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Three Arts-Oriented Festivals Set for one Estes Park Weekend

Estes Park, CO — Artistic endeavors take center stage in Estes Park the weekend of Sept. 19 and 20 when three festivals celebrating a variety of mediums take center stage.

The **Estes Park Film Festival** begins Thursday, Sept. 17 and continues through Sunday, September 20. The **Fine Arts & Crafts Show** is Sept. 19 and 20 and falls on the same weekend as the community's **Studio Tours** featuring the work of eight area artists.

Each September, filmmakers from around the world travel to Estes Park to showcase their newest independent feature films, documentaries, and short films. All showings are scheduled at the Historic Park Theatre, 130 Moraine Ave. Featured films this year are "Bomber," winner of the Grand Jury Prize at the South by Southwest Film Festival in Austin, TX and "Crossroads on the Columbia."

"Bomber" (to be shown at 9 p.m. on Sept. 19) is a comedy about love, family and dropping bombs on Germany. "Crossroads on the Columbia" (scheduled for 5 p.m. on Sept. 18) is a documentary that chronicles a community's response to private energy investment companies proposals to build controversial Liquefied Natural Gas receiving terminals on the lower Columbia River near the historic town of Astoria, OR.

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More than 75 booths featuring a selection of juried fine arts and fine crafts will be on display during on Sept. 19 and 20 in Bond Park in the center of downtown Estes Park at the intersection of MacGregor Ave. and Elkhorn Ave. (Estes Park's main street). The show includes paintings and drawings, jewelry, metal work, clothing and tapestry bags, home décor and more.

The same weekend (Sept. 19 and 20) Estes Park artists will open their studios for tours during the annual Studio Tour. The 2009 tour features Deedee Hampton Studio, Oil and Mixed Media Collage; Karen Dick Studio, Ceramics; John Lynch Woodworking Studio, Woodworking; Patricia Henriksen Greenberg Studio, Pencil; Cecy Turner Studio, Oil; Cydney Springer, Oil; Greig Steiner, Oil and Mixed Media; and Leah Simmons DeCapio Studio, Pottery.

The tour is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. Maps for the self-guided tour will be available at the Cultural Arts Council Gallery at 423 W. Elkhorn Ave.

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