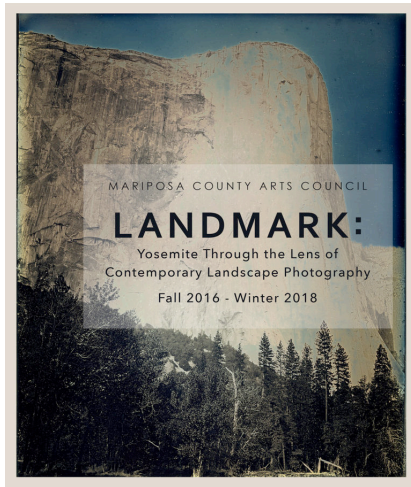


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The Mariposa County Arts Council Presents LANDMARK, a Multi-Sited Exhibition Celebrating the Centennial of the National Park Service and Looking Ahead to the Next 100 Years

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LANDMARK: Yosemite Through the Lens of Contemporary Landscape Photography
November 2016 – January 2018

MARIPOSA, CA – The Mariposa County Arts Council presents LANDMARK: Yosemite

Through the Lens of Contemporary Landscape Photography, a multi-sited exhibition of contemporary landscape photography created in Yosemite. This exhibition celebrates the centennial of the National Park service and looks ahead to the next hundred years.

Curated by Cara Goger, LANDMARK features the work of: Binh Danh, Mark Klett and Byron Wolfe, Ted Orland, Millee Tibbs, and Jerry Uelsmann and will be shown at the Yosemite Museum (National Park Service), the Merced County Arts Council, the Mariposa County Arts Council, and San Francisco Camerawork between November of 2016 and January of 2018.

Landscape photography is uniquely wedded to the National Parks, and specifically to Yosemite. Many famous photographers have had a storied relationship with Yosemite – their work not only celebrates and shares the landscape's grandeur, but also examines our relationship to wilderness and conservation. The contemporary artists selected for this exhibition bring new representation and varied voices to the genre of landscape photography, strengthening the rich relationship between the medium and Yosemite while also blazing new conceptual and technical ground with their work.

"We are excited that the Mariposa County Arts Council is highlighting new photographic work created in Yosemite with this exhibition. Photography was instrumental in both the early preservation of Yosemite National Park and remains an important part of the park experience today. As we move through the Centennial Year, we are looking forward to people seeing the beauty and grandeur of Yosemite through the lens of photography," stated Scott Gediman, Public Information Officer for Yosemite National Park.

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"LANDMARK recognizes the profound connection between art and place, and illustrates that, while Yosemite is a preserved landscape, the Park's social, political, economic, and ecological terrain is dynamic and the issues facing it are ever changing. By expanding the boundaries of traditional landscape imagery, the work included in *LANDMARK* explores contemporary issues pertaining to Yosemite and other national parks," explains Cara Goger, *LANDMARK* curator and Executive Director of Mariposa County Arts Council.

The high caliber of artists and projects represented in this exhibition is a testament to Yosemite's capacity to inspire. Many of the included pieces are part of larger significant projects that focus on Yosemite or the National Park system, but have yet to be exhibited in Yosemite or the surrounding region. An exciting moment for this project will be the exhibition of this work in its place of origin - Yosemite. Equally exciting is its public presentation in rural and urban communities geographically connected and immediately impacted by the Park.

LANDMARK exhibition schedule:

Yosemite Museum (NPS), Yosemite National Park, CA
November 18, 2016 through January 22, 2017

Merced County Arts Council's Multicultural Art Center, Merced, CA
April 10, 2017 through June 11, 2017

Mariposa County Arts Council, Mariposa, CA
August 4, 2017 through November 26, 2017

San Francisco Camerawork, San Francisco, CA
December 7, 2017 through January 27, 2018

For more information, please visit www.mariposaartscouncil.org

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