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A Creative and Colourful Weave of Arts and Culture to Welcome Whyte Museum Visitors

Banff, Alberta – Feast on intricate patterns, colours and designs and gain insight into the passion and skills of an exceptional group of women who work with fibre. Two new exhibitions, *Women of Fibre: Mary Garnham Andrews and Articulation* and *Bow Valley Fibrearts* open at the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies on Saturday, November 26, 2011, at 7 p.m.

Women of Fibre: Mary Garnham Andrews and Articulation features a broad selection of the weaving of 95-year-old Banff artist and Master Weaver, Mary Garnham Andrews. “As a leading Canadian weaver and a gifted teacher Mary Andrews’ influenced and inspired countless artists, far beyond The Banff Centre and far beyond Banff,” comments Michale Lang, Executive Director of the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies. “The Whyte Museum is thrilled to honour Mary’s story during her lifetime; to share Mary’s vibrant artworks and the artifacts of her craft with our visitors.”

While Mary Garnham Andrews’ work anchors *Women of Fibre: Mary Garnham Andrews and Articulation* in the tradition of weaving, the contemporary works of *Articulation*, an eclectic group of Western-Canadian fibre artists, illustrates the ongoing vibrancy of fibre arts across Canada. Similarly, *Bow Valley Fibrearts* is a snapshot of some of the artistic energy and creativity present in the Bow Valley today, and features original designs in silk painting, quilting, felting, knitting and wearable art, by seven local artists.

The Opening Reception for *Women of Fibre: Mary Garnham Andrews and Articulation* and *Bow Valley Fibrearts* will be held on Saturday, November 26, 2011, at 7 p.m., and is open to the public. Mary Garnham Andrews will attend the Opening Reception, and the six members of the artist collective *Articulation* will demonstrate their fibre arts expertise and be available for discussions. Both exhibitions will run from November 26, 2011 until January 29, 2012.

Located in Banff National Park, 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 the art, culture and history of the Canadian Rockies, to inspire and cultivate knowledge and the exchange of ideas. Visitors can experience the Museum’s galleries, programs, archives and library, heritage homes, museum shop, guided walks, tours, and special events.

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