

WHERE ART AND HISTORY MEET

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Hours

Tuesday - Friday 10am - 4pm
Saturdays 1pm - 4pm

Please check if your Membership needs to be renewed. You will find the expiration date on the mailing label.

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Don't forget to include a stop at the **MonDak Heritage Center Gift Shop** during your Christmas shopping. We have a great selection of local artisans and authors to choose from.

MAGDA TRAVELING EXHIBIT

"BIRD ON A WIRE"

NOVEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 30

This exhibit consists of exquisite photographs of birds and other wildlife by Patrick Rummans; photographer, artist, sculptor, and Screen Actors Guild puppeteer.

"I have always known that birds would be my passion in life. Even now, just holding a pigeon in my hands and breathing in the musky smell of its feathers takes me back to my childhood and the days when my relationship with birds was indelibly dyed into the fabric of who I would always be. I am completely and utterly smitten, and can never get my fill of them," Patrick Rummans.

<http://www.patrickrummans.com/>



EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS

We now offer email notification to keep you informed and also to cut costs. Last year it cost approximately \$7 per member for mailings. This cost comes directly out of your membership dollars. When you choose email updates, our cost is minimal, leaving more of your membership funds for additional programming. Your email address will never be given out or sold to anyone. It will never be listed on mass email headings either. We value your privacy too! Please share your email address with us to help use your membership dollars where they do the most good. Postcards and newsletters will still be mailed to those who do not use email.

Let us know at mdhc@richland.org

AMANDA HEIMBUCH

ART SHOW

NOW - NOVEMBER 15

Amanda is a local artist from Glendive. She works in many media including regional photography, acrylics and ceramics. Amanda's pottery has been available in the MonDak's gift shop for several months.



MINNESOTA TO MONTANA WAGON TRAINS

The public is invited to a free lecture and discussion at 7pm at MonDak Heritage Center on Tuesday, November 15, 2011. Conducted by Friends of Fort Union/Fort Buford Fellowship Scholar Arch Ellwein of Sidney, MT. Mr. Ellwein will share his research on the Minnesota to Montana Wagon Trains of 1862 to 1867. This is history that binds the Civil War and Montana gold rush to the Confluence Area. Ellwein explains, "Many interesting and significant events are lost in the fog of history, obscured by other events, and this is the case of the Northern Plains Wagon Trains. It's an adventure story of politics, greed and danger and a pioneer story of courage, grit and hope."

MAGDA TRAVELING

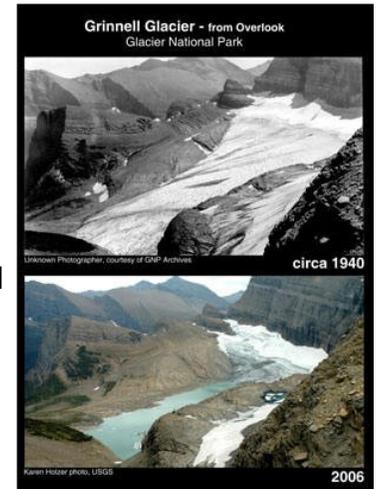
ART SHOW

"LOSING A LEGACY"

NOW - NOVEMBER 12

This photographic exhibit pairs historic photos of glaciers in Glacier National Park with contemporary images. The pairs form striking visual effect with obvious glacial recession and landscape change present. U.S.G.S. researcher/

photographer Dan Fagre blends the science of climate change research and repeat photography comparison with the aesthetic of landscape art photography in Glacier National Park.



CLASSES AT THE MONDAK

The fall classes have started again.

SPANISH

Instructor Lilian Curtis 480-5249
Tuesday 10:30am preschooler
Wednesday 3:30pm school age

YOUTH ART

Instructor Penny Filler 406-973-1410
Thursday 3:15pm school age youth

ZENTANGLE

Instructor Peggy Kopp 798-3894
November 12th, 1 pm - level 2 class - Zentangle Stars -- Learn 8 new tangles! We will make a star ornament to inspire you for the upcoming holiday season. Please bring your mini-kit, a ruler and a scissors. If you own a bone folder or something that will work to score paper folds, bring that also.

Contact the instructors for enrollment.

MONDAK CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 11 - 1:30 - 3:30PM

This year's Christmas celebration is sure to be a treat, with a very special guest— SANTA! We will have our annual bake sale thanks to the generosity of our members and a visit from Santa. Photos with Santa will be from 1:45 - 3:15pm. The day will be a great family time and a relaxing afternoon in the busiest month of the year. Enjoy refreshments, browse the gift shop for Christmas gifts, wander the streets of Sidney in our lower level local history exhibits and visit with friends and family.



Invite a Friend to become a Member

Memberships and donations help make exhibits, special events and historic preservation possible. Please encourage your friends to become members.

- Membership dollars are primarily used for programming and collections preservation.
- CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL FOR YOUR EXPIRATION DATE

We occasionally publish our membership list in our newsletter and display it on our donor wall. If you wish your name to be excluded, please let us know.

BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings of the Board of Directors of the MonDak Historical & Art Society are open to the public and typically held the 2nd Thursday of each month at the MonDak Heritage Center at 6:30pm.

Your membership counts

	Basic	Supporter
Senior	\$15	\$30
Senior Couple	\$25	\$50
Individual	\$20	\$40
Family	\$35	\$70
Business	\$50	\$100
Sustainer	\$100 to \$249	
Sponsor	\$250 to \$499	
Patron of the Arts	\$500 to \$999	
Benefactor	\$1000 to \$2499	
Director's Circle	\$2500 and up	

Consider increasing your membership above the basic level, because even an extra \$20 helps.

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MONDAK HERITAGE CENTER NEWS

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2011

SIDNEY, MONTANA

FROM THE DIRECTOR



What a month! In the past several weeks I've participated in professional meetings and conferences and have heard some exciting ideas and discussed potential partnerships that may open up to us at the MonDak.

In these days of nationwide belt-tightening, more institutions and organizations are looking for partners to accomplish common goals, and that's great! Hardships create all kinds of opportunities to reach goals for modest sized operations like ours.

It was a treat to meet with art museum directors from across Montana, and even a few from Idaho and North Dakota as well. This meeting enables us to schedule art exhibits to come to Sidney— one I'm particularly excited about for 2012 is a collection of Japanese woodblock prints that are over 100 years old.

Another treat was to attend the Montana History Conference last month to cheer Mary Mercer on as she was awarded the eastern portion of the Montana Heritage Keepers Award. It is well deserved, and according to the representative at the Montana Historical Society, she was an easy choice.

I also got to meet with peers from the National Postal Museum at the Mountains-Plains Museum Association conference held in Helena this year. Now, I'm not a stamp collector or anything, but I have noticed what this museum is doing online, and it's pretty impressive stuff! I've also gained a better appreciation for postal history, as much of our area's history can only be traced through postal records. It was certainly a surprise to see this set of folks from Washington DC at a regional museum conference in this part of the world.

It's also funny that sometimes to meet your neighbors you have to go far from home. I got to talk with curators and staff from Ft. Union, and the Historical Society of North Dakota in Helena as well. I think stronger partnerships will come from this meeting in many areas and open all kinds of growth to us at the MonDak.

There are challenges aplenty for museums around the nation, but we persevere knowing we're all in this together. That's also part of the spirit of the MonDak region, and what makes this place special to so many. Hard times are inevitable, but how you react is what you can control... and ultimately what really matters.

Now to catch up from being gone and get ready for 2012, which looks to bring better things, but also more challenges.

MEMBERS ONLY

MUSIC AT THE MONDAK

January 14: "The String Jumpers" Montana Acoustic Jazz Swing Band

March 24: Members Only 7pm "Andy Hackbarth" Nashville recording artist, classical and Flamenco guitar, original & contemporary songs

Apr 21: "Tri Voronezh" Russian musicians with a diverse repertoire of Russian folk, gypsy dance music, baroque and masterpieces played on double-bass balalaika, domra and bayan.

Doors open at 6:30pm music starts 7pm. These concerts are a collaboration between Northeastern Arts Network (NAN) and the MonDak Heritage Center.