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TRAVIS KEESE IS JANUARY ARTIST OF THE MONTH AT MUSEUM OF WESTERN ART

The Museum of Western Art will host its Artist of the Month reception on Thursday, January 18, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. with wildlife artist Travis Keese. Non-museum members are invited to attend the wine and cheese reception with a suggested donation of \$10; museum members, of course, attend at no charge.

Travis, who grew up in Somerville, says, "As long as I can see the natural world, I feel the need to put down on canvas a world I can create within its dimensions." He spent 28 months in Germany in the U.S. Army where he viewed the great European art treasures. In 1964 he became the staff artist for the Houston Museum of Natural Science until 1971.

Travis has two works printed by New York Graphics and several prints with Arts Limited in San Antonio. His works are in the collections of banks in Kerrville and San Antonio, and in private collections. In 1990, he was selected to design and paint two "Shipwreck" murals for the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History. And in 1994 he designed and painted a 125' x 23' mural for the new Museum of the Gulf Coast in Port Arthur.

Travis specializes in painting wildlife because it appeals to a deep sympathy within him for wild creatures, something no works can express, he says.

The award-winning Museum of Western Art is located at 1550 Bandera Highway in Kerrville. Hours are 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, please call 830.896.2553.