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WOMEN ARTISTS IN THE ENVIRONMENT/ENERGY

Two art exhibits titled "Women Artists in the Environment/Energy" will be on display through Oct. 10 at the Missoula Museum of the Arts and the UM Gallery of Visual Arts in conjunction with the Northwest Women's Studies Association Conference (NWSA) scheduled Oct. 8-10.

Art work done by Montana women artists will be featured at the Missoula Museum of the Arts. Northwest and regional women artists from Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, North Dakota and South Dakota will display their art at the Gallery of Visual Arts at UM.

Two and three-dimensional art, paintings, sculptures, woodwork, metal art and fabric art will be featured in the exhibits.

The Gallery of Visual Arts will be open from 4 to 6 p.m. Sept. 17. The Missoula Museum of the Arts will open its doors to the public from 3 to 5 p.m.

Each artist will have a written statement accompanying her art work, explaining the relationship between her art and the environment.

"The art work will cover a wide variety of responses to the natural environment, small-town and city life of this region," says Julie Codell, assistant professor of art history and curator of the exhibit.

The NWSA conference will focus on feminism and environmentalism, Native American energy issues, women's art and integrating women's studies into the curriculum.

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It is funded in part by the Montana Arts Council, Montana Committee for the Humanities, the Women's Resource Center, UM School of Fine Arts, the Montana Power Company and private contributors.

For more information about the exhibits, contact Julie Codell at 243-4091 or Kate Stanish, administrative aide, at 243-2813.

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