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BILL KURTIS' ART OF THE PRAIRIE GALLERY HOSTS NEW PHOTO EXHIBITION IN SEDAN

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SEDAN, KS: Bill Kurtis' Art of the Prairie Gallery is pleased to host a new photographic exhibition by Michelle M. Martin of Bartlesville, OK. Titled "The Magic of Woolaroc", Martin's exhibition explores the natural beauty, wonder and magic of Woolaroc. Located south of Bartlesville, Woolaroc was the weekend retreat of oilman Frank Phillips and his family. The site now boasts one of the best collections of western art in the nation and is home to a herd of buffalo, elk, deer, longhorn cattle, zebra and many other animals. The exhibition came to life after Martin, a producer and photographer, worked on the set of "The Magic of Woolaroc" a new visitor center film for the site. The exhibition first ran at Woolaroc in March 2009. Bob Fraser, CEO of Woolaroc, said of the exhibition "Michelle has done a tremendous job of really catching the special feel of Woolaroc. Many people have made the comment that they think her exhibit is "the best we have had in the Bunkhouse" and I agree."

Martin is familiar to many in Southeast Kansas. Prior to forming her own historical consulting company, Discovering History LLC, Martin was an instructor of history at Fort Scott Community College and was actively involved in the history community in Kansas. A featured living history reenactor at Fort Scott National Historic Site and many Kansas state historical sites, Martin is a frequent contributor to film and television projects in Kansas. She most recently co-authored **The Prairie Table Cookbook** with Bill Kurtis as well.

Visitors to Sedan can see the exhibition at Art of the Prairie Gallery. The gallery, formerly located in the historic Bull Building in Sedan, has been recently moved next door to the Red Buffalo Gift Shop which is managed by Mary Kristin Kurtis. The exhibition is open during Red Buffalo Gift Shop hours and admission is free. The exhibition will run from May 21 thru July 31, 2009. Call the Red Buffalo Gift Shop for hours.

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