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UNM ART MUSEUM TO OPEN NEW EXHIBITION ON FEBRUARY 2, 2018

UNIVERSITY of
NEW MEXICO
ART MUSEUM

On view February 2 – June 16, 2018

Opening Events, Saturday, February 3, 3 – 6 pm

3 – 4 pm: Conversation between Curator Shawn Michelle Smith and Artist Meridel Rubenstein, Keller Hall

4 pm: Book Signing with Artist Meridel Rubenstein, Center for the Arts Lobby

4 – 6 pm: Opening Reception

Meridel Rubenstein, Eden Turned on Its Side

On view in the Main Gallery

Curated by Shawn Michelle Smith, Guest Curator, Professor and Chair, Visual and Critical Studies, School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Meridel Rubenstein, Eden Turned on Its Side is a major photographic artwork comprised of three parts: *Photosynthesis*, *Volcano Cycle*, and *Eden in Iraq*. The work is about human relationships to the environment on the scales of human time, geological time, and mythical time. *Photosynthesis* focuses on the natural cycle of the seasons and our interdependence on trees for our existence, including the very air we breathe. *Volcano Cycle* documents the active volcanoes of the Indonesian Ring of Fire to consider ecological change on the non-human scale of deep, geological time. *Eden in Iraq* explores environmental devastation and renewal at the site of Biblical Eden in Southern Iraq.

This will be the first showing of *Meridel Rubenstein, Eden Turned on Its Side* that includes selections from all three of its component series.

The UNM Art Museum is located within the Center for the Arts complex off of Redondo Drive near the UNM Bookstore. From I-25 North or South, exit Central Avenue and travel east for approximately 1 mile. Parking is available at the Parking Garage, east of the Center for the Arts at Redondo Drive and Stanford.

Hours:

Open Tuesday – Friday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm & Saturday: 10:00 am- 8:00 pm

Closed on Sundays, Mondays and major holidays

Admission:

FREE and open to the public, a \$5 donation is suggested to support exhibitions.

For More Information:

Please visit www.unmartmuseum.org or call 505.277.4001

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