



Flathead National Forest

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Artists Selected for Special Wilderness Program

--Public invited to view artwork from past years participants

The Bob Marshall Foundation, Flathead National Forest, Hockaday Museum of Art and the Swan Ecosystem Center selected three Montana artists to participate in the 2006 Artist-Wilderness-Connection program, an artist-in-residence project that connects artists and local communities with our wild lands. Within the next month, painter Jane Latus Emmert from Whitefish, painter Carol Poppenga from Lewistown and painter Michael Patterson from Great Falls will spend time in a remote forest cabin on the Flathead National Forest to focus on their art. After completing their residency each artist selects a format to share their talents and residency experience with the community.

Art pieces created from 2004 and 2005 residency experiences are on display at the Summit Nature Center on the top of Big Mountain. The "Inspirations from the Forest" exhibit showcases a glass sculpture created by Whitefish artist Myni Ferguson, paintings by Janet Sullivan from Missoula and a unique "journal box" created by multi-media artist Karin Connelly of West Glacier.

For more information about the Artist-Wilderness-Connection program, contact Teresa Wenum, Flathead National Forest, 406/758-5218 or Linda Engh-Grady, Hockaday Museum of Art, 406/755-5268.

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