

STEAMBOAT ART MUSEUM

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The Steamboat Art Museum was formed in December 2005 and presented its Opening Exhibition in the historic First National Bank building on December 23, 2006. The building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and was gifted to the City of Steamboat Springs by its owner, Helen Rehder, who was a long time area rancher and artist.

Mrs. Rehder stipulated in her will that the building be preserved and used as a museum to promote the culture and heritage of northwestern Colorado. In 2010, the Steamboat Art Museum negotiated a 99-year lease on the building with the City.

Since the Opening Exhibition, which featured the works of past and present local artists, we have presented an Intaglio exhibit, a western art exhibit that included traditional

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cowboy and native American arts as well as paintings and sculpture, an international exchange with Mexico of the works of Martha Chapa, an exhibit on loan from the University of Wyoming Art Museum featuring their collection of the works of E.W. (Bill) Gollings, surreal blacklight sculpture by Don Woodson, and cartoon art by Jerry Palen, Ace Reed, and J.R. Williams.

Subsequent exhibits included the landscape paintings of Clyde Aspevig and Scott L. Christensen, wildlife paintings of Ken Carlson, art quilts by David Taylor, western paintings by Jim Norton, an exhibit from the American Watercolor Society, a 50-year photography retrospective by Rod Hanna, and paintings by Jean Perry and sculpture by Curtis Zabel. Future exhibits include Birds in Art, Plein Air Exhibit, and the paintings of Mark Thompson.

Colorado is unparalleled for its spectacular beauty, incredible light, diversity of terrain, and variety of the seasons. This exhibit will not only present many of the top nature photographers of our region, but will continue to fulfill our mission to present fine art to the public, with a primary focus on the culture and heritage of Northwestern Colorado.

It is with tremendous pride that Steamboat Art Museum presents this diverse collection of photographs from an invited group of talented and creative photographers who have documented this wonderful land in which we live.

We hope you enjoy this incredible exhibit.

Shirley Stocks
Curator