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**LOS ALAMOS LAB DIRECTOR TERRY WALLACE TO GIVE KEYNOTE ADDRESS  
AT THE RICE MUSEUM'S SECOND ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER**

Dr. Terry Wallace, director of Los Alamos National Laboratory, will give the featured presentation at the second annual benefit dinner for the Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals on July 14, 2018, at the Walters Cultural Arts Center in Hillsboro, Oregon. Dr. Wallace will speak on one of the great cosmic mysteries of the universe: the creation of gold through the collision of stars and gold's long journey to our Earth.

The evening will honor Dennis Murphy, who passed away on November 12, 2017, and his wife Mary Murphy of Tigard, Oregon. Dennis and Mary Murphy are longtime museum supporters and have permanently loaned their collection of nearly 1000 polished petrified wood pieces for exhibit at the Rice Museum. Their collection is considered one of the finest in the United States and is one of the highlights of any visit to the Rice Museum.

Former Rice Museum Curator (2003-2011) Rudy Tschernich, who died December 26, 2017, will also be remembered during the dinner.

Other evening events include a silent auction, raffle, and special appeal to raise money to benefit the museum's educational outreach programs. Individual tickets for the dinner are \$100 and sponsorships are available for \$500 (2 seats) and \$1500 (8 seats).

The Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, houses a world-class collection of rocks and minerals recognized as the finest in the Pacific Northwest and one of the best in the nation. The museum is located in Hillsboro, Oregon, just 20 minutes west of Portland. Its educational programs include organized school field trips as well as ongoing educational outreach throughout the community at large. The museum hosts a variety of public and private events throughout the year. Additionally, the museum building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places for its unique architectural style, use of natural stone, and extraordinary native Oregon woodwork.

The mission of the Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals is to engage, inspire, and educate generations on the splendor and complexities of our Earth.

For more information about the Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals, call (503) 647-2418 or visit [www.ricenorthwestmuseum.org](http://www.ricenorthwestmuseum.org) or [www.facebook.com/RiceNWMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/RiceNWMuseum).

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