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### **Fine and functional art of the American cowboy featured at the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Trappings of the American West Exhibition & Sale Sept. 2-30, 2017**

(Flagstaff, Ariz.) April 14, 2017 – Celebrate the time-honored tradition of Western craftsmanship at the *26th Annual Trappings of the American West Exhibition & Sale*, Saturday, September 2 through Saturday, September 30, 2017 at the Museum of Northern Arizona (MNA), 3101 N. Fort Valley Road in Flagstaff. This event is presented in partnership with Dry Creek Arts Fellowship (DCAF).

The exhibition features new work by 80 of the country's top artists from 15 Western states including members of the Cowboy Artists of America, Traditional Cowboy Arts Association and the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame. *Trappings* showcases the talents of master painters, sculptors and photographers, along contemporary cowboy gear created by craftsmen and craftswomen. Saddles, boots, hats, knives, engraved bits and spurs, hitched horsehair and musical instruments will be featured in the exhibition.

"*Trappings* explores the richness and complexity of cowboy heritage and artistic expression," said Carrie M. Heinonen, MNA CEO and Director. "The event forges a strong connection to Western traditions here on the Colorado Plateau."

"It is refreshing to know that traditions and art forms evolving from horse culture and the cattle industry are still cherished and nurtured," adds DCAF Executive Director Linda Stedman. "*Trappings* connects visitors to the history of the country's rural western culture, rooted in the principles of tradition, family, integrity and hard work."

A series of public programs will occur each weekend and include: artist demonstrations, lectures, gallery tours, cowboy poetry, musical performances, an equestrian event and a Dutch-oven cook-off.

A member preview and artist reception will be held Friday, September 1, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Attendees will have the first opportunity to purchase artwork as well as meet many participating artists.

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Admission is \$12 for adults and \$8 for students (w/ ID), American Indians (10+ with tribal affiliation) and youth (10-17). Children under 10, and MNA and DCAF members, are free.

The Museum of Northern Arizona is located three miles north historic downtown Flagstaff on scenic Highway 180 to Grand Canyon National Park and is open Monday-Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 12:00 – 5:00 p.m.

For more information on the *26th Annual Trappings of the American West Exhibition & Sale* contact the Museum of Northern Arizona at (928) 774-5213, [www.musnaz.org](http://www.musnaz.org), or Dry Creek Arts Fellowship at (928) 774-8861, [www.drycreekarts.com](http://www.drycreekarts.com).

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(Left) Damascus Steel Spur by Larry Fuegen

(Right) Wild Storms by Bev Pettit

The **Museum of Northern Arizona** inspires a sense of love and responsibility for the beauty and diversity of the Colorado Plateau. Founded in 1928, the Museum includes an historic exhibit building with nine galleries showcasing the geology, anthropology and art of the region; research and collections facilities; a museum shop and bookstore; and more than 450 public programs annually. To learn more, visit [musnaz.org](http://musnaz.org) or call (928) 774-5213.

**About the Dry Creek Arts Fellowship** Founded in 1996, the Dry Creek Arts Fellowship is an educational and charitable non-profit that provides a base of support for the preservation and future development of Western Art. The organization fulfills its mission through the annual presentation of Trappings of the American West and multiple public programs to include Expressive Arts Discovery.