



EMPIRE RANCH FOUNDATION NEWS

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Featured artist Diana Madaras with her signature show painting "Bad Boy" and its real life model Miro Tymosiak (l); show chair Ginger Hambly with 'Best of the Empire' award winner Tom Dorr (c); 'People's Choice' award winner John Solie with fellow artist Don Crowley (r) (photos: G. Auerbach)

A Most Spectacular Show

The buzz among the 400 excited guests at the opening reception of the 10th Annual "Empire 100" Western Art Show and Sale at Northern Trust in Tucson was that this show is one of the most spectacular ever! A testament to the quality and range of artwork in the show, were the brisk sales as the doors opened—by evening's end, 22 pieces totaling nearly \$20,000 were sold, with other interested buyers promising a return visit. A portion of each sale benefits the Empire Ranch Foundation's efforts to preserve the Empire Ranch Headquarters.

Featured artist Diana Madaras was a crowd favorite, engaging guests in conversation as they arrived. Her featured painting, "Bad Boy," drew interest and accolades. The 'Empire Wall,' featuring artwork inspired by images of the Empire Ranch, was a big attraction. In total, the show includes 100 paintings and 20 bronzes representing nationally recognized artists, as well as artistic gems from emerging artists (names of all contributing artists are listed at article conclusion, p. 2).

"We were excited to have a great range

of works to choose from," said Ginger Hambly, chair of the show. "The talent displayed at this year's show is world-class."

The 'People's Choice' award went to John Solie for "Sweetness," an enchanting oil painting of a young Indian girl. The 'Best of the Empire' award, chosen by Northern Trust staff and the art committee, went to Tom Dorr for "Hangin' Out."

The Empire Ranch Foundation extends its sincere gratitude to Northern Trust for their longstanding sponsorship of the art show. Special thanks to Ginger Hambly for her outstanding leadership, and to the Empire 100 jury that had the challenging task of selecting from nearly 600 entries. To the numerous volunteers, most notably the staff at Northern Trust, a loud round of applause!

The "Empire 100" Western Art Show & Sale continues through March 12 with many exceptional works of art available for sale. Viewing hours are 8:30am to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday at Northern Trust, 3450 E. Sunrise Dr., in Tucson. Images of all artworks and their availability are listed

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Thanks! For Your Generous Response

On behalf of the Empire Ranch Foundation, thank you for your generous response to our year-end appeal. With more than \$15,000 raised, and funding from the BLM, we are now able to begin phase 1 of restoration of the Adobe Haybarn. This project will require considerable funding from a variety of sources, and we will seek grants and other support to secure the Haybarn's future.

We thank our continuing members whose support has laid firm groundwork for the preservation work ahead. We welcome our new members who have joined us, perhaps as a result of their experiences at the 2009 Roundup, at education and outreach events, or a visit to the ranch.

There are many ways to help, financially and on-site. Please contact me to learn how YOU can become more involved.

Journeys of a million miles begin with one step. If you have not already done so, please take that first step to help restore the Adobe Haybarn. Mail the donation form on page 4 of this newsletter or contribute online at www.empireranchfoundation.org.

Carla Kerekes-Martin, President



"Save the Adobe Haybarn" by Palmer Butler, "Empire 100" Art Show & Sale

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Empire 100 (cont'd from p. 1)

on the Empire Ranch Foundation's website:
www.empireranchfoundation.org.

We sincerely appreciate the marvelous talent and efforts of the "Empire 100" contributing artists listed below. Their creative endeavors have made possible this wonderful artistic and fundraising event.

2010 "Empire 100"

Western Art Show & Sale

Northern Trust

3450 Sunrise, Tucson

Participating artists

Roger Alderman • Kurt Anderson
Bruce Andre • Joyce Andre
Carole Andreen-Harris • Santos Barbosa
Bernita Barfield • Carole Beckwith
Stephanie Birdsall • Terry Bowman
Jane Bradley • Harley Brown
Sydney Brown • Palmer Butler
Bonnie Casey • Nancy Schaefer Casey
A.R. Christensen • Cindy Clayberg
Barbara Conaway • Sheila Cottrell
Don Crowley • Maria D'Angelo
Charles Dalrymple • Don Dane
Gisa David • Millard Davidson
Nancy Denzler • Robert Deurlou
Linda Dobkin • Tom Dorr
Deborah Fellows • Fred Fellows
Bernard Fierro • Judy Flynn
Bonnie Gasior • Judy Gibson
Robert Goldman • Aline Goodman
Jim Gruzalski • Faye Gustafson
Frederick Hambly • Ron Himler
Chauncey Homer • Rockwell E. Jackson
Veronica Jacoby • Keri Jelks
Sarah Kennedy • Earl Kuhn
Frank Lalumia • Jon Lightfoot
Diana Madaras • Janine Hart Manemann
Diane C. Maroscia • Ken Mayernik
Buck McCain • Jessica McCain
Garret McFann • Paul Miller
Bill Moomey • Sheri Morris
Roseann Munger • Mac Pakula
Pokey Park • Darcie Peet
Sara Phippen • Nancy Prevo
Hank Richter • Frank Rose
Owen Rose • Mary Schaefer
Brenda Semanick • Eric Slayton
Marla Smith • John Solie
Joe Staheli • Phil Starke
Ken Stockton • Wayne Sumstine
Carol Swinney • Charles Thomas
Sandra VanderWall • Fred Wackerle
Jack Wahl • Carolyn Watson
Sarah J. Webber • Don Weller
2 Elena Willets • Larry D. Wollam



"Sweetness" by John Solie was winner of the 'People's Choice' award



"Hangin' Out." by Tom Dorr won the 'Best of the Empire' award

2010 Officer and Board Member Elections

The ERF board of directors unanimously elected the following officers and members at the November 21, 2009 Board meeting:

President—Carla Kerekes Martin of Tucson was elected to the board in 2007 and served as ERF treasurer from 2007-2009. She is an executive assistant and office manager for an accounting firm in Tucson, and is especially interested in the restoration of the Empire Ranch house and ERF's educational programs.

Vice President—John Komrada, of Tucson, was elected to a second term on the board (2009-2012) and will serve a second term as vice president. His years of experience in the entertainment industry and expertise in special events have greatly enhanced ERF events such as the Roundup.

Secretary—Kristi Keller, of Tucson, was elected to a second term on the board (2009-2012) and will serve a third term as secretary. Her enthusiasm for nature and historic preservation blend with her love for exploration on horseback and birding.

Treasurer—Tom Rogos of Sonoita, a retired banker, was elected to a second term on the board (2009-2012) and will serve as treasurer. He and his wife Cheryl own and operate La Hacienda de Sonoita, a Cowboy/Western themed B&B.

Faith Boice, of Tucson, is the great granddaughter of Frank S. Boice. She is the accounting coordinator of Prime Event Group, and sole proprietor of JFB Financial Services. An active member of the Tucson Rodeo Parade Committee, she serves as its treasurer.

Bill Schock, of Elgin, is a retired manager and mechanical engineer from the oil well drilling industry in Texas, Louisiana and internationally. Bill grew up on his grandfather's ranch in Elgin and now operates a cattle operation on a portion of that ranch. He is highly interested in the area's ranching and homesteading history and culture.

Judith Williams, of Tucson, operates The JW Organization, one of the first public relations firms in Tucson, which today specializes in marketing-management consulting for artists, and appraisals for insurance and estate purposes. She owned and operated Rosequist Galleries from 1978 through 2001.

Board members Steve Boice, Emil Franzi, Ron Martin, J. Jeffrey Matthews, and Tim Vail will be continuing on the board. We are most grateful for the contributions that these dedicated volunteers will continue to make to the Foundation.

Special thanks are due to the following board members who left office in November. Each has helped enormously to strengthen the Foundation and advance its mission to preserve and interpret the Empire Ranch. Fred Baker (2006-2009) chaired the bylaws and nominating committees. Alison Bunting (2006-2009) served as president (2007-2009) and secretary/treasurer (2006-2007). Sarah Miller (2003-2009) served as president (2004-2006) and treasurer (2003-2004). All three will continue supporting ERF as members of the advisory committee, and Alison as archivist and newsletter editor. Again, deep thanks to these hardworking colleagues.

New WATG! Spring Camps Enrolling for March

Two *Wild about the Grasslands!* Spring Camps will be held at Empire Ranch Headquarters on March 15 - 20, 2010. They are the newest educational offerings by the Foundation and the BLM for students in Grades 6-10. This expansion of the dynamic summer WATG! ecology and ranching heritage outdoor education program is funded by two \$10,000 grants from the BLM with matching funds from ERF.

Spring Day Camp I (March 15 - March 17) introduces campers to the significance of the Cienega Creek to the Cienega Watershed. Through hands-on exploration, students will learn about the importance of this precious water source to a diversity of plants and wildlife, and to the people who depend on it.

The early registration fee of \$85 (or \$95 after February 15th) includes a long sleeve t-shirt and a nature heritage discovery journal.

Spring Overnight Camp II (March 19 & 20) is designed for students who have attended WATG! Summer Day Camp or Spring Day Camp I to gain experience camping outdoors. The campers will enjoy an evening of activities including Dutch oven cooking, wildlife spotting, listening to cowboy music, and observing the night sky. The next day they will explore the semi-desert grasslands through geocaching and letterboxing, or the use of maps, compass, and GPS to find hidden treasures. They will practice responsible outdoor recreation by participating in a geocaching stewardship monitoring project on the NCA.

The early registration fee of \$60 (or \$70 after February 15th) includes a long sleeve t-shirt, dinner, breakfast, and light lunch.

A discounted fee of \$135 (or \$155 after February 15) is offered for students registering for both Spring Camp I & II.

Enrollment is now open. Limited full or partial scholarships are available. Round trip transportation from Old Vail Middle School to Empire Ranch is available, at a cost, for students enrolled in Vail Unified School District. Carpooling may be available for other students. Please call (888) 364-2829 for more information or email admin@empireranchfoundation.org



Grasslanders” in action on LCNCA (photos: N. Steklis)

Stang Foundation Award

ERF has received a new \$4,500 grant from the Fred W. Stang Foundation to support extended field classroom experiences for students attending *Wild About the Grasslands!* 2010.

The award will fund professional staffing for the WATG! Summer Camp at Empire Ranch Headquarters, June 7-11, 2010. In addition, it will support the graphic design and color printing of the *Take It Outside! Pocket Guide: Habitats and Places of Interest on the Las Cienegas NCA* to be published this spring. Development of the content of the guide, designed for youth attending ERF and BLM education programs, was funded by a BLM Take It Outside: Children and Nature Initiative Grant.

We are enormously grateful for this second award from the Stang Foundation. Now even more youngsters will have an opportunity to learn about the Empire Ranch and the unique habitats of Las Cienegas National Conservation Area due to this generous support!

Camping Tents Wanted

If you have any spare 3 - 4 person tents in good condition, the *Wild About the Grasslands!* Spring Camp 2010 could use them for the Spring Overnight Camp II at Empire Ranch Headquarters on March 19 & 20, 2010. All donations are welcome and tax deductible.

For more information, please call (888) 364-2829.

Support ERF While You Search or Shop the Internet

Earn contributions to ERF every time you search the Internet or make an online purchase by using GoodSearch and GoodShop.

GoodSearch.com is a Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it as your search engine of choice, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop.com is an online shopping mall which donates a percentage of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting ERF.

To participate, download the GoodSearch-Empire Ranch Foundation toolbar <http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/empire-ranch-foundation>.



Back in the Saddle Again: Ride the Empire Ranch

Plan to join the Empire Ranch Spring Trail Ride, sponsored by the Foundation. Back by popular demand, the ride will take place Saturday, April 17. You'll ride through some of the most spectacular scenery in the state. The morning ride departs at 9am, returning for a Ranch House Tour, lunch, & friendship in the historic Stone Corral. An afternoon ride departs at around 1pm.

Join us! We promise you the magic of the land will take your heart!

Bring your own horse, or reserve horse rentals in advance with us. Reservations, including payment in full, are due (postmarked) by Saturday, April 3.

A flyer containing pertinent information and a mail-in registration form is enclosed in this newsletter. For more information, call 888-364-2829.

National Register Listing Is Almost Ready to Go!

Listing a historic property on the National Register of Historic Places requires perseverance and attention to detail. We are fortunate that Kelly Timmerman, who is wrapping up a year's work on the Empire Ranch's listing, has both.

Although the Ranch House has been listed since 1975, BLM and ERF believe that recognition of the site's historic significance must extend to other structures at the Ranch Headquarters.

Working under contract with ERF with funding provided by BLM, Kelly has completed extensive research, looking at records and documents at the University of Arizona, Pima County, the State of Arizona, and the BLM State Office. Most of the outlying buildings and features at the Ranch are considered eligible for listing, and the revised nomination will be submitted as a National Register Historic District.

This designation encompasses not only the individual structures, but the site as a whole. The BLM has drawn a new boundary for the Historic District, which roughly extends from the shipping corrals at the eastern end to the pasture fence west of the Huachuca House; and from the windmill at the southern end across Empire Gulch to the north.

Review of the package, which includes building descriptions, photographs, historical background, map and site boundaries, is underway by ERF and BLM managers. After their approval, the nomination is sent to the State Historic Preservation Office (a division of Arizona State Parks) for consultation. After addressing any concerns

from SHPO, the nomination is forwarded to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, which will make the final determination for listing on the National Register. We'll keep you posted on the progress of the Empire Ranch Historic District nomination.

Oral History Program

The Empire Ranch Foundation has an active oral history program designed to document the history of the Empire Ranch. Interviews are conducted with individuals who lived and/or worked on or who have had significant involvement with the Empire Ranch. A listing of interviews conducted to date including, when available, a contents summary, is now on our website at: www.empireranchfoundation.org/OralHistories.htm.

Oral history materials are stored in the ERF archives and can be consulted by appointment. Suggestions for additional interviews are welcome. Please call (888) 364-2829, or send an email to: info@empireranchfoundation.org

Gifts in Remembrance

The Empire Ranch Foundation deeply appreciates recent donations received
In Memory of:

John Donaldson
Earl F. Glenn, Jr.
Carey Ingram
Laura "Dusty" Vail Ingram
Jim McNulty
Julia S. Ruch
Godfrey Sill
Margaret Vail Woolley

In Appreciation of: Alison Bunting

Working Calendar

[Location: Empire Ranch Headquarters, unless otherwise noted. To volunteer, or for more information, call (888) 364-2829]

February

Ongoing "Empire 100" Western Art Show & Sale -- Open to the Public, M-F, 8:30am to 4pm, Northern Trust, 3450 East Sunrise Drive, Tucson

20 Volunteer Work Day, 8am-Noon

March

1-12 "Empire 100" Western Art Show & Sale -- Open to the Public, M-F, 8:30am to 4pm, Northern Trust, 3450 East Sunrise Drive, Tucson,

15-17 *Wild about the Grasslands!* Spring Camp I for Grades 6-10, 9am to 3pm

19-20 *Wild About the Grasslands!* Spring Overnight Camp II for Grades 6-10, 3pm to 1pm

20 Historic Empire Ranch Tour in celebration of Arizona Archeology Month, 11am

27 ERF Board Meeting, 9am-Noon

April

17 Spring Trail Ride, 9am to 4pm

24 Volunteer Work Day, 8am-Noon

May

5 Legacy Day at the Empire Ranch, 9am to 2pm

15 ERF Board Meeting, 9am -Noon

June

7-11 *Wild About the Grasslands!* Summer day camp for Grades 6-8, 9am to 3pm

2009/2010 Membership Reply

Yes, I want to help save the Empire Ranch for future generations!

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- \$100 Wrangler
- \$250 Vaquero
- \$500 Jefe
- \$1,000 Patron
- \$2,500 Majordomo
- \$5,000 Cattle Baron
- \$10,000 Territorial Governor
- \$ _____ Year-end Gift
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