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**Booth Western Art Museum Takes Top Prize in  
Education Category at State Museum Annual Conference**

*What's the Story? Connecting Art & Literacy is best among museum educational programs*

Cartersville, Ga. – Booth Western Art Museum's educational program *What's the Story? Connecting Art & Literacy* has won the Education Category at the Georgia Association of Museums and Galleries (GAMG) annual conference in Athens, Georgia. On Friday, January 25, Booth Western Art Museum Education Director Lisa Wheeler accepted the award at the GAMG Awards Luncheon inside the Georgia Museum of Art.

Over the past decade, the Booth Education Department has continued to develop and coordinate educational opportunities for students visiting the Museum. *What's the Story? Connecting Art & Literacy* provides gallery lessons and hands-on activities developed around the narrative works in the Booth Museum's collection. The artwork offers a wonderful and accessible way for students with different learning styles to enhance their reading and writing abilities. The program has been developed by five extremely creative classroom teachers and museum education staff to meet Georgia Performance Standards in language arts, social studies and visual arts.

*What's the Story? Connecting Art & Literacy* is designed for children in grades kindergarten through fifth. The program feeds students into the Museum's *Writing Through Art* literary program and annual contest for students in grades six through twelve.

**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 *See America's Story* through contemporary Western artwork, a Presidential Gallery, Civil War art gallery, and Sagebrush Ranch, an interactive children's gallery. Open since August 2003, the 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 the Booth Western Art Museum, visit [www.boothmuseum.org](http://www.boothmuseum.org).

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