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**NEW EXHIBIT OPENS AT UNIVERSITY CENTER ART GALLERY**

**MISSOULA –**

The University Center Art Gallery at The University of Montana will display works of Missoula artist Karen McAlister Shimoda from Monday, Nov. 30, through Friday, Dec. 18, in an exhibition titled “Specimens.”

An opening reception for the exhibition will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at the gallery, which is located in University Center Room 227. The event is free and open to the public.

Shimoda’s works in the exhibition are curious and whimsical representations of biological specimens, cells, slide smears and notes. All pieces are intricate ink drawings, some as small as one-half-inch square and some in 3-D on vellum.

Shimoda has exhibited most recently at the 11th Annual Art Port Townsend in Washington and in the inaugural Montana Triennial at the Missoula Art Museum.

UC Art Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call gallery Director Samantha Guenthner at 406-243-4991 or e-mail [ucartgallery@mso.umt.edu](mailto:ucartgallery@mso.umt.edu).

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