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Exhibit: *The Geography of a Life: Dan Powell's Photographs in the American West*

Dates: April 29 to June 18, 2023

Program: Friday, May 5 – Guest Curator Keith Davis, Exhibit Lecture

THE BRINTON MUSEUM (Big Horn, WY) presents ***The Geography of a Life: Dan Powell's Photographs in the American West***, curated by **Keith F. Davis**, opening in the S. K. Johnston, Jr. Family Gallery on April 29.



Dan Powell, ***The Dalles***, inkjet print, 1997, 10.5" x 12.75"

Internationally known, award-winning American photographer Dan Powell taught at the University of Oregon from 1988 until his retirement in 2015. He has had prestigious solo and group shows around the world and his work is found in numerous museums and private collections. In 2021, Mr. Powell generously gave a group of 84 landscape photographs to The Brinton Museum, made primarily between 1983 and 1991. The Brinton Museum's exhibition includes selections from this donation which represent the nature of his talent and his superb artistic vision.

Powell grew up in the Yakima Valley of south-central Washington State. In 1991, he made three extended photographic trips to the states of Washington and Idaho, another to eastern Oregon and Idaho and a final one through California, Arizona and Utah. The body of work produced during this time reflects a subjective sense of poetry and emotion which are central to his vision. ***The Geography of a Life*** invites the viewer to step into Powell's artistic sensibilities and experience the landscape of the American West through the photographer's eye.



Dan Powell, ***Palouse Region***, inkjet print, 1990, 10.5" x 13 ¼"



Dan Powell, ***Near Lakeview***, inkjet print, 1988, 10.5" x 13 ¼"

Guest Curator Keith F. Davis who lives in Sheridan (WY) will present a Gallery Talk on May 5, doors open at 5:30 PM, Gallery Talk begins at 6:00 PM. This educational program is offered free and open to the public.

About The Brinton Museum: Founded in 1960, The Brinton Museum is a fine arts institution devoted to preserving the art and history of the West. Located on the historic Quarter Circle A Ranch in the foothills of the majestic Bighorn Mountains, it features 19th, 20th and 21st century American and Indian Art in a historic Western setting. The Brinton Museum is a participating member of the North American Reciprocal Museum (NARM) Association which offers its members free admission during regular museum hours to other participating NARM institutions. **Hours:** Thursday through Monday, 9:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Open Daily, 9:30 A.M to 5:00 P.M. Memorial Day through Labor Day **Admission for 2023 is offered free through a generous grant from Ramaco Carbon, LLC**