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## **ARTIST CAPTURES MYSTERIES OF THE MARSH IN LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHS**

### *The Great Marsh: Photographs by Dorothy Monnelly Opens in Canton on Sept 29*

CANTON, MA— Award-winning photographer Dorothy Kerper Monnelly captures the yet-unspoiled beauty of one of the last natural ecosystems in the Northeast in this compelling exhibition at the Mass Audubon Visual Arts Center. Monnelly's large-format silver gelatin prints are a spellbinding meditation on the Great Marsh, a vast, mysterious, ever-shifting and threatened world.

Edward O. Wilson, Pulitzer prize-winning Harvard professor, has called Monnelly "the Ansel Adams of the wetlands." A native of Ipswich, MA, she executes her work with familiarity and grace.

Monnelly's work has been exhibited throughout the United States, and is in the collection of the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, DC. Her book, *Between Land and Sea: The Great Marsh*, was recently published by George Braziller, Inc.

*The Great Marsh* exhibition opens on Saturday, September 29 with a reception from 1-5 pm. Light refreshments will be served. Visitors will have an opportunity to meet the artist, who will give a gallery talk at 3 pm. The exhibition runs through January 20, 2008.

#### **RELATED EVENTS & PROGRAMS**

##### **Exhibition Opening**

*Saturday, September 29, 1-5 pm*

Gallery talk by the artist at 3 pm. Light refreshments. Regular admission fees.

##### **Art Talk**

*Thursday, November 15, 10-11 am*

Dorothy Monnelly will discuss her landscape photographs and her passion for protecting the natural world. \$8 Members/ \$10 Nonmembers. Drop in.

##### **Looking at the Landscape with Dorothy Kerper Monnelly**

*Saturday, November 3, 2-4 pm*

Take an informal walk with award-winning photographer Dorothy Monnelly and see the landscape through an artist's eyes. Monnelly will discuss the qualities of the landscape, elements of the image, and individual response and connection. No camera or special expertise is necessary. The walk will end with a guided visit to Monnelly's *The Great Marsh* exhibition. Light refreshments will be served. \$12 Members/ \$16 Nonmembers. Registration required.

##### **Family Art Studio: Sun Prints**

*Sunday, November 11, 2-4 pm*

Inspired by Dorothy Monnelly's landscape photographs, visitors will create their own sun print photography collages using collected natural materials. All ages welcome. Free with admission. Drop in.

##### **About the Mass Audubon Visual Arts Center**

Mass Audubon is the largest conservation organization in New England, concentrating its efforts on protecting the nature of Massachusetts for people and wildlife. The Visual Arts Center is Mass Audubon's art museum, offering exhibitions and programs that connect people and nature through art. Exhibitions are open Friday-Sunday, 1 -5 p.m. Trails through the 138-acre wildlife sanctuary are open Tuesday-Sunday and Monday holidays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is free to Mass Audubon members. Non-member fees are \$4 for adults and \$3 for children and seniors.

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