



January 23, 2006

Contact: Denise Germann
406-758-5252
406-249-1714 cell

Educators Invited to Smithsonian Exhibit “Inspirations from the Forest” Open House

Teachers and educators are invited to view a special Smithsonian traveling exhibit, “Inspirations from the Forest,” hosted by the Flathead National Forest and the Museum at Central School on Tuesday, February 7, 4-6pm at the Museum. The Flathead Community of Resource Educators (CORE) is hosting an open house with no admission fee during this time to help teachers utilize an exhibit learning guide for grades 4-12.

Myni Ferguson, an artist participating in the Flathead National Forest Artist in Residence Program, will showcase her glass sculpture featuring the Spotted Bear pack mules. She will also share her experiences on how the local natural environment has inspired her as an artist.

Educators are encouraged to schedule a field trip to the exhibit during the venue, February 7 – 17, by calling the Museum at 756-8381. More information about the exhibit and the learning guide is available by visiting www.folklife.si.edu/explore/inspirations.html.

The traveling exhibit showcases artists and writers from around the country that draw inspiration for their art from the natural environment, including national forests and grasslands. The exhibit includes work from Montana cowboy poet Wally McRae.

The Flathead CORE is a network of individuals and organizations working together to increase the awareness and understanding about the natural, historical and cultural resources of the Flathead Region.

-END-