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### **EXPLORE RELATIONSHIP TO TREES AT MOLLI WORKSHOP**

#### **MISSOULA—**

The Montana Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, a program of The University of Montana, invites people 55 and older to attend a one-day workshop to explore their unique relationship to trees through writing and art.

The Saturday workshops are offered from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 31 or June 14 at Athanor Arts, a creativity center located 20 minutes from downtown Missoula. They will be led by award-winning nature writer and watercolor artist Dorothy Patent.

To enroll in a workshop requires a \$20 MOLLI membership. The workshop fee is \$50. Supplies cost about \$15 through The Bookstore at UM, which is offering a 10 percent discount to MOLLI members.

At the workshop, Patent will give a brief introduction to the ancient sacred qualities of trees and the amazing frenzy of inner activity beneath their strong, quiet exteriors. Through writing and drawing techniques, participants will then explore their relationship to trees.

The workshop will provide time for sharing individual discoveries. Participants will take home a piece of writing and a bit of personal art to remember the day and help deepen appreciation of the natural wonder of trees.

Workshop space is limited, and those who attend are asked to bring a sack lunch.



To register call Dannette Fadness, MOLLI program assistant, at 406-243-2905 or e-mail [dannette.fadness@umontana.edu](mailto:dannette.fadness@umontana.edu). More information is available on the MOLLI Web site at <http://www.umt.edu/ce/plus55>.

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