

View new DIA and old photographs

September 29, 2009

What: Creative 360 (formerly Creative Spirit Center) in Midland sponsors a trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts to view the “Photography -- The First 100 Years” exhibition.

When: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17

Cost: Free \$35, which includes transportation plus admission to and a guided tour of the DIA

For more information: Call (989) 837-1885 or visit www.becreative360.org

MIDLAND -- An historical survey of photographs capturing the life and times of the early 1840s to 1940 is the focus of an “on the road” outing sponsored by Midland’s Creative 360 (formerly Creative Spirit Center).

On Saturday Oct. 17, a van will leave Creative 360 at 1517 Bayliss for a day trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts to view its exhibition “Photography -- The First 100 Years: A Survey From the DIA’s Collection.”

The exhibition includes iconic images by both American and European photographers, among them Julia Margaret Cameron, Dorothea Lange, Alfred Stieglitz, Paul Strand, Edward Weston and Lewis Hine, as well as an overview of photographic techniques.

The visit also will include a guided tour of the 658,000-square-foot building, which houses more than 60,000 works of art. Its collection ranks it among the top six art museums in the United States.

The DIA, as it is called, was founded in 1885 and opened its current Beaux-Arts facility on Woodward Avenue in 1927. In 2007 the DIA completed a six-year renovation and gallery reinstallation project.

Among the changes are improved labels, hands-on activities, high-tech interpretive devices, an expanded cafe, more seating in the galleries, and a

larger museum store. The museum houses more than 100 galleries, and covers every era of art.

The cost of the Creative 360 trip is \$35, which includes transportation plus admission to and a guided tour of the DIA. Lunch is on each participant's own in the expanded cafe. The trip will return to Midland by 5 p.m.

Reservations are due by Friday, Oct. 9. Call (989) 837-1885 or register online at www.becreative360.org. For more information on the Detroit Institute of Arts, log on to www.dia.org.

About Creative 360

Creative 360, formerly known as Creative Spirit Center, is a not-for-profit community arts and wellness organization founded in 1994. The Center's mission is to create an environment for people of all ages to experience the creative process through ongoing classes, art exhibits, events, concerts, speakers and outreach programs; and its goal is to enhance the development of physical, mental and spiritual wellness through the arts and humanities. Visit www.becreative360.org for more information about the fall roster at Creative 360, or call (989) 837-1885 to request a mailed copy.

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