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### **First Meeting of the Booth Artists' Guild a Great Success** *Booth Western Art Museum offers new opportunity for local artists*

APRIL 2010 - The Booth Artists' Guild (BAG) held its first meeting on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at the Booth Art Academy located in the Teacher Resource Center in Cartersville. In addition to learning more about the purpose and function of BAG, the 50 people in attendance heard from Elaine Elder of *A New Dimension* who presented a program on how to properly photograph one's artwork and the process of making giclees.

"We were thrilled with the attendance and interest in the BAG and look forward to more opportunities to network with artists representing different mediums and styles," commented Booth Museum Scheduling & Volunteer Coordinator, Marcia Dillard.

BAG is intended for artists of all levels and experience to continue art education, have their work displayed in yearly exhibitions at the Booth Museum, and to meet and network with fellow artists. In addition to networking opportunities, the intent is to have a guest speaker at each meeting to share something unique and beneficial to the members.

Continued Dillard, "Though we already had some great programs scheduled for upcoming meetings, some ideas for future programs were suggested by several in attendance at the meeting and included: color mixing and matching in both oils and acrylics; figurative painting and drawing; using Corel and/or Photoshop; calibrating cameras, computers and printers for color printing; setting up websites to showcase artwork; marketing work during a recession; color in landscapes; pottery demonstrations and how to varnish one's work successfully."

Booth Art Academy Manager Natalie Goodwin added, "The vast number of suggestions we received and the wide range of topics prove to me that networking and continuing art education opportunities are a welcome addition to the artists' lives right now."

Of the 50 people who attended the first BAG meeting on April 6, more than half paid dues and officially joined the group.

The next meeting of the BAG will be Tuesday, May 4 at 6:00 pm at The Teacher Resource Center. Atlanta artist Henry Patton will present a program on his "Blue Horse" artwork. Membership in the BAG is \$24 per year and runs concurrently with a Booth membership. For more information, contact Marcia Dillard at 770-387-3849 or visit [www.boothmuseum.org](http://www.boothmuseum.org) and go to the Booth Art Academy page.

#### **Booth Western Art Museum**

The Booth Western Art Museum is a Smithsonian Affiliate and a member of the Museums West Consortium. In addition to its Western core collection, the Museum houses a Presidential Gallery, Civil War art gallery, Native American artifacts, and Sagebrush Ranch children's gallery, allowing visitors to "See America's Story." To learn more, visit [www.boothmuseum.org](http://www.boothmuseum.org).

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