

Press Release

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Montana House Holiday Open House, December 22 & 23 2012

Featuring Gail Jokerst, author of *The Hungry Bear Kitchen:*
Sampling and book signing: Saturday, December 22 -2-4pm

The Montana House and the Glacier National Park Fund are pleased to co-host a **Sharing, Signing and Sampling** book event with author Gail Jokerst and her first cookbook, *The Hungry Bear Kitchen: Recipes and Writings*. Gail will sign and visit about her cook book and offer samplings of some of her favorite recipes.

Ms. Jokerst moved to the Flathead Valley from Boston 25 years ago and brought with her a lifelong passion for baking and writing. She began collecting recipes in grade school and has never stopped. Shortly after relocating to West Glacier she embarked on a freelance writing career, which included penning stories about Montana people and places as well as food history and memoirs. Since 1992, hundreds of her essays and articles have appeared in regional and national newspapers and magazines such as *Big Sky Journal*, *Montana Magazine*, *Montana Senior News*, and *Northwest Travel*.

The cookbook features over 100 recipes from Big Sky Country and beyond to savor at home or carry along on the trail. It also includes six of her food essays originally published in *The Christian Science Monitor* as well as whimsical pastel illustrations painted by her husband, wildlife artist Jim Jokerst.

Gail is an active member in the Outdoor Writers Association of America and award-winning writer who also teaches writing classes and consults with a New York-based foodservice company to assist them with their communications. She lives year-round in West Glacier with her husband, who is ever ready to taste the latest creation from her kitchen, especially if it contains chocolate.

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 Fund 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 406-892-3250 or go to www.glacienationalparkfund.org.