

Press Release

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“The Pantanal of Brazil” **A Presentation by Tom J. Ulrich at Montana House**

The Montana House and the Glacier National Park Fund are pleased to co-host another in the series of “**Look, Listen & Learn**” programs at the Montana House in Apgar Village inside Glacier National Park. The featured photographer/author from West Glacier, Montana is Tom J. Ulrich with his presentation at 7:00 p.m. Saturday evening June 29, 2013.

The Pantanal is one of our planet's most spectacular wetland systems, located in the center of the South American continent, south of the Amazon basin and east of the Andes. It is an immense landlocked river delta where annual floodwaters regularly rise several meters and then recede. About 80% of these flood-plains are submerged during the rainy seasons, nurturing an astonishing biologically diverse collection of aquatic plants and helping to support a dense array of animal species. The name "Pantanal" comes from the Portuguese word *pântano*, meaning wetland, bog, swamp, quagmire or marsh.

The Pantanal is one of Ulrich's most favorite locations to visit. He has spent extended time there photographing the diverse fauna. The program will run a little over an hour showing photos from his vast collection taken throughout the years.

Ulrich has been a freelance and award winning photographer since 1975 and is highly acclaimed around the world for his nature photography skills, with many of his photographs appearing in numerous publications including National Wildlife, Audubon, and National Geographic. He is also the author of seven nature books, including *Mammals of the Northern Rockies*, *Birds of the Northern Rockies*, *Once Upon a Frame*, *Photo Pantanal*, *Mt. Reynolds: The Story*, *Mammals of the Canadian Rockies*, and *Birds of the Canadian Rockies*.

For many years Tom has been leading tours to remote parts of the world, such as Patagonia, Tierra del Fuego, Galapagos Islands, Costa Rica, and East Africa. Additionally, Tom also conducts photography seminars and workshops around the country and lectures at numerous institutions.

Hans and Toni Jungster established **The Montana House Regional Craft Shop** in 1960 in Apgar Village, just inside Glacier National Park. Their daughter, Monica and staff continue to carry on their mission: to celebrate and promote the creativity of Montana and Native American artists and craftsmen for our mutual benefit. The Montana House has been a long time avid supporter of Glacier National Park.

The **Glacier National Park Conservancy** is the non-profit partner for Glacier National Park, whose mission is to preserve and protect the beauty and heritage of the Park for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. For further information, call: Jane Ratzlaff at 406.892.3250 or visit their website www.glaciernationalparkconservancy.org.

A reception and book signing will follow Ulrich's presentation. Reservations are required. To reserve your seats, please phone 406.888.5393 or e-mail: 1960mthouse@qwestoffice.net