



## **National Cowboy Poetry Gathering Itinerary 2013**

### **Meet Italian Cowboys at the 29<sup>th</sup> National Cowboy Poetry Gathering**

As part of the Western Folklife Center's ongoing program of cultural exchanges with herding and horse cultures from around the world, cowboys from Italy will participate in the 29<sup>th</sup> *National Cowboy Poetry Gathering*, January 28 to February 2, 2013. The *butteri*, as they are known, come from the Marrema area of southern Tuscany in the Northern Latium and in the Pontine Marshes, where men, horses and cattle roam the beaches of the Tyrrhenian Sea. The *butteri* have been tending their indigenous Marremana cattle and horses for centuries. The 2013 Gathering will feature several working *butteri* who will perform their music, songs and poetry, and will also include an exhibit on *buttero* culture and gear.

#### **Sunday, January 27**

Arrive in Elko and check into hotel.  
Dinner at the Aspens Bar and Grill.

#### **Monday, January 28**

Start your day with a cowboy breakfast then take a tour of the Western Folklife Center, home to the *National Cowboy Poetry Gathering*, which begins today. See authentic cowboy gear, art and memorabilia and an exhibition focusing on ranching culture in the American Southwest. Walk across the street to J.M.Capriola's, the western store that is home to the Garcia Bit and Spur Company and Capriola Custom Saddles, and watch a master saddle maker craft a saddle into a work of art.



10:00 – 11:30 am

**Cowboy Poetry Workshop**

\$25 per person

Western Folklife Center G Three Bar Theater

In the American West, the oral tradition of cowboy poetry dates back 150 years to the time when horsemen trailed cattle across the vast, open rangelands. Crafting and reciting poetry during those long drives was a way for cowboys to pass the time and entertain themselves. This tradition is still being practiced among ranching

people today, and experienced a renaissance since the 1980s with the first Elko Cowboy Poetry Gathering.

11:30 am – 2:00 pm

Lunch and tour historic downtown Elko/Free Time



2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**Cowboy Music Traditions**

\$25 per person

Western Folklife Center G Three Bar Theater

This workshop will provide an overview of the history and practice of cowboy music in the American West, and its relationship to cowboy poetry.

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Dinner at one of the Basque Restaurants and enjoy Basque entertainment and culture.

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

**Cowboy Poetry and Music Performance**

\$20 per person

Western Folklife Center G Three Bar Theater

## Tuesday, January 29

8:00 am  
Breakfast

Depart hotel at 9:00 am

Tour the Northeastern Nevada Museum; view mast radon elephant fossils, an original Pony Express cabin, the largest gun collection in Nevada, Basque history and much more.



10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Ranch tour and lunch

4:00 pm – 6:30 pm  
Free time

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
**Cowboy and Music Performance**  
\$20 per person  
Western Folklife Center G Three Bar Theater

## Wednesday, January 30

8:00 am  
Breakfast

Depart hotel at 9:30 am

10:00 am – 11:30 am  
**The Best of Deep West Videos**  
\$10 per person  
G Three Bar Theater

For as long as there have been moving pictures, filmmakers have tried to capture the drama



of life in the West. And while the “Old West” may be gone, the drama continues to this day, as people in rural places redefine life in the West for our times. *Deep West Videos* are the Westerns of today: first-hand stories made by rural and ranching people that highlight the drama, creativity and challenges of life in the rural West. This screening will include the best of Deep West Videos since the program began in 2004.

Noon-1:00 pm  
Lunch

3:30 pm – 6:30 pm  
Tour the New California Trail Interpretive Center with a Dutch oven dinner



7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
**Official Opening Night  
Performance**  
\$35 per person  
Elko Convention Center Auditorium

**Thursday, January 31**

8:00am  
Breakfast  
Depart Elko after breakfast