

NATIONAL COWBOY HALL of FAME
and Western Heritage Center

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Miss Laura Gilpin
409 Camino del Monte Sol
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Miss Gilpin,

May I begin by introducing myself? My name is Jon Burris and I'm the director of photography for the National Cowboy Hall of Fame. While I know you are familiar with our museum, you may not be aware of our recent program of collecting and exhibiting photography.

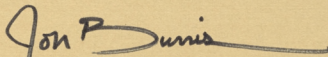
When I came to the museum two years ago, I set a goal for myself of organizing and exhibiting what I felt would be the best photography I could assemble for our public to view. The first show we presented was, "Ansel Adams--A Retrospective Exhibition," opening last April 1 and being held over for two months due to popular demand.

I am most currently working on a proposed landscape exhibition and would like very much to meet with you to discuss including several of your photographs in that exhibition.

Enclosed, you will find a copy of the winter issue of our Persimmon Hill magazine containing an interview I did with Ansel. If it meets with your approval, I would like to do a similar interview with you.

My plans are to be in Santa Fe on August 31. Might there be any day close to that we could meet? I have long been an admirer of your work and look forward to our getting acquainted.

Most sincerely,



Jon Burris
Director of Photography

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