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First Meeting of the Booth Photography Guild to be held in November *Booth Western Art Museum offers new opportunity for photographers*

OCTOBER 2010 – An overwhelming response to the Booth Museum’s recent photography exhibitions is leading to the creation of a Booth Photography Guild (BPG). The new group, organized by several area photographers, will offer new educational opportunities and programming related to photography. Anyone interested in photography, no matter their skill level, is invited to the first membership meeting on Tuesday, November 9, from 7:00-9:00 pm, at the Booth Art Academy located in the Teacher Resource Center at 1 North Gilmer Street in Cartersville.

An exhibition of Tom Murphy’s photographs of the Yellowstone area earlier this year and the current exhibit of Ansel Adams’ work have generated more awareness of the Booth Museum among photographers. “The response to these exhibitions has been dramatic,” said Booth Museum Executive Director Seth Hopkins. “A workshop conducted by Tom Murphy and lectures on Ansel Adams by John Mariana and others have been well attended, letting us know there is a need for more programming.”

The Guild will meet monthly and offer an educational program presented by a member of the group or a guest speaker. Members will also have the opportunity to have their work critiqued by their peers and the chance to show their work in exhibitions at the Booth Museum. Guild members may also have the opportunity to compete in both formal and informal competitions.

Booth Museum Librarian Liz Gentry is the staff representative on the BPG steering committee and has high hopes for the group. “We have seen what a strong interest people have in photography and believe this is a great added bonus for our members. We have a wonderful steering committee in place that has drafted a mission statement for the group and we are excited to hold our first meeting so the public can learn more about this group.”

BPG is intended for photographers of all levels and experience to continue mastering their skills and to meet and network with fellow photographers. Anyone interested in learning about the Guild is invited to attend the first meeting for free. Membership in the BPG is \$24 per year in addition to Booth membership. For more information, contact Liz Gentry at 770-387-1300 ext. 7235 or visit www.boothmuseum.org and go to the Booth Art Academy page.

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The BPG has also created a group on Meetup. Those interested in joining the group may go to www.meetup.com and search for The Cartersville 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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