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Booth Art Academy to Host Open House in December
Event held in conjunction with the month Booth Artists Guild meeting

NOVEMBER 2010 - The Booth Art Academy will open its doors to the community for an Open House on Tuesday, December 7, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Located in the Teacher Resource Center at 1 North Gilmer Street, the Booth Art Academy (BAA) offers a variety of art classes throughout the year for both children and adults of all levels of experience. This open house will allow the community to drop in and learn more about BAA, as well as see – and possibly purchase – some of the art done by members of the Booth Artists Guild (BAG), and learn more about the newly formed Booth Photography Guild.

The BAG formed in April of this year and currently has 57 members. The guild meets once per month to continue art education, network with fellow artists, and hear from guest speakers on a variety of topics related to art. Many of the members of BAG are talented artists in their own right, and will have their work on display at the BAA Open House.

“We have had a very successful year at the Booth Art Academy,” said Booth Art Academy Manager Natalie Goodwin. “From junior pottery, to workshops with the Booth Museum’s Featured Artists, to children’s summer camps and everything in between, it’s been a great year and we have seen a wonderful increase in interest and participation in 2010. A large reason for that is because of the creation of the BAG. This new group is eager to learn and continue to perfect their artistic ability, so we thought this would be an ideal opportunity for members to showcase their work.”

The Open House will also provide the opportunity to learn about the Booth Museum’s newest guild, the Booth Photography Guild. This group just held their first public meeting in November, and will also meet once per month to offer educational opportunities and programming related to photography. The BPG will also have a table setup at the Open House for those interested to learn more.

Guests are encouraged to stop by for a few minutes, or stay the entire time. All of the classrooms will be open and available for touring, and there will be plenty of information about upcoming classes at BAA, which include home school days the first of December. Additionally, many of the artists with booths will be instructing classes this winter and spring, and will be sharing information. Complimentary food and beverages will also be available.

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For more information about the Open House, or the Booth Art Academy schedule, please contact Goodwin at 770-387-1553 or natalieg@boothmuseum.org. For information about the Booth Artists Guild, contact Marcia Dillard at 770-387-3849 or visit www.boothmuseum.org, click on Education, and then Booth Artists Guild. For more information about the Booth Photography Guild, contact Liz Gentry at 770-387-1300 ext. 7235, or visit the Museum website, click on Education, and then Booth Photography Guild.

Booth Western Art Museum

The Booth Western Art Museum is a Smithsonian Affiliate and a member of the Museums West Consortium. In addition to its Western core collection, the Museum houses a Presidential Gallery, Civil War art gallery, Native American artifacts, and Sagebrush Ranch children's gallery, allowing visitors to "See America's Story." To learn more, visit www.boothmuseum.org.

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Booth Artists Guild representative Marcia Dillard at the previous Booth Art Academy Open House earlier this year.