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Lois Conner: Montana Prairie

September 7 - January 13, 2013

Montana Women Homesteaders*: Author Sarah Carter -
Festival of the Book, October 6, 1 PM, Reception to Follow,
Free

Heartland Film Screening, Discussion & Reception*: October
13, 1 PM, Free

Promoting Empty Spaces Lecture & Reception: Kristi Hager*,
October 20, 1 PM, Free

Missoula, MT / August 8, 2012 / Missoula Art Museum (MAM) / MAM is presenting an exhibit of Montana prairie photographs by acclaimed photographer Lois Conner in our Travel Montana Lobby. Lois Conner, a NYC based artist, has travelled the globe with her large format camera beautifully and skillfully capturing landscape and cityscape. An accomplished and gifted artist and scholar, Conner earned her MFA from Yale, and received a Guggenheim Fellowship to photograph in China. Conner's exhibit history is quite extensive and widespread, including venues in China, England, France, and throughout the United States. In 2005, she came to Montana with Canadian photographer Geoffrey James and photography legend Lee Friedlander to photograph American Prairie Foundation lands adjacent to the Charles M. Russell Wild Life Refuge south of Malta. These photographs capturing the austere majesty and long, deep views of Montana's prairie were published in the book *The Wide Open*, accompanying the writings of Judy Blunt, James Welch, Rick Bass, and other distinguished authors. In 2008, the Missoula Art Museum hosted an exhibition of the photographs, an exhibit that then travelled to other art institutions throughout the state. Conner generously donated the twelve photographs from *The Wide Open* to MAM's Permanent Collection, a selection of which will be in the display.

*The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.

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About MAM: FREE EXPRESSION / FREE ADMISSION. The Missoula Art Museum strives to engage artists and audience in the creative exploration of contemporary art relevant to our community, state and region. Founded in 1975 and accredited by the American Association of Museums since 1987, MAM showcases diverse and thought-provoking contemporary artwork from local and international artists. Gallery Hours: Tuesday- Friday, 10 AM - 5 PM, Saturday-Sunday, 12-5PM. Office hours: Mon-Fri, 9AM-5PM.