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**BOOTH WESTERN ART MUSEUM ANNOUNCES OPENING
OF THE ANNUAL BOOTH ARTISTS' GUILD EXHIBITION**

Meet the Artists' Reception and Evening Lecture scheduled for Thursday, May 16

CARTERSVILLE, GEORGIA – Booth Western Art Museum is pleased to announce the opening of the annual **Booth Artists' Guild Exhibition** in Borderlands Gallery. On view May 14 through September 1, 2013, this juried exhibition features 65 works of art by 54 artists who are members of the Booth Artists' Guild (BAG), a group that meets monthly for educational artistic programs.

Booth Museum Volunteer Coordinator & Group Scheduling, BAG Liaison and BAG member Marcia Dillard explains the importance of this exhibit. "Cartersville and Bartow County are home to many artists with varying levels of experience using different mediums. The Booth Museum has opened the door of opportunity for many of them, providing a world-class space for their work to be viewed. For the professional artist, being able to have "exhibited work at the Booth Museum" on their resume is quite an accomplishment. For beginning artists who may not yet have a resume, it's a wonderful confidence builder. Therefore, this exhibit is tremendous for artists' of all levels: those who have been practicing for years and those who are in the beginning stages of their craft."

The Booth Artists' Guild strives to serve as a springboard for creative talents by offering programs, workshops and demonstrations on a wide range of mediums, genres, marketing techniques and more. Dillard explains that "BAG membership is open to all Booth Museum members; therefore, our Guild members live all over the United States, with about 40% of them living right here in our own community."

On Thursday, May 16 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, guests are invited to join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of members of the Booth Artists' Guild with an Exhibition Opening Reception in Borderlands Meeting Room. Light snacks and beverages will be available.

Following the Meet the Artists' Reception on May 16, Booth Museum will host its monthly Third Thursday Evening Lecture at 7:00 pm in the Booth Theatre. Santa Fe artist Roseta Santiago is best known for her still life compositions featuring New Mexican objects and figure studies of stoic Indians. She recently donated an important painting to the Booth permanent collection. During this session, she will demonstrate her techniques and show examples from her work.

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The May 16 events are free for Booth Museum members and included with regular Museum admission for not-yet members. For more information, visit www.boothmuseum.org or call 770-387-1300.

About the Booth Western Art Museum

The Booth Western Art Museum, an Affiliate to the Smithsonian Institution, is a 120,000 square foot museum located in Cartersville, Georgia, where guests are invited to explore the American West through contemporary Western artwork. The Museum also houses a Presidential Gallery, Civil War art gallery, and Sagebrush Ranch, an interactive children's gallery. Open since August 2003, Booth Museum is the only museum of its kind in the Southeast and is the second largest art museum in the state of Georgia. To learn more about Booth Western Art Museum, visit www.boothmuseum.org.

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