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## Art Show & Sale

# W J Bradley: A Sense of Place

March 4 – April 18, 2011

Banff, Alberta – The Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies celebrates the work of Banff artist W J Bradley with an art show and sale, ***W J Bradley: A Sense of Place***, featured by the Museum Shop and on display in the Swiss Guides Room.

The show features 28 paintings that vividly depict Wendy's deep connection with place, people, and story. Wendy's paintings glow with an inner beauty. Resonating with a passion for capturing the moment and being intrinsically merged with the landscape, her work reflects a sincere affection for this environment and her own sense of place in it.

Born and raised in Banff, Wendy is truly 'at home' in her Canadian Rockies. Four generations of Wendy's family have lived here and she continues to enjoy their legacy of community and appreciation for mountain culture. An affinity for natural places is expressed in her understanding of the landscape radiating from every brush stroke. It is seen in the spontaneity of painting 'en plein air' or in the precision of developing studio work with layers of transparent glazes with opaque accents.

Wendy is an alumnus of the Atlin Art Centre, and since 1996 has exhibited in both group and solo shows. As an Artist-in-Residence, she has participated in programs at Num-ti-jah Lodge at Bow Lake and at the Haig Glacier, Kananaskis for the Canadian Olympic Development Association (CODA). Her works can be found in collections around the world including Canada, Iceland, Germany, France, Japan, the US, and the UK.

The Whyte Museum Shop hosts a series of juried art shows and sales throughout the year. These shows include feature artist shows, group shows, and themed shows and are intended to showcase a selection of works that complement other exhibitions, programs, or events at the Whyte Museum. All proceeds from the sale of these works will support the artist, and the Whyte Museum's exhibitions and programming.

**Opening Reception, March 4, 6 – 8 pm, Artist in Attendance**

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The Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies welcomes those who are drawn to the power and inspiration of these mountains. We are the gateway for experiencing and enjoying its art, culture and history in order to inspire and cultivate knowledge and the exchange of ideas. Visitors from near and far experience the Museum's galleries, programs, archives and library, heritage homes, museum shop, guided walks, tours, and special events.

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