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### **Smithsonian Exhibition on Rural America Will Delight Local Audiences**

The Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street, in cooperation with Colorado Humanities, presents "Crossroads: Change in Rural America." The exhibition, which examines the evolving landscape of rural America, will host its grand opening reception on Friday, October 20, at 7 p.m. at the San Luis Valley Museum, 401 Hunt Avenue, Alamosa, CO 81101. This event features Keynote Speaker Dr. Ed Crowther, Emeritus Professor of History at Adams State University. "Crossroads" will be on view through November 25, 2023.

The San Luis Valley Museum and the surrounding community were expressly chosen by Colorado Humanities to host "Crossroads" as part of the Museum on Main Street project—a national/state/local partnership to bring exhibitions and programs to rural cultural organizations. After it leaves Alamosa at the end of November, the exhibition will travel to 8 more communities in Colorado before returning to the Smithsonian; an itinerary is available online at <https://coloradohumanities.org/programs/museum-on-main-street/>.

### **About "Crossroads: Change in Rural America"**

"Crossroads" takes a broad look at the characteristics of rural America. It explores how an attraction to and interaction with the land formed the basis of our rural culture and how rural communities and small towns evolve and change. It also highlights how change transformed rural America, especially during the 1900s, and how rural Americans are evolving for the future.

Upcoming program events at the San Luis Valley Museum highlighting the exhibit include Eric Carpio, Guest Speaker from the Fort Garland Museum on November 3 at 7 p.m. The closing ceremony is on November 17 at 7 p.m. and will feature guest speaker author Pete Anderson. For a complete listing of related programs, visit <https://www.museumtrail.org/san-luis-valley-museum> or call 719-587-0667.

"Crossroads" is part of Museum on Main Street, a unique collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES), state humanities councils across the nation, and local host institutions. To learn more, visit [www.museumonmainstreet.org](http://www.museumonmainstreet.org), [www.sites.si.edu](http://www.sites.si.edu), or <https://coloradohumanities.org/>.

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10am - 4pm

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