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Artist Takes Community Members on Guided Tour Through Boone to Discover the Town's Namesake

BOONE, NC— Appalachian State University's Turchin Center for the Visual Arts is currently presenting an exhibition by artist, Dan Smith, titled ***MANifested DESTINY: From Boone to Boon- A Re-Interpretation by Dan Smith*** on exhibit until November 13, 2010. This exhibition is a "living exhibition" where the components of the exhibition will be altered, moved and transformed by the artist until the close of the exhibition. The artist will be working in the gallery on Wednesdays and will be available to answer questions about his work.

In addition to his exhibit, Dan Smith will be organizing two guided walking tours through the town of Boone to discuss and learn about the life of American pioneer and the town's namesake, Daniel Boone. The tours are scheduled for Saturdays, September 4 and October 2 from 10 a.m. until Noon. The tours will meet and begin at the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts and travel around the town visiting other locations including: Belk Library, the Boone Statue, the Boone Monument, the Greenhouse, the Post Office Mural and the High Country Press where some of Smith's photographs are on display.

Smith's current work displayed at the Turchin Center is an environmentally and historically based exhibition and incorporates photographs, paintings and natural and manmade objects with historical documentation, which investigates aspects of the American Revolution, the Great Awakening, the Enlightenment, global conflict, new technology and sustainable development. *MANifested Destiny: From Boone to Boon* is the third installment of a series of exhibitions by Smith titled *Extended Sites* where he projects himself into randomly selected out-of-doors environments across the United States.

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Dan Smith has been a freelance artist, illustrator and photographer since 1978. His artwork has been featured in over 100 exhibitions throughout the country. Before moving to nearby Hickory in 2003, he spent over 15 years teaching college courses in studio art and humanities in South Carolina and Virginia.

For more information on Dan Smith's Guided Walking Tour and when he will be actively working in the gallery, please call the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts at 828-262-3017 or visit www.tcva.org.

About the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts

The Turchin Center for the Visual Arts presents exhibition, education and collection programs that support Appalachian State University's role as a key regional educational, cultural and economic resource.

The Turchin Center is located at 423 West King St., in Boone. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tues.-Thurs. and Saturday, and Noon-8 p.m., Friday. The center is closed Sunday and Monday, and observes all university holidays. There is no admission charge, although donations are gratefully accepted.

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