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To Whom it May Concern:

Northern Michigan residents and visitors had a rare visual and emotional treat this past January and February when the Jesse Besser Museum in Alpena, Michigan presented an extraordinary exhibition entitled "Visions From the Fields of Merit - Drawings and Photographs of Tibet and the Himalayas".

The exquisite drawings in this exhibition by Philip Sugden - many on hand-made papers - express, without question, his originality, creativity, technical expertise and definite love and respect for the far-off land and its people that he has so frequently visited.

The works by this warm, cooperative and considerate artist were matted and framed beautifully. And he delivered them in plenty of time for installation and a formal opening....during which he most graciously answered innumerable questions.

Mr. Sugden's "Visions From the Fields of Merit....." will certainly be a highlight of this exhibition year. And as a personal note -- my association with this extraordinarily talented man has been a genuine joy.

With All Sincerity,

Robert E. Haltiner
Chief of Resources

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