

Experience the Wild Side of Art

Cartersville, Ga. – The Booth Western Art Museum opens “Wild at Heart: Selections from the National Museum of Wildlife Art” on April 11. The exhibition features over 70 works of art from the National Museum of Wildlife Art’s permanent collection in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and can be seen in Cartersville, Georgia until July 19, 2009.

“Wild at Heart” displays the history of wildlife art in North America, beginning with the early explorer-artists and continuing to the best contemporary painters and sculptors of today. Works are arranged by regions – North, South, East, and West.

In the East, the Hudson River Valley and Adirondack Mountains have inspired artists since the mid 1800s. The South offers a wide variety of inhabitants and landscapes from the beautiful Southwestern light that attracted the Taos Society of Artists to the coastal areas that attract artists of today. The West’s spectacular mountain ranges, national parks with unspoiled beauty and wildlife have attracted artists for generations. Canada became popular in the early 1900s with artists hoping to escape growing populations. Now Canada produces some of the most renowned wildlife artists working today.

Wildlife art depicts the natural world and the creatures that inhabit it, a theme that crosses cultures all over the world. The art form has its roots in prehistoric cave paintings, as those early artists showed their relations to animals. Modern artists continue this tradition and through their work inspire public appreciation of the relationship between humans and nature.

The National Museum of Wildlife Art developed “Wild at Heart” to emphasize its mission to explore and interpret humanity’s relationship with wildlife and nature as it has been expressed in art. By showing how humans have historically pictured their relationship with wildlife, visitors to the exhibition can reflect on their relationships with the life forms in their own backyards.

For more information on the “Wild at Heart: Selections from the National Museum of Wildlife Art,” call the Booth Museum at 770-387-1300 or visit www.boothmuseum.org.

Booth Western Art Museum

The Booth Western Art Museum is an 80,000 square foot museum where guests are invited to explore the American West through contemporary Western artwork. The Museum also houses a Presidential Gallery, Civil War art gallery, and Sagebrush Ranch children’s gallery. To learn more, visit www.boothmuseum.org.

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