The annual Western and Wildlife Art Show opens on July 1 with Meet-the-Artists Buffet at 5 p.m. and a lively auction of artists' original pieces at 6 p.m. It will run through the 4th, with 26 artists showing and selling their work in this juried show.

The historic Veterinary Building at Fort Robinson is the perfect venue for artists whose works celebrate the West–its history, its wildlife and landscape, its present day culture. This building was a part of the "old West" and saw history being played out over soon-to-be 140 years. Each year, for 39 years, it has opened its stalls and operating room once a year for use by one organization: the Western and Wildlife Art Show.

Four new artists will join the list of professional artists showing this year.

Because of the limited space in the veterinary building, only 26 artists are invited to show and sell. Their works range from oils, watercolors, pastels, charcoal, and pen and ink to bronze sculptures, wood carvings, pottery, photographs and jewelry. They are represented in galleries and private collections in the States and abroad.

This year, 23 of the artists have put an original piece of art in the auction, which begins at 6pm on July 1. The art pieces are on view from 3pm to 5pm, just inside the front door of the Vet Building. Those interested in bidding, may pick up an auction catalog with photos of each auction item and make notes to help during the bidding.

The Meet-the-Artists' Buffet runs from 5 to 6p.m. The food is catered by Fort Robinson. Tables are set up under the pines, creating a perfect setting for saying hello to a favorite artist, or meeting a new one. Tickets for the buffet will be available at the front door of the Vet Building beginning at 3 p.m.

The lively auction begins right after the buffet. When the auction is over, attendees may enter the Vet Building to visit the artist's stalls until 9 p.m. This a little preview of the show that really begins the next morning.

The hours for viewing and buying on July 2 and 3 are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. July 4 hours are 9am to 5 p.m., giving people ample time to get to the rodeo. Entrance to the show is free. Throughout the length of the show, there will be a concession stand and Pat Meade will provide Country Western music with his guitar.