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VISIONS OF THE AMERICAN LANDSCAPE
FEBRUARY 1 - 28, 2016, OPEN HOUSE FEBRUARY 18, 5-7PM

JACKSON, WY.... Trailside Galleries is pleased to present Visions of the American Landscape, a show of all new works featuring many of the country's top landscape painters. Participating artists will include **Bill Anton, Brent Cotton, Kathleen Dunphy, Michael Godfrey, Lanny Grant, Robert Moore, Ralph Oberg, Andrew Peters, Matt Smith, Paul Waldum, Curt Walters** and **Kathy Wipfler**. The show will be on exhibit from February 1 through February 28 and an Open House is scheduled at the gallery for Thursday, February 18 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. The show will include larger, finished studio paintings as well as a selection of smaller plein air works painted on location.

Landscapes have always played a significant role in American art. They convey the artist's subjective interpretation of nature's moods and mysteries. The term landscape actually derives from the Dutch word **landschap**, which originally meant "region" or tract of land" but acquired the artistic connotation, "a picture depicting scenery on land" in the early 1500s.

It was in the 17th century that the classical landscape was born. These landscapes were influenced by classical antiquity and sought to illustrate an ideal landscape recalling Arcadia, a legendary place in ancient Greece known for its quiet pastoral beauty. In the second half of the 20th century, the definition of landscape was challenged and pressed to include concepts like urban landscapes, cultural landscapes, industrial landscapes, and landscape architecture. Today, the landscape continues to be a subject artists turn to when contemplating the ways we relate to the places where we live and the impact humans have on the land.

Since 1963, Trailside Galleries of Jackson, Wyoming and Scottsdale, Arizona has been regarded as one of the pre-eminent dealers in American representational art, specializing in a rich and varied collection of works by the leading western, wildlife, figurative, impressionist, and landscape artists in the country. The artist roster includes members of the Cowboy Artists of America, National Academy of Design, Oil Painters of America, Plein-Air Painters of America, Prix De West, Society of Animal Artists, National Sculpture Society and Masters of the American West.

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