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Artists Encouraged to Apply for Artist-Wilderness-Connection Program

KALISPELL, MT - The Flathead National Forest, Hockaday Museum of Art, Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation and the Swan Ecosystem Center invite artists to apply for the 2014 Artist-Wilderness-Connection Program. The program is an artist-in-residence project that connects artists and local communities with public lands of the Flathead National Forest in Northwest Montana.

Professional working artists of various disciplines, media and styles spend up to two weeks in a remote forest cabin on the Flathead National Forest to focus on their respective art. The program connects artists with wild lands like the Bob Marshall, Great Bear and Mission Mountain Wilderness Areas. After completing the residency, artists select a format to share their talents and residency experience with the community and donate a representative piece of their art to the Artist-Wilderness-Connection Program.

Applications for the program are available at <http://hockadaymuseum.org/>, or by calling the Hockaday Museum of Art at 406-755-5268. Applications must be postmarked by February 28, 2014. Individuals and group collaborations are invited to apply.

This is a special year for participating in the program, with 2014 marking the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act and 50 years for the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area, <http://wilderness50th.org/>.

In recognition of the 50th anniversary, the Hockaday Museum of Art will host an exhibition of art created from the experiences of over thirty artists that participated in the Artist-Wilderness-Connection program over the last ten years. The exhibit will take place July 24 through September 13, 2014. An artist reception and program will be held August 7.

For more information about the Artist-Wilderness-Connection Program, contact Teresa Wenum at the Flathead National Forest, 406-758-5218 or Liz Moss at the Hockaday Museum of Art, 406-755-5268.

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