

## Western American Art South of the Sweet Tea Line II opens at the Booth Museum

Cartersville, Georgia, Aug. 19 - The Booth Western Art Museum announces the opening of *Western American Art South of the Sweet Tea Line II*. The exhibition contains 74 works of art from 37 locations across six Southern states, showcases seldom seen Western Art from private collections, museums, and galleries. Guests will be able to view the artwork through November 30, 2008.

*Western American Art South of the Sweet Tea Line II*, or “Sweet Tea II” as it is known among the Booth Museum staff, allows visitors to experience art that will transport them to the most beautiful locations in the west and witness both the joys and hardships of life in the West. Works included in the exhibition span a 150 year period beginning with historic works by Albert Bierstadt and Thomas Moran and ending with contemporary artists Howard Terpning, Ken Riley, Alyce Frank, and many others. Among the artistic treasures, many of which have never been exhibited to the public, are a watercolor by famed Western artist Charles M. Russell, oils by Taos artist E. I. Couse, and landscapes by artists such as Edward Potthast, Thomas Hill, and William Kieth.

“Sweet Tea II” is the second installment of a triennial exhibition series, building on the success of the first “Sweet Tea” in 2005. The current exhibition was co-curated by Booth Executive Director Seth Hopkins and Curator Jeff Donaldson, working with a wide range of private collectors and museum staff members around the Southeast.

The exhibition title, *Western American Art South of the Sweet Tea Line II*, loosely defines the geographic area which is home to these amazing works of art. The “Sweet Tea Line” is the line below which sweet tea is found in abundance while above it sweet tea lovers are left trying to dissolve sweetener in cold tea.

The Booth Western Art Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday until 5:00 p.m. with extended hours on Thursday evenings. Museum admission includes *Western American Art South of the Sweet Tea Line II*. For more information on the Booth Western Art Museum call 770-387-1300 or visit [www.boothmuseum.org](http://www.boothmuseum.org).

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