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Buell Children's Museum Debuts Western Adventure

Happy Trails: How the West Was Fun ties into Western Art Exhibits

(Pueblo, Colo.-January 3, 2020) Get ready for a classic Western experience when the Buell Children's Museum launches *Happy Trails: How the West Was Fun* on Sunday, January 12, which is a Free Day from 12 to 4 pm. Other Free Days during this exhibit are Sunday, March 8, and Sunday, May 10. During this exhibit, young cowboys and cowgirls can take part in a variety of rootin' tootin' activities that actually took place in and around Pueblo. The exhibit runs until June 6, 2020.

Stock up on supplies at the Buell Trading Post and see if they all fit inside a to-scale Conestoga wagon. Discover your Ol' West cowboy name in addition to the names for various parts of a saddle. Visitors can take home their very own hand-crafted leather pendant. Do some (pretend) gold panning and maybe strike it rich! Construct a fort diorama out of recycled materials in the Artrageous Art Studio. Guests can also learn about former Puebloan Charles Goodnight who invented the Chuck Wagon and drove cattle during the heyday of the Cattle Drives that came right through southern Colorado!

In keeping with the western theme, the *Goodnight Invitational Art Show* opens a week later in the Arts Center's Hoag Gallery. Coming February 8, the annual *Representing the West: A New Frontier* exhibit will open in the White Gallery at the Arts Center. Both art exhibitions will have a combined opening reception on Friday, February 7, from 5 to 7 pm which is free and open to the public.

Happy Trails: How the West Was Fun is open Tuesday through Saturday 11 am to 4 pm and Sundays Noon to 4 pm. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children, seniors 65+ and military. Arts Center Members are always free.

About the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center:

The cultural hub of Southern Colorado, the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center gives visitors the tools to think and act creatively through a three building complex including seven galleries offering the best in historic and contemporary art by artists of local, regional and national renown. The Arts Center offers the Buell Children's Museum, recognized as the second-best for art by Child magazine, a 500-seat theater featuring a variety of performing arts programs, both local and national, and two gift shops. Over 100 fine arts, dance, and leisure classes are available quarterly providing unique offerings to everyone from children to adults of all skill levels. Admission to the Arts Center is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children, seniors 65+, and military. For more information, please call 719-295-7200; stop by the Arts Center located at 210 N. Santa Fe Ave., just off of I-25, exit 98B, or visit online at www.sdc-arts.org.

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