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### **EXPERT ON FRENCH IMPRESSIONISM GIVES PROGRAM AT UM MISSOULA--**

An American artist, writer and Parisian by choice will give a slide show and lecture on French Impressionist artists Sunday, Oct. 18, at The University of Montana.

The program by Pattie Lurie, author of two books on Impressionism in Paris, will begin at 6:30 p.m. in UM's Urey Lecture Hall. It is free and open to the public.

Impressionism was the movement that took the French art world by storm in the late 19th century and included painters such as Monet, Pissarro and Renoir. The movement later influenced many American artists, including Cassatt and Hassam.

A native of Los Angeles, Lurie began painting in 1981. She graduated from the University of California at Berkeley and later earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in ceramic sculpture from Claremont Graduate School. Her most recent book is "Guide to Impressionist Paris," which features Impressionist paintings compared with present-day photographs of the actual sites painted by Monet, Pissarro, Renoir and other artists of the movement.

Lurie's UM program is sponsored by the Missoula Chapter of the Alliance Francaise.

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