over 120 people attended the USfalcon-sponsored event, which featured live music, wine and beer tasting and fund raising auctions in support of programs the Friends of the Florissant Fossil Beds help fund. Nearly \$8,000 was raised during the evening, all of which will fund multiple programs at the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, including the "Post to Parks," "Junior Rangers" and paleontology research programs, all of which aid Colorado Springs' military and public schools populations.

Among the many items donated for auction were tickets and family passes to local attractions such as Cave of the Winds, the COG Railway to the top of Pikes Peak and museums located in historic Cripple Creek. Room and Dinner packages to area restaurants and hotels were popular items that generated lively bidding. Members of the Friends' "Rocks" Committee helped auction everything from 34 million year old shale from the ancient Florissant Lake, to the Broadmoor luxury hotel founded by the early Florissant pioneer rancher, Count James Pourtales of Bavaria.

The Board of Directors' thanks the Rocks Committee members for the many hours of preparation that went into planning and preparing for the event, USfalcon Inc for sponsoring the evening, and the many generous donors who gave items for the auctions. Finally, Sovereignty Wines, Summit Catering, Dan Hardee Entertainment and Dan Carlisle's One Eleven Band made the evening a memorable success!!

