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"ART WALK FEATURES FIRESIDE CHAT AND ROBERT WEATHERFORD"

Telluride, Colorado (August 1, 2012) – This Thursday, as part of the First Thursday Art Walk, the Telluride Historical Museum will offer its first Fireside Chat of the season and celebrate local artist, Robert Weatherford.

The Fireside Chat will begin at 5:30p.m. at the museum amphitheatre. Wine and cheese will be served while two authors – Charmaine Gets and Carol Turner – spin long tales highlighting Colorado's colorful past.

Getz author of "Weird Colorado: Your Travel Guide to Colorado's Local Legends and Best Kept Secrets," will speak about the mystery airships of Colorado, quack medicine ads, and Alfred Packer.

Turner, who penned, "Notorious Telluride: Wicked Tales from San Miguel County," will tell about the "Snowy Adventures of the Millionaire Kid" and "Death by Gold Fever," the story of the shooting in Ophir of her great Uncle Charlie Turner.

The museum joined the Art Walk route last summer as part of their effort to draw traffic to their temporary exhibits. Currently on display is "Sound and Vision: 125 years of art and music in Telluride." To round out the body of antique and historical artifacts, each month throughout the exhibit's run, the museum features a contemporary local artist. Thursday's Art Walk serves as the premier of Robert Weatherford's 48" x 60" oil painting, "Mining Tower."

"This is such a unique piece, mixing mining heritage with the natural landscape," said Erica Kinias, museum executive director. "It's truly a great fit for our exhibit."

Admission during the Art Walk is free and the museum will extend their hours until 8p.m. The museum is located at the top of Fir St.

Image Caption: Robert Weatherford's "Mining Tower," on display at the Museum throughout August.