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30-year Legacy

The *Buffalo Bill Art Show & Sale* celebrates 30 years of fine Western art offerings and sincere Cody hospitality.



Third-generation bronze artist Dustin Payne sculpts a piece during the Quick Draw.



Several live auctions take place during the annual *Buffalo Bill Art Show & Sale*.

The *Buffalo Bill Art Show & Sale* commemorates its 30th anniversary this September by honoring 11 artists who have participated for most of three decades. They are: Steve Devenyns, M.C. Poulsen, Michael Coleman, E. Denney NeVille, Carrie Ballantyne, Gary Shoop, Robert Seabeck, T.J. Feeley, Larry Edgar, George D. Smith, and Peter Fillerup.

"These artists have made significant contributions financially over the years as well as adding excitement to the show each year by attending," says show director Kathy Thompson of the Cody Country Chamber of Commerce.

Each year more than 100 of the nation's leading Western painters and sculptors are invited to present original, diverse interpretations of the land, people and wildlife of the American West—all eligible for \$30,000 in prize money plus other awards.

"I see many of our artists raising the bar with the quality and content of their art. This year, especially, I see the artist's themes reflect the history of Buffalo Bill and the life he saw every day here in the West," says Thompson.

A cornerstone of *Rendezvous Royale* week

(Sept. 20-24), the *Buffalo Bill Art Show & Sale* is produced by the Cody Country Chamber of Commerce to benefit the Buffalo Bill Historical Center (BBHC), which hosts the event. The show opens August 25 with a reception and live miniature auction, and continues through September 23. It is free to the public.

Once again auctioneers Troy Black and Associates will oversee the popular Live Auction on Sept. 23. The Quick Draw returns Sept. 24 at 9 a.m. in the Robbie Powwow Gardens where 40 artists will create a piece of art in an hour to then be sold at auction. Other highlights include artist demonstrations around town, the 35th annual Patrons Ball, and the Cody High Style Fashion Show.

"*Rendezvous Royale* week gives everyone something to do and many ways to participate in all things Western for all ages," says Thompson.

She credits the show's longevity to the quality of art offered and to loyal patrons like Waddell Trading Company, which has partnered with the BBHC's museum store for the last 25 years, supplying collectible antique and contemporary Native American jewelry.

"Our unique location and gateway to the awe-inspiring landscape makes us living art," says Thompson. "With 60 new buyers last year, I believe the word is spreading this is the place to be to be immersed in Western art." 🌿

30th annual Buffalo Bill Art Show & Sale



When: September 23-24, 2011. Sale Opening Reception, Aug. 25, 6 p.m.; Auction, Sept. 23, 6:30 p.m.; Quick Draw, Sept. 24, 9 a.m., Cody High Style, Sept. 21-24; Patrons Ball, Sept. 24.

Where: Buffalo Bill Historical Center, 720 Sheridan Avenue, Cody, WY 82414

Information: (307) 587-4771, www.buffalobillartshow.com



Michael Godfrey, *Clear Evening Light*, oil, 18 x 24"



George D. Smith, *Lord of the Prairie*, oil, 22 x 28"



John DeMott, *The End of an Era*, oil, 30 x 40"



William Matthews, *Vanishing Point*, watercolor, 29 x 21½"