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**PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION CELEBRATES BEAUTY, DIVERSITY
OF SUNFLOWER STATE**

'The Kansas Landscape: Images From Home

by Mark Feiden and Edward C. Robison III' on view January 27–March 25, 2006

at Signs of Life Gallery

LAWRENCE, KS—To the casual observer, at first glance, Kansas is mysterious in the ways it is beautiful – the endless cornfields may seem subtle and even monotonous to drivers passing through on I-70. Yet Kansas is a state full of wonder and beauty, and includes everything from woodlands to desert to prairie, a rich tapestry that changes dramatically from season to season in an endless play of light and color.

Viewers are encouraged to discover the many ways Kansas is full of heart-piercing beauty in ***The Kansas Landscape: Images From Home by Mark Feiden and Edward C. Robison III***, an exhibition of more than 40 photographs on view January 27–March 25 at Signs of Life Gallery in downtown Lawrence. The exhibition opens with a free, public reception 7:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m. Friday, January 27. Artists will be in attendance. Please also see community events listed below.

Featuring a diverse range of work by Feiden and Robison, ***The Kansas Landscape*** takes a closer look at different areas throughout the state, including Douglas, Elk and Johnson counties. Both artists provide stunning images of both large-scale perspectives and delicate, intricate details in a variety of landscapes. Stormy skies and wind-tossed meadows are interspersed with bright fall leaves gilded in the ice of an early snowfall. Twilight falls across a darkening horizon and in the mirror-like tranquility of a wandering stream. Rich golds, purples and crimsons bloom in the wildflowers and grasses of the changing seasons.

A book filled with prints by both artists accompanies the exhibition and will be available for purchase at Signs of Life. The gallery also invites the public to view new works by featured artists Marilyn Grishaw, Stan Herd, Terence Koehn, Heather Smith Jones, and Rodney Troth.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please join us **Saturday, March 11th 5:00-6:00 p.m.** for a gallery talk with the artists, followed by a book signing.

About the artists

Mark Feiden is a sixth-generation Kansan with pioneer roots in Wabaunsee and Reno counties. Originally from Wichita, Mark began exploring the back roads of Kansas as an alternative to the Turnpike while attending the University of Kansas in Lawrence. What began as a diversion soon became a dedication—to the sharing of "this... good country" through photography and other works. In 1997, Mark cofounded The Konza Press with the express mission of promoting the people, places and rich history of Kansas through the work of native artists and photographers.

Mark makes his principal living as an Industrial, Interaction and Information Designer. He has also returned to the University of Kansas, where he is pursuing a graduate degree in Fine Art.

When **Edward Robison** graduated from the Kansas City Art Institute, he and his wife moved to Colorado in search of "exciting" places to photograph. It was less than a year before Edward realized that he found more personal fulfillment documenting the landscape between the mountains and his family home in Missouri. On each trip across the State, he created more photographs and fell more in love with the simplicity of the Kansas landscape.

Through his work, Edward wishes to inspire a connection to the "spirit" of the land. By conveying the inherent energies in the natural landscape and the unity of all things, Edward hopes that his photographs will renew the natural connection between earth and man. Edward now lives and works from his studio in the Baldwin Woods of rural Douglas County, Kansas.

Gallery Information

Signs of Life Gallery is located at 722 Massachusetts Street in Lawrence, Kansas, and is open 10:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.