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RUDL MERGLEMEN IS ARTIST OF THE MONTH AT MUSEUM OF WESTERN ART

The Museum of Western Art is showcasing artist Rudolph "Rudl" Mergelman as the July Artist of the Month. A wine and cheese reception will be held on Friday, July 28, at 5:30 p.m. Non-museum members are invited to attend with a suggested donation of \$10, and museum members can attend at no charge. Please call 896.2553 to r.s.v.p.

A descendant of two Colorado pioneer families, Rudl was raised in the heart of the open range of Western Colorado. Horses, cattle and working ranches were the way and love of his life. Family members and friends frequently appear in his paintings, and his knowledge of the cattleman is evident in the authenticity of his work. He spends hours observing elk, deer and bighorn sheep in their natural habitats. His work is bold and vivid, as are the animals and countryside.

Of his life and work, he said, "After 30 years in the education and commercial art fields I feel that I am now able to devote full time to the career I have waited for. I spend my studio time putting cowboys and critters into paint and clay. My lifelong interest in art has always been two-fold; developing my artistic skills and portraying the subject matter I love so much."

For more information about the artist or the museum, please call 830.896.2553.