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# Space Cowboy Colorado and the Colorado Scenic & Historic Byways Photography Exhibit Come to Steamboat Springs

*"The frontier isn't gone. It's just higher now."*

**On view November 6-28 at Steamboat Creates Depot Art Center.**

**Free admission. Opening reception Friday, November 6, 5–8 pm**

**Steamboat Springs, Colorado** — A ten-foot rocket in a cowboy hat made entirely of yarn is coming to Steamboat Springs — and it's bringing Colorado's entire history with it.

**Space Cowboy Colorado** is a statewide public art mission by **Dundee & Lee** — the Trinidad, Colorado studio of artists **Emilie Odeile** and **Ken Chapin**. At its center is a large-scale fiber art Mission Control environment inspired by the *Aerobee* — one of the pioneering research rockets developed at CU Boulder before NASA existed. The project asks a simple question: what if the same grit that built the American West is exactly what will take us to the stars?

Developed through the **Colorado Creative Industries Change Leader Program** in collaboration with **Eva Lewis** of the Ignacio Creative District, the mission is on a four-year journey through all 37 of Colorado's Certified Creative Districts. At every stop, local artists, students, historians, and community partners shape the exhibition — adding their voices to a growing statewide archive. **Colorado Poet Laureate Crisosto Apache** is also accompanying this work and will present during First Friday Artwalk with a public reading from his third book, *is(ness)* and community conversation. Oral histories are collected at every stop in collaboration with **Kim Kennedy White**, Associate Curator of Oral History at History Colorado, and with the **PACE Program at CU Boulder**.

*"Space Cowboy is truly a unique experience" says Thea Wigglesworth, Program Director at Steamboat Creates. "There is so much to interact with, from the fiber art installation surrounded by Riverwalk Collective's response to the work, to the member show Gathered Here's reflection on our Western Heritage, to all the small businesses displaying photographs of Colorado's scenic byways throughout Downtown. We even have a kid's camp where they get to dive into the exhibit on November 23rd."*

## THE COLORADO SCENIC & HISTORIC BYWAYS PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

Traveling alongside Space Cowboy Colorado is the award-winning **Colorado Scenic & Historic Byways Photography Exhibit** — 52 framed photographs celebrating the landscapes, communities, and journeys that define Colorado. These photographs will be on display in participating downtown Steamboat businesses during the month of November. The byways are more than the roads that carry Space Cowboy from town to town. They are woven into the fiber artwork itself, connecting the Creative District of Steamboat Springs to

the Depot Art Center. Visitors are encouraged to experience the exhibitions — and then continue the journey, exploring the byways that inspired them.

**Exhibition Details**

Dates: November 6-28 2026

Opening Reception: Friday, November 6, 2026 · 5:00–8:00 pm · Artist talk begins at 5:30 pm with the Colorado Poet Laureate's presentation at 6 pm.

Location: Steamboat Creates/ Depot Art Center

Address: 1001 13th Street, Steamboat Springs, CO, 80477

Hours: Monday–Friday 11:00 am–5:00 pm

Admission: Free and open to the public

Website: SpaceCowboyColorado.com · steamboatcreates.org

**ABOUT DUNDEE AND LEE**

Dundee & Lee is the Trinidad, Colorado–based studio of artists Emilie Odeile and Ken Chapin. Through fiber art, storytelling, and community-centered installations, they create experiences that connect people with place. Their work includes *Goodnight Moon: A Fiber Tale*, seen by more than 12,000 visitors across Colorado, and *Space Cowboy Colorado*, a statewide initiative celebrating Colorado's communities through art and oral history. More information is available at **DundeeandLee.com**.

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