

# STEAMBOAT ART MUSEUM

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Steamboat Art Museum, in collaboration with the University of Wyoming Art Museum, is pleased to host the E. W. “Bill” Gollings Exhibition for the community of Northwestern Colorado and its visitors. The Gollings exhibit is the most comprehensive collection of the works of E. W. (Bill) Gollings in existence today, currently on long-term loan to the University of Wyoming Art Museum.

Elling William (Bill) Gollings was an artist, a cowboy and a poet. He experienced the West at a time when there were still Cheyenne warriors, cattle drives, and cowboys chasing Longhorns across an open range. For years he was torn between his exciting cowboy life and his need to paint; he found harmony in combining the two. Bill’s paintings are true representations of a life he led; most of the people and animals you see in his work were well known to him. He was a quiet, unassuming man who refused publicity and wanted his art to sell itself.

Gollings was born in Pierce City, Idaho in 1878 and died in Sheridan, WY in 1932. He was one of the last of his kind, a cowboy who painted the “Old West” from his own personal experiences as he worked cattle and broke horses at the turn of the century in Montana and Wyoming. This collection shows Bill’s talent and hard-earned skill in artistically portraying the old West, a life he lived and loved.

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This is the fifth and most comprehensive Exhibition and the most ambitious endeavor the Steamboat Art Museum has undertaken as it celebrates its first anniversary in December. Securing the exhibit is a significant coup for the Museum and it perfectly matches the Museum's mission to "collect, preserve, and present fine art to the public, with a primary focus on the culture and heritage of Northwestern Colorado." The Exhibit will consist of 57 works of art, which include paintings, etchings and pen and ink drawings.

The Exhibition is also a natural for the Steamboat Springs community, which has a long history of ranching life, and for the Steamboat Ski Resort, which has branded and marketed the resort for its western and cowboy heritage. The Exhibition will run through the ski season, November 21 to April 13, so the many skiing and winter visitors will also have the opportunity to experience this wonderful show.

An opening reception will be held December 7<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 p.m. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 12-4 p.m. The museum is located at 807 Lincoln Avenue in Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

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