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**BOOTH WESTERN ART MUSEUM ANNOUNCES OPENING OF
BARTOW COUNTY AND CARTERSVILLE CITY SCHOOLS ART EXHIBIT**
Meet the Artists' Reception and Evening Lecture scheduled for Thursday, April 18

CARTERSVILLE, GEORGIA – Booth Western Art Museum is pleased to announce the opening of the annual ***Bartow County and Cartersville City Schools Elementary Art Exhibit*** in Borderlands Gallery. On view through May 12, this yearly exhibit features a number of pieces that are representative of the work from our local city and many county elementary schools.

For the fifth year in a row, art teachers from 10 Bartow County Schools as well as Cartersville Elementary School have selected the best pieces from their school to be represented in the show. All of the artwork displayed are pieces that have been created by the students, kindergarten through fifth grade, throughout the 2012-2013 school year.

While selecting only a small number of pieces of artwork from the entire school year is not always a very easy task, art teachers view this annual exhibition as a wonderful way to highlight the hard work and creativity of their students. Director of Education at Booth Museum Lisa Wheeler, a former art educator, believes it is important to support the talents of the young artists in the community. “Children need to see and know that their creativity is supported and appreciated. Booth Western Art Museum takes pride in providing a venue to showcase the work of emerging young artists. To have your work hanging in a Smithsonian Institute Affiliate Museum is a fairly large honor; I only hope that perhaps one of these young children will have their work hanging here – or in another art museum – in the future as their passion and talent for art grow.”

Visitors to Booth Museum during this show will see paintings, collages, clay pieces, and more from the students of Adairsville, Allatoona, Cloverleaf, Clear Creek, Euharlee, Hamilton Crossing, Kingston, Mission Road, Pine Log, Taylorsville, and Cartersville Primary and Elementary Schools.

On Thursday, April 18 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, a Meet the Artists Reception will take place in Borderlands Gallery. Guests are encouraged to join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of these students and their art teachers. Light snacks, lemonade, and water will be available.

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Following the Meet the Artists' Reception on April 18, Booth Museum will host its monthly Third Thursday Evening Lecture at 7:00 pm in the Booth Theatre. Artist John Fawcett spent 20 years working as a veterinarian, but he always had a desire to become an artist. In 1996 he sold his practice to concentrate on art. He now splits his time between Pennsylvania and Colorado seeking inspiration in the people, animals and landscape that surround him. Equally at home with watercolors and oils, John will discuss his career and his approach to art.

The April 18 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, 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 Booth Western Art Museum, visit www.boothmuseum.org.

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