

**7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SOUTHEASTERN COWBOY GATHERING**  
**HOSTED BY THE BOOTH WESTERN ART MUSEUM**  
*Mandolin, Banjo, Guitar and Fiddle Contest Rules*

This event will be held Saturday, March 13, 2010, Booth Museum Ballroom, Cartersville.

1. Competitors should register in advance by filling out the attached registration form and returning it with their registration fee to the Booth Western Art Museum as soon as possible.
2. The competition is limited to the first 10 who register and pay their registration fee in the mandolin, banjo, guitar and junior fiddle divisions; and the first 15 in the open fiddle division.
3. Registration for participants is \$15 each for the mandolin, banjo, guitar and junior fiddle divisions; and \$25 for the open fiddle division. Contestants may enter multiple divisions, provided they pay the registration fee for each division entered.
4. The contest will begin at 10:00 am with mandolins, followed by the banjos at 11:00 am, then the (flat-picking) guitar at noon and the junior fiddle division (under 18) at 1:00 pm. The event concludes with the open fiddle division at 2:00 pm. Competitors should arrive at the Booth Museum at least 30 minutes prior to the start of their division and check in with the Contest Coordinator.
5. Contestants in all divisions will play two selections: one slow tempo and one fast tempo in the first round of competition. Following the first round, judges will narrow the field down to the top three who will then play one additional selection to determine the final order.
6. "Fiddlin'" John Carson and Phyllis Cole, co-founders of the Atlanta Country Music Hall of Fame, will serve as the lead judges for the event. Additional judges may be used at the discretion of the Contest Coordinators. All judge's decisions are final.
7. The winners in the mandolin, banjo, guitar and junior fiddle divisions will receive \$150 for first place, \$100 for second, and \$50 for third place. Prizes in the open fiddle division will be doubled to \$300 for first, \$200 for second, and \$100 for third.
8. Contestants are allowed to have up to two other musicians accompany them for rhythm purposes only. Accompanists are not required and contestants will not be penalized for not having accompaniment. Points may be deducted for mistakes made by accompanists.
9. Competitors and accompanists will be admitted free to the competition. All others traveling with the competitors are expected to purchase tickets to the event, which includes admission to the Booth Western Art Museum throughout the day. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$7 for students over 13 years of age, and free for Booth Museum members, children 12 and under and active military with ID.
10. Contact microphones and amplified instruments will not be permitted. No instrument with electrical amplification will be permitted, acoustical only. *No vocals*. This is an instrumental contest only.
11. If a string breaks, the contestant will have the option to either fix the string and begin that tune over again, or they may stop at that point.
12. If a contestant is not ready to play at the time their name is called, they may be disqualified, at the discretion of the Contest Coordinators.
13. All contestants are asked to limit time on stage to six minutes; judges will deduct points if performance becomes too long and/or repetitive.

For more information or to register contact Doc Stovall at 770-387-1265 or [docs@boothmuseum.org](mailto:docs@boothmuseum.org).

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Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (if 18 or under): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form you are acknowledging that you have read the official rules and agree that all judge's decisions are final.

Please circle each division you wish to enter:

Mandolin	Banjo	Guitar	Junior Fiddle	Open Fiddle
\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$25

Return this form along with your entry fee(s) to:

U.S. Postal Service  
Booth Western Art Museum  
Fiddle Contest  
P.O. Box 3070  
Cartersville, GA 30120

Fed Ex, UPS, or Otherwise  
Booth Western Art Museum  
Fiddle Contest  
501 Museum Drive  
Cartersville, GA 30120

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