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## **Booth Western Art Museum Opens “Beautiful Utility”**

CARTERSVILLE, Ga. – “Beautiful Utility: Decorated Objects from Cowboy and Indian Culture” is now on exhibit at the Booth Western Art Museum. The exhibition, which is open until September 16, 2007, features over 150 items spanning over 200 years of history. Items include clothing, cradle boards, baskets, pottery, jewelry, saddles, guns and holsters, boots, furniture, and so much more.

“We wanted to create an exhibition that would challenge what people think of as art,” said Jim Dunham, director of special projects and guest curator for the exhibition. “Throughout history and across cultures, people have had the need or desire to be surrounded by beautiful, decorative objects in their everyday lives.” According to Dunham, the work displayed in the “Beautiful Utility” goes beyond that of craft and crosses into art.

The objects in “Beautiful Utility” originated in all parts of the country, but all the lenders for the exhibition live within 50 miles of the Booth Museum.

For more information on this exhibition, call 770-387-1300 or visit [www.boothmuseum.org](http://www.boothmuseum.org).

### **About the Booth Western Art Museum**

The Booth Western Art Museum, an Affiliation of the Smithsonian Institution, 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 houses a Presidential Gallery, 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. To learn more about the Booth Western Art Museum, visit [www.boothmuseum.org](http://www.boothmuseum.org).

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