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## A SIMPLER LIFE: S.C. MUMMERT MARCH 1 - 31, 2016, OPEN HOUSE: MARCH 17, 5-7PM

Jackson WY...Trailside Galleries is pleased to present S.C. Mummert in a showcase of all new works beginning March 1 and continuing through March 31. This showcase, titled "A Simpler Life" will feature a series of paintings inspired by vintage 1920's and 1930's western imagery.

For this California based painter, cowboy culture has always been a passion. A past President of one of the oldest riding organizations in Southern California and former board Member of the Olaf Wieghorst Museum, Mummert notes, "It's who I am. The rides I've been on, the cows I've pushed, the old timers I've talked with – it's all great inspiration for my paintings."

For this showcase, Mummert, who was mentored under painters Tom Ryan and John Asaro, has created a visually stimulating group of paintings after researching books by authors Will James and Ben Green and delving into this fascinating time period. Mummert says, "The research into this material has grown into a real passion for the period. I am just fascinated with the big hats, batwing chaps, bandanas and the general spirit of adventure the prevailed back then." He adds, "This was a time in history when King Tut's tomb was discovered, Lindberg flew the Atlantic, and Howard Hughes set the world land-air speed record. The cowgirls from that time really came into their own as well, many trading their skirts in for jodhpurs—some entering (and winning) rodeo competitions largely designed for men."

Mummert has now collected many of the props from this vintage era to use in his newest paintings, including saddles, tack, spurs, and hats. He hopes that the research and sheer delight of researching this fascinating era has worked its way onto his brushes and canvas for the viewers to enjoy.

*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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