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What: Seventh Annual Stampede Western Invitational Art Exhibit & Sale
When: Opening Night Gala: June 22; Show Open: June 23- July 4, 2006
Where: Island Grove Regional Park- Greeley, Colorado
Why: To celebrate Colorado's western heritage and our nation's independence
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Seventh Annual Stampede Western Art Show announces changes and 2006 Artists

Greeley, CO— The 7th Annual Stampede Western Invitational Art Exhibit & Sale is excited to announce the list of forty artists from 9 states and Canada that will be participating in the show.

Founders and long time show coordinators Shirley and Willis "Tuffy" Holland have stepped down from the heavy workload they've given to the show since it's inception. The Hollands will still be involved with the art show, but more for their expertise as consultants instead of show coordination and artist communication.

"The Stampede has been extremely fortunate to have such dedicated and knowledgeable western art enthusiasts like the Hollands," said Lynn Settje, Stampede CEO, "the show simply wouldn't have reached this level without them."

As always, the Stampede brings some of the finest western artists in the country. The 2006 Stampede Art Show likes to rotate artists in and out to keep the participants fresh and something new for the buyers. This year's show will feature twelve artists that are new to the show, three of which are photographers, which will be a first in Greeley.

The Opening Night Gala & Sale with the artists will be Wednesday, June 23rd from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Tickets for the gala are \$50 per person. Guests to the Opening Night

Gala will receive an autographed 2006 Art Show poster. Reservations can be made through the Stampede ticket office at 800-982-BULL(2855) or 970-356-BULL(2855).

Western art admirers can view the art display during the Greeley Independence Stampede, which runs June 23 – July 4, 2006 at Island Grove Regional Park in Greeley. The show is open daily until 9:00 p.m. in the park's Exhibition Building. Proceeds from artwork purchased will go directly to scholarships in Northern Colorado.

The Greeley Independence Stampede is the "World's Largest 4th of July Rodeo & Western Celebration" and a Top-Ten Pro Rodeo. 2006 marks the 84th annual celebration bringing the communities throughout Colorado and Southern Wyoming together. Along with Pro Rodeo, concert entertainers include Alan Jackson, Big & Rich, Gretchen Wilson, Trisha Yearwood, Blake Shelton, Miranda Lambert and more! For ticket and art show or general event information visit the Stampede web site at www.greeleystampede.org online or call 800-982-BULL (2855).

2006 Participating Artists:

Dix Baines, Parker, CO
Garnet Buster, New Braunfels, TX
Jeffrey Craven, Rigby, ID
* Donald Dernovich, Culbertson, NE
Larry Fanning, Evergreen, CO
Graham Flatt, Millet, AB
Jonathan Frank, Moab, UT
John Gibson, Brandon, MS
Susan Guy, Buffalo, WY
Lila Hahn, Yuma, CO
Becky Johnson, Green Mtn. Falls, CO
Greg Kelsey, Ignacio, CO
* Julie Kramer-Cole, Loveland, CO
Edward Kucera, Highlands Ranch, CO
* Shannon Lawlor, Calgary, AB
Robin Laws, Cheyenne, WY
Doug Levitt, Calgary, AB
* Gary Lords, Idaho Falls, ID
Chris Navarro, Casper, WY
* H Steven Oiestad, Great Falls, MT

Jerry Palen, Saratoga, WY
Ed Posa, Pueblo West, CO
* Susan Raymond, Boulder, CO
Gary Lynn Roberts, Austin, TX
Vicki Rollin, Poetry, TX
* Wendy Saunders, Pagosa Springs, CO
Victor Schendel, Fort Collins, CO
M. Haynes Scott, Jefferson, CO
George D. Smith, Cody, WY
Nathan Solano, Pueblo, CO
Pati Stajcar, Golden, CO
* Erik Stenbakken, Greeley, CO
Karmel Timmons, Elbert, CO
Greg Todd, Greeley, CO
* George Turnbull, Orland, CA
Connie Tveten, Sheridan, MT
* Clive Tyler, Ft Collins, CO
Lani Vlaanderen, Drake, CO
* Dawn Weimer, Loveland, CO
* Alan Wilkes, Greeley, CO

** Denotes artists new to show.*