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BOOTH MUSEUM WELCOMES 100,000th VISITOR

Cartersville, GA – On Saturday, April 29, the Booth Western Art Museum welcomed Amanda Deering, age 8, as its 100,000th visitor. Amanda, a second grader at Cartersville Primary School, and her mom, Elizabeth Dysart, were visiting the Museum Saturday morning with Amanda's Brownie troop.

Amanda and her mom were greeted at the door by Museum staff. Amanda was given a gift basket filled with goodies from the Museum Store and a balloon bouquet, and Amanda's family was given a one year family membership to the Museum. Cathy Lee Eckert, Director of Operations at the Booth Museum, presented Amanda with a special certificate recognizing her as the 100,000th visitor to the Museum.

"This could not have happened to a nicer family," said Darla Bishop, leader of Brownie Troop 247000. During Spring Break this year, while the family was on a daytrip, the family's home was broken in to and everything was stolen or broken. "This happened at the perfect time," said Bishop. "It brought a little sunshine into their lives."

Amanda spent the remainder of the morning with her Brownie Troop at the Museum. They were making masks and vests for their Art to Wear Badge and toured the Museum. Throughout the morning though, Amanda kept her newest friend, a plush horse from the gift basket which she named Western, after the Museum, by her side. "She carried it with her the whole day," her mother said. "She only put it down to do the activities at the Museum."

"This [the 100,000th visitor] is a great milestone in the life of the Booth Western Art Museum," said Seth Hopkins, Executive Director of the Booth Western Art Museum. "It is gratifying to know that 100,000 people have been entertained and educated by the collections and programs here at the Museum. We are very pleased with all of the support we have received in the form of memberships, volunteer hours and visitation since opening in 2003. We look forward to hosting many more visitors and introducing them to Western American art and culture."

About the Booth Western Art Museum:

The Booth Western Art Museum is an 80,000 square foot museum located in Cartersville, Georgia, where guests are invited to explore the American West through contemporary Western artwork. The Museum also features a Presidential Gallery, a Civil War art gallery and Sagebrush Ranch, featuring hands-on art activities and areas for role-playing, storytelling and reading all with a Western flair. Visitors to Booth Museum also enjoy the intimate downtown setting with unique specialty and antique shops, boutiques and nationally featured restaurants all within walking distance of the Museum. 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. For more information about the Booth Western Art Museum call 770-387-1300 or visit www.boothmuseum.org.

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