



Ellensburg Rodeo Announces Change in Royal Court

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May 23, 2013 – President Kelly Schademan presented this year’s Ellensburg Rodeo poster artist, Darlene Cox, with a check for \$300 for her winning entry for the 2013 poster competition, titled “Born to Rodeo.”

Darlene and her husband Tim, have been long-time residents of the Kittitas Valley where they raised their two daughters, Crystal and Candee. Along with her photography, Darlene and her family have made horses, rodeo and western living a big part of their lives. Tim rode bulls for 20 years and her daughters compete in barrel racing and breakaway roping.

The poster, chosen by the community, is very personal for Darlene, as the poster is a photograph of her grandson, Colton Larimer, and one of her son-in-laws, Nick McCormack, a current bull rider.

Rodeo is a family event and the poster captures this feeling very well. The Ellensburg Rodeo thinks this poster will be a very popular, and the posters may be purchased at the Ellensburg Rodeo ticket office signed by the artist for \$20 and \$10 for those that are not signed.

This year’s rodeo runs from August 30 – September 2, 2013. More information about its many competitions and events can be found online at www.ellensburgrodeo.com.

The Ellensburg Rodeo is one of the “old rodeos” and has earned its place as one of America’s Top 10 professional rodeos. The Ellensburg Rodeo is the final stop of the Wrangler Million Dollar Gold Tour and hosts the World Finale of PRCA’s Extreme Bulls Tour. Started in 1923 with the same volunteer spirit that still “fuels the fire” of today’s volunteers, the rodeo has grown from a local competition among ranch hands to the Professional event of today with over 600 contestants and prize money in excess of \$400,000!

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