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EXHIBITION:

Grace Chandler: Landscape Photographs, 1908-1923

DATES:

November 1 – December 19, 2003

LOCATION:

Works on Paper Gallery, Kresge Art Museum, Michigan State University, East Lansing

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EAST LANSING, MICH. —From November 1 through December 19, **Grace Chandler: Landscape Photographs, 1908-1923** will be on display in the Works on Paper Gallery. Active as a professional photographer in Michigan and California from 1899 to 1928, Grace Chandler (1879 – 1967) began her career as a photo-printer. In 1899 she and her husband opened the Horn Art Shop in Petoskey, specializing in portrait photography and romanticized images of Native Americans. In 1923 she moved to Hollywood, Calif., opening the Grace Chandler Studio. In California her subjects expanded to include animal studies and California landscape scenes. Four hundred photographs by Chandler exist in private collections throughout the country; however, her achievements as a photographer remain relatively unknown.

A second exhibit, *Grace Chandler: Photographs of Indian Life, 1908-1923*, is on view at the Nokomis Learning Center in Okemos, Mich. through December 19, 2003. This exhibit represents primarily her images of Native Americans in Upper Michigan taken in the early part of the 20th century, including a staged series to illustrate *The Song of Hiawatha*. Chandler's photographs are on loan from Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Yale University, New Haven, Conn. Kresge Art Museum is pleased to collaborate with Nokomis Learning Center in presenting this opportunity to introduce visitors to an early, accomplished woman photographer.

On **Monday, November 3, at noon** there will be a **Gallery Talk** about *Grace Chandler: Photographs of Indian Life, 1908-1923* in the Works on Paper Gallery. The opening reception for both *Grace Chandler: Landscape Photograph, 1908-1923* and *Surrealist Drawings from the Drukker Collection* will take place on Thursday, November 6 from 6-8:30 p.m. On **Thursday, November 13** at 7:30 p.m. at the museum, **Doug Price**, owner of West Side Book Shop in Ann Arbor, will give a lecture, *Fine Art Photography, the Photo Secession, and Pictorialism, 1885-1925 in America*, contextualizing the Chandler photographs in the pictorialist tradition. This lecture is dedicated to the memory of Peter Palmquist

Surrealist Drawings from the Drukker Collection, an exhibition of approximately 100 prints, drawings and watercolors by Surrealist artists, will also be on view at Kresge Art Museum from November 1- December 19. The exhibition and catalogue were organized by the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art at Cornell University. This showing at Kresge Art Museum is made possible with the generous support of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Kresge Art Museum is located on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich. The museum is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Thursday until 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday noon- 5 p.m. Admission is free to Kresge Art Museum and many of its public programs. For additional information visit www.artmuseum.msu.edu or call 517/355-7631.

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