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**The Booth Western Art Museum presents the
7th Annual Kids Cowboy Up! Art Exhibition**

Meet the Artists Reception and Evening Lecture to be held on Thursday, November 18

CARTERSVILLE, GA – The Booth Western Art Museum is opening an exhibit featuring artwork from local students this month, the seventh annual ***Kids Cowboy Up! Art Exhibition***. The exhibit will open November 16 in the Borderlands Gallery and be on display until January 9, 2011. A **Meet the Artists Reception** will be held on November 18 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Following the reception, award-winning photographer John Mariana will present a lecture entitled ***Was Ansel Adams an Artist?*** in the Booth Theatre at 7:00 p.m.

The ***Kids Cowboy Up!*** exhibit is part of the Kids Cowboy Up Outreach Program at the Booth Museum, which serves youth who are enrolled in the Cartersville-Bartow County Boys and Girls Club and the Hands of Christ after school programs. The Kids Cowboy Up program exposes children to art at a young age and often provides the students with their first museum experience. Through visits to the Booth Museum, regular visits by Museum education staff members, and a variety of hands on activities, children learn about the basic elements of sculpture, printmaking, pottery, drawing, painting and collage.

Booth Museum Director of Education Lisa Wheeler said, “Since the fall of 2004, we have provided this outreach program to benefit the children in our community. The goal of the program is to help develop children’s interest in art, and every year we are amazed at the talent these kids have. We hope that all the children grow and maintain an interest in art, and that our program makes a positive difference in their lives.”

The highlight of the Kids Cowboy Up Program is the special display of the children’s artwork each year. Exciting paintings, drawings, sculptures and pottery produced by the children of the Boys & Girls Club and Hands of Christ After School program throughout the past year make up the exhibition.

In conjunction with the Meet the Artists Reception on November 18, the Booth Museum will host its monthly third Thursday lecture at 7:00 p.m. Atlanta photographer John Mariana will examine how Ansel Adams helped blur the lines between photography and fine art, and he will present the fine art techniques Adams used when exposing a negative and making a print. Mariana will also present Adams’ artistic, almost innate, sense of composition, use of light and shadow and his ability to bring an emotional response from his photographs.

The November 18 events are free for Booth Museum members or included with regular Museum admission for not-yet members.

About the Booth Western Art Museum:

The Booth Western Art Museum, an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is a 120,000 square foot museum located in Cartersville, Georgia. Guests are invited to explore the American West through contemporary Western artwork. The Museum also houses a Presidential Gallery, Civil War art gallery, more than 200 Native American artifacts, and Sagebrush Ranch children’s gallery. 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 second largest art museum in the state of Georgia, and houses the largest permanent exhibition space for Western art in the country. To learn more about the Booth Western Art Museum, visit www.boothmuseum.org.

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