

## Marlene Alt arrives as Gettysburg's Artist-in-Residence for 2016

*Will make site-specific installation as part of Residency Program*

GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, USA, May 10, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The National Parks Arts Foundation (NPAF) continues its Gettysburg National Military Park residency program by bringing Marlene Alt to work and live in the battlefield and memorial park for the May/June residency period. Ms. Alt, a sculptor, installation and multi-media artist, is based in Ashland, Oregon.

Ongoing throughout 2016, NPAF, through the generous support of The Gettysburg Foundation, and with the cooperation of the National Park Service is bringing eight innovative artists to the nation's premier battlefield park to work and interact with visitors. Each Artist will be featured during Gettysburg's "First Friday" events at the historic Gettysburg Lincoln Railroad Station and give other presentations to the public during their residency.

Marlene Alt's work activates the often melancholy material traces of everyday culture to resonate with and awaken dislocations in different material constructions (such as installations) to create new locations that bear their own cultural force. She calls these new created places symbolic landscapes. Alt's fascination with the rich interaction between inner landscape of culture and history and the outer landscape of natural phenomena is what drew her to the battlefields and outbuildings at Gettysburg. About her work, she says, "my installation work is focused on



Installation Artist Marlene Alt



Installation Work by Ms. Alt

elements drawn from the natural and domestic world that merge to become symbolic landscapes." Ms. Alt is also assembling a site-specific installation called 'Traces' that will be set up for a few days at a 'secret' location in the park. More news on this will be forthcoming.

Museum, Northern Arizona University Museum, the Ohio University Art Gallery, A+D Gallery, Columbia College, Chicago, and the Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts, Grand Rapids, MI. She also was an artist in residence at Fort Union National Monument in New Mexico.

Marlene Alt's public schedule is as follows:

Artist: Marlene Alt

Residency Term Begins: 5/15/16

Residency Term Ends: 6/12/16

"First Friday" Main Public Engagement Presentation 6/3/16

Location: Gettysburg Lincoln Railroad Station Time: TBD

In her presentation, Ms. Alt will discuss her work as an artist and will talk about her experiences in creating this and other works, as well as the ideas behind them.

In addition, Ms. Alt will create an installation artwork, TRACES, which will be open to the public. Dates and times TBA.

To inspire, engage and connect with a new generation of artists and visitors, Gettysburg National Military Park and the Gettysburg Foundation has greatly expanded an "Artist in Residency" program this year, hosting leading artists on the Gettysburg battlefield for month-long residencies from March through November. A total of eight artists will be hosted at the battlefield in 2016. The program was created in cooperation with the non-profit National Parks Arts Foundation (<http://www.nationalparksartsfoundation.org>) and with the Gettysburg Foundation (<http://www.gettysburgfoundation.org/>).

"Artists-in-Residence are creating new connections with the Gettysburg community and with the American public," said Ed W. Clark, superintendent of Gettysburg National Military Park. "The artists are telling Gettysburg's stories in new, compelling ways that inspire people to learn more and help preserve these special places."

Gettysburg Foundation President Joanne Hanley said, "Gettysburg's NPAF Artists-in-Residence adds an artistic dimension to how Gettysburg's stories are shared as our visitors are able to experience an artist's interpretation of the park and its history, meet the artists in person, and engage and connect with them as they express, through art, the power of this place."

Gettysburg National Military Park is a unit of the National Park Service that preserves and protects the resources associated with the Battle of Gettysburg and the Soldiers' National Cemetery, and provides an understanding of the events that occurred there within the context of American history. Information is available at <http://www.nps.gov/gett/index.htm>

The National Parks Arts Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to the promotion of the National Parks of the U.S. by creating dynamic opportunities for artworks that are based in our natural and historic heritage. This project is supported entirely by donation and generous partnerships. For more information on how you can support the Gettysburg National Military Park Artist in Residence and other NPAF arts programs Nationwide visit [www.nationalparksartsfoundation.org](http://www.nationalparksartsfoundation.org) or [admin@nationalparksartsfoundation.org](mailto:admin@nationalparksartsfoundation.org).

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