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Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum

“Stillness at Dawn” Exhibition Launched with Artist Gallery Talk

University Center, MI – “Stillness at Dawn” is the title of an exhibition of photographs (archival pigment prints) on display at the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum by Detroit area photographer Bill Jackson. The artist will discuss his work in a gallery talk at the Museum on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 11:00 a.m.

Born and raised in Metro Detroit, Bill Jackson received his Ph.B from Monteith College, Wayne State University in 1967. His photographs have been exhibited in museums and galleries throughout Michigan and in New York.

Museum Director Marilyn Wheaton said, “Bill Jackson’s prolific photo shoots in and near Michigan’s Great Lakes and inland bodies of water have produced intriguing work, including the photographs in *Stillness at Dawn*. He has a marvelous way of astutely capturing the essence of tall reeds in the water, at just the right moment to seize the harmonious play between the two elements,” she added.

“I use a camera to create semi-abstract images. They are sparse indications of what might be, without the certainty of what is. That’s why reeds figure so prominently in my work: They look like the calligraphic lines in traditional Asian art that suggest so much, and portray so little,” explains Bill Jackson about his photographs. “Back at my studio, I try to limit digital editing to simple cropping, contrast, toning and sharpening—pretty much what was done with film in the darkroom. Then I print to archival standards using pigment inks on matte papers without artificial brightening agents,” he said.

Jackson’s most recent exhibitions in 2016 were *Non Objectivity III*, Walter Wickiser Gallery, New York, NY; *Art Aspen*, Aspen Ice Garen, Aspen, CO; and *Curves and Arches*, Ellen Kayrod Gallery, Detroit, MI.

The *Stillness at Dawn* exhibition is made possible with generous support from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and National Endowment for the Arts.

The gallery talk is free and open to the public. “Stillness at Dawn” runs through January 21, 2017. The Museum is located on the campus of Saginaw Valley State University. Public exhibition hours are Monday-Friday 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 12 noon – 5 p.m.

For more information, call (989) 964-7125 or visit the Museum’s website at www.marshallfredericks.org.

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Editor’s Note: Attached are 2 images of Bill Jackson’s photographs.