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Dear Sir or Madam:

It is my pleasure to recommend Quang-Tuan Luong and his exhibition "Treasured Lands: The Fifty-Eight U.S. National Parks in Focus." The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library presented this exhibition in 2010-2011. Visitors enjoyed the photographs and related text. Museum staff also valued the chance to work with Tuan.

Over the months that "Treasured Lands" has been here, we have had many, many visitors let us know how much they have appreciated the exhibition. While some have stopped by the reception desk to let us know they loved the show, others left remarks like these in the comment book: "This is my 6th time at the exhibition and each time I see something new," "Absolutely incredible," and "One of the best exhibits I've seen here over the years. I have been to see the photographs 7 times..."

We have also received positive notice in the media for "Treasured Lands." A recent posting in "The Frugal Traveler," a *New York Times* blog, said: "But the highlight (until May, anyway) is Treasured Lands, an exhibition of 58 photographs by the French-Vietnamese photographer Quang-Tuan Luong Mr. Luong's large-format camera creates images of beaches and glaciers and deserts and waterfalls from American Samoa to Maine that were so astonishingly sharp and mesmerizing that my father was convinced there was some special 3-D technology involved. There's not: they're just awesome photos."

From the planning stages of the project through the installation, Tuan was a pleasure to work with. In addition to preparing the photographs for exhibition and engaging interpretive labels, he also presented a filled-to-capacity lecture on his project and special gallery talk for staff training. Throughout all of these projects has been well-organized, responsive, thoughtful and flexible. We are so glad to have enjoyed such a successful collaboration with Tuan.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Richard V. Travis
Executive Director