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### **Stephen J. Glueckert Contemporary Montana Art Collection to Open at MAM**

October 7 – December 31, 2016 // Shott Family Gallery & Goldberg Family Library

**Missoula, MT / August 25, 2016 / Missoula Art Museum (MAM)** -- MAM is thrilled to debut a new category of the Permanent Collection dedicated to MAM Senior Curator Emeritus, Stephen Glueckert. The collection, established in 2015 on the occasion of his retirement, primarily comprises work by living artists who had the fortuity to work with and know Glueckert. Many of these artists began making art in the 1960s and 1970s, laying the groundwork for contemporary art as we know it today.

This exhibition includes a vibrant chorus of works by notable artists, such as the sculptures of Ken Little, illuminated manuscript pages by Cathy Weber, drawings by MaryAnn Bonjorni, and more. A print by James Todd gifted to this collection, Museum of Charles Willson Peale, speaks to Glueckert's profound love and respect for the role that museums have played in education and artistic exploration. Glueckert often refers to Peale as an integral figure in allowing art to be accessible to all people. Glueckert carried Peale's vision forward by dedicating 24 wonderful years to MAM as Senior Curator and by serving a passionate career as an art educator and curator.

The survey of works presented in this exhibition is only a first glance at a growing collection. If you are an artist or art lover, please consider giving a gift of contemporary Montana art to the Stephen J. Glueckert Contemporary Montana Art Collection at MAM in honor of this dedicated advocate.

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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- Saturday, 10 AM - 5 PM. Office hours: Mon-Fri, 9AM-5PM.