



## EMPIRE RANCH FOUNDATION



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### **15th Annual Empire 100 Western Art Show & Sale sponsored by the Empire Ranch Foundation**

**March 29- April 19, 2015**

**Opening Reception (By Invitation): 2:00 to 5:00pm, Sunday, March 29**

**WE'RE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OUR NEW LOCATION!**

**Tucson Desert Art Museum**

**7000 E Tanque Verde Rd, Tucson, AZ 85715**

Art viewing Hours: Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 10:00 to 4:00 pm;  
Thursday 10:00 to 7:00 pm, Closed Monday and Tuesday

All art will be showcased on the Empire Ranch Foundation (ERF) website,  
<http://www.empireranchfoundation.org>.

#### **About the Show:**

The **Empire 100 Western Art Show & Sale** began 15 years ago to raise funds for the preservation of the historic Empire Ranch Headquarters. This juried art exhibition & sale has grown in stature to become a premiere art show featuring established and emerging artists specializing in Western art. The art show is named "Empire 100" to reflect the number of pieces selected for the show. Artwork is selected through a jury process that examines hundreds of submissions to offer an unparalleled selection of Western art. Ranging from impressionistic and traditional Western art subjects, to plein air landscapes, to colorful still lifes, the show offers something for every collector.

The Empire 100 Western Art Show & Sale is a not-to-be-missed event for the serious collector, or for the individual who wants the opportunity to see and purchase superb Western art. The show also features entries of "Empire-inspired art" - artwork inspired by images and scenes at the historic Empire Ranch in Sonoita, Arizona. A portion of all sales supports the Empire Ranch Foundation's programs for preservation, interpretation, and education at the historic Empire Ranch House and Headquarters, a property that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Images of artworks selected for the 2014 Show will be available on the Empire Ranch Foundation website approximately two weeks prior to the opening of the show.

**About the Chair: Laura Davis**

Empire 100 Chair is Laura Davis, Business Development Manager for her family business, Arizona Lithographers. She is a member of the Friends of Western Art, a key organizer of the Mountain Oyster Club art show, and also a collector of Western and Native American art. Laura is serving her fourth year as chair of the Empire 100 Western Art Show.

### **Notice of Intent**

- Notice of Intent, while appreciated, is not obligatory. Please email a notice of your “intent to participate” by to Ali Boelts, Administrator. Include your name, mailing and email addresses and phone number. To ensure a reply, please put “Empire 100 Intent” in the subject line. For those without email, leave a message of intent on the ERF phone line, 888-364-2829.

### **Images/Artwork**

- Up to four images of Western art may be submitted to the jury for consideration. The maximum allowed pieces by any one artist is three. All submissions must include the consignment form and entry fee, and be postmarked, or submitted online by **Friday, February 27, 2015**.

### **Rules of Sale**

- Artists receive 70% of the price of the artwork; 30% is noted as a donation by the artist to the Foundation. Payment is made to the Empire Ranch Foundation and the Foundation sends the artist a check for 70% of the retail price, and a letter noting their tax-deductible membership/donation of 30% of the sales price. During the Empire 100 show, artists often find clients resulting in a later sale or commissioned works. When this occurs, a 30% commission is due the Empire Ranch Foundation.

### **Requirements**

- **IMPORTANT:** Artists are asked to consider the size of their art works submitted. Medium sized artwork is preferred; the maximum image size is 850-900 square inches.
- A \$25 entry fee per artist must accompany the CD of images & consignment form.
- Up to **FOUR** images may be submitted to the Empire 100 jury for consideration. No more than three images from any one artist will be accepted. No substitutions for the work will be accepted once the jury has made its selections.
- All artwork must be original (etchings, prints, giclees and lithographs are not eligible).
- Paintings must not have been previously exhibited for sale; bronze sculptures must have been cast within the last two years.
- The artist sets the price for the artwork. If more than one piece is submitted, we suggest that one of the pieces should be smaller in size, as exhibit space is limited.
- All artwork must hang for the duration of the show.
- All artwork not sold by the close of the show on Sunday, April 19, 2015, must be removed by Tuesday, April 21, 2015.

### **Submissions: Two Options – Online or by Mail**

1) **UPLOAD** your images to via <https://empireranch.wetransfer.com/>. Be sure to attach your consignment form to your submission, and then mail in your entry fee of \$25 to: **ERF, Attn: Empire 100, P.O. Box 842, Sonoita, AZ 85637**. Online submissions are strongly encouraged.

2) **MAIL** your CD containing the digital images of artwork, consignment form and \$25 entry

fee to: **ERF Attn.: Empire 100, P.O. Box 842, Sonoita, AZ 85637**. CDs will be returned if accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope (they are otherwise destroyed).

**Deadlines:** Mailed submissions must be postmarked by **Friday, February 27, 2015**; online submissions must be received by midnight that same date.

### **Image Requirements:**

- A digital image of the art must exclude **mat & frame**.
- Size each image to approximately 1800 pixels (long dimension) and submit in a jpeg format (approx 4x6 @300dpi) and no larger than 1.5MB.
- Assign filenames to individual digital files as follows: **Lastname,Firstname-artwork title with spaces.jpg**. Example: Smith,John-Ranchhouse at Dawn.jpg).
- Submit one image for each painting; for bronzes, submit only two images showing different views.
- Images must be for the exact work that will be exhibited. Accepted artwork images will be used for thumbnail images on the Foundation's website, and publicity.
- If you need assistance with taking photos of your images, please contact local photographic labs such as Centrix or Photographic Works.

### **Art Shipping & Delivery Instructions**

- If you are shipping or delivering art, it must arrive at the at the Tucson Jewish Community Center between 9am to 3pm, Thursday, January 30 or Friday, January 31 when ERF volunteers will be onsite to accept the artwork.
- All art must be labeled on the back with the artist's name, title of the work, and price. Paintings must be framed and wired for hanging.
- If you are shipping, please note new shipping address!

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**Attn: Empire 100**

- In the event the artwork is not sold, artists must pick up artwork or provide instructions for the pre-paid return of artwork. Please provide a pre-pared mailing label and specific **PREPAID** method and **MAILING FORM** to return unsold artwork. (Use forms provided by UPS, DHL, Fed Ex, etc.). An administrative fee of \$20 will be charged when the above is not included.

### **Liability**

- Great care is taken when receiving and hanging your work; professional hanger and trained volunteers assist with the hanging. The gallery room is secure and locked during non-gallery hours.
- However, neither the Empire Ranch Foundation nor the Tucson Jewish Community Center will be held personally responsible for any loss or damage. If you desire, short-term coverage can be obtained through the Artists, Crafters and Tradesmen Insurance Program, <http://www.actinspro.com>
- If the art is shipped or delivered, please make sure all art is individually and securely

packaged and labeled with the artist's name, title of work, and price.

**Important Dates:**

**Friday, Jan 30, 2015**

Receipt of "intention to participate"

**Friday, Feb 27, 2015**

Postmark deadline for mailing or online submissions of images, consignment form and receipt of \$25 entry fee.

**Friday Mar 15, 2015**

Artists notified of "Empire 100" jury decisions

**March 20**

Artwork to be posted to ERF Website

**March 24 & 25**

Artwork to be received by ERF volunteers at Tucson Desert Art Museum

**March 26**

Hanging of the Show

**March 27 & 28**

PREVIEW Opening

**Sunday, March 29**

Opening Reception, By Invitation Only, 4:30-7pm

**Sunday, April 19**

Last Day of Show

**Monday, April 20 & 21**

All art to be removed from Tucson Desert Art Museum

**Questions?**

All inquiries for submissions/sales should be sent to: Ali Boelts, Administrator, Empire Ranch Foundation, [admin@empireranchfoundation.org](mailto:admin@empireranchfoundation.org), 888-364-2829, 520-465-7645 (cell).