



# ART OF THE COWGIRL FOUNDATION



2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

EMPOWERING, EDUCATING, AND CELEBRATING  
WOMEN IN THE WESTERN INDUSTRY



*Dear Friends,*

In 2025, the Art of the Cowgirl Foundation funded six Fellowships and hosted two Gatherings where people came together to learn and connect around the western trades and horsemanship. None of this would have been possible without you — our community of donors, partners, and cowgirls at heart.

As we reflect on this year, we celebrate not just the programs, but the women whose lives and legacies are being shaped by your generosity. Thank you for believing in this mission and helping us keep the western tradition alive through mentorship, artistry, and horsemanship.

*With gratitude,*

Executive Director & Board of Directors  
*Art of the Cowgirl Foundation*



# OUR MISSION & VISION

The mission of Art of the Cowgirl Foundation is to celebrate, support, and empower women in the Western arts and culture. Through our Fellowship program and educational workshops and clinics, the Foundation provides invaluable hands-on learning experiences, ensuring the transfer of traditional skills and fostering creativity in contemporary trades.

By offering mentorship, education, and other opportunities, we aim to preserve and promote the legacy of women in the Western way of life, inspiring and equipping future generations to continue these timeless traditions.

We envision a future where women are empowered as artists, ranchers, and horsewomen, carrying the western tradition forward with strength and skill.

# 6 FELLOWSHIPS FUNDED

## Hat Making with Shorty Koger

Recipient **Jessica Ross** from Scotland  
(our first international recipient)

## Bit Making with Kim Parkey

Recipient **Lacey Davidson** from Montana

## Horsemanship with Jill Barron

Recipient **Halee Staskivige** from Montana

## Chap Building with Julie Baugher

Recipient **Erica Mannix** from Montana

## Beading with Kathleen Brannon

Recipient **Ashley Morris** from Nevada

## Packing and Outfitting with Lisa Barnes

Recipient **Claire Voris** from Oregon

# 2 GATHERINGS

## BUFFALO, WY GATHERING | JUNE 2025

- **Eight** workshop and clinic offerings including horsemanship, cow working, cinch building, rawhide braiding, silver, brand building, and photography
- Inaugural Women's Retreat
- Fundraising dinner with music at the TA Ranch
- **50** attendees across workshops, clinic, and the retreat

## PAWHUSKA, OK GATHERING | OCTOBER 2025

- **Nine** workshop and clinic offerings including horsemanship, cow working, cinch building, bosal building, drawing, silver, beading, upholstery and youth trick riding
- An Evening at the Cross Bell Ranch Fundraising Dinner with authentic chuckwagon cooking, music, and art
- **65** attendees across workshops and clinics
- Masters and Artists showcased at the main Art of the Cowgirl event in Arizona in February through demonstrations, teaching workshops, and having a booth space at the tradeshow.



## *Thank You to Our Donors & Partners*

We extend heartfelt gratitude to our 2025 donors, sponsors, and community partners. Your belief in this mission makes our work possible. Your continued partnership will help us reach more women, preserve more traditions, and share the authentic cowgirl spirit with the next generation.



# LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026

In 2026, we are currently offering **six** fellowships for recipients in our Fellowship Program. We plan to expand to a new region for one of our 2026 Gatherings and create new opportunities for continuing education and community for past Fellowship Recipients and Masters.

## 2026 FELLOWSHIPS TO BE OFFERED

### *Silver*

with Master **Barbara Jacques**

### *Horsemanship*

with Master **Lee Smith**

### *Saddle Making*

with Master **Nancy Martiny**

### *Fine Art*

with Master **Mary Buchholz**

### *Breakaway Roping*

with Master **Lari Dee Guy**

### *Rawhide Braiding*

with Guest Master **Bill Ferreira**



# HOW TO GET INVOLVED

**Donate Financially:** Make a one-time or recurring gift

**In-Kind Donations:** Donate an item to the silent auction to benefit the Fellowship Program

**Attend:** Join us at the next Art of the Cowgirl Main Event or Gathering to see the mission in action

# ART OF THE COWGIRL FOUNDATION

## DONOR PROGRAM

### DONOR LEVELS AND DELIVERABLES

#### FRIEND OF THE COWGIRL

**\$750 – \$1500**

- Special thank you gift
- Name listed on website
- 1 ticket to Art of the Cowgirl event

#### HERITAGE PARTNER

**\$2,500**

- Special thank you gift
- Name listed on website
- Name listed in event program
- Two tickets to Art of the Cowgirl event
- One spot in a workshop or clinic at the Main Event or a Gathering

#### LARIAT PARTNER

**\$5,000**

- Special thank you gift from Fellowship Recipient
- Name listed on website
- Name listed in event program
- Three tickets to Art of the Cowgirl event
- One spot in a workshop or clinic at the Main Event or a Gathering
- Social media recognition

## FELLOWSHIP PARTNER

**\$10,000**

- Special gift: leather journal cover made by Fellowship Recipient
- Name listed on website
- Small ad or name listed in event program
- Four tickets to the Art of the Cowgirl event
- Four tickets to the Art of the Cowgirl VIP Dinner
- One spot in a workshop or clinic at the Main Event or a Gathering
- Personalized thank you video from a fellowship recipient
- Recognition on social media as Fellowship Sponsor
- Recognition during main stage programming at the annual Art of the Cowgirl event during Fellowship presentation

## LEGACY PARTNER

**\$20,000**

- Special gift: framed art print from Master or Recipient
- Name listed on website
- Small ad or name listed in event program
- Six VIP tickets to the Art of the Cowgirl event (VIP Seating)
- Six tickets to Art of the Cowgirl VIP event
- Two spots in a workshop or clinic at the Main Event or a Gathering
- Personalized thank you video from a fellowship recipient
- Recognition on social media
- Recognition during main stage programming at the annual Art of the Cowgirl event
- Dedicated profile in donor spotlight (web/social/newsletter)
- Three night stay in Las Vegas during the National Finals Rodeo



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