

WHERE ART AND HISTORY MEET

MONDAK HERITAGE CENTER NEWS

JULY - AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2014

SIDNEY, MONTANA

FROM THE FORMER DIRECTOR

It is with both deep gratitude and sadness I have resigned as Executive Director of the MonDak Heritage Center. My last day in the office was June 27th.

I am returning to my native Nebraska and look forward to beginning a new chapter in a familiar place, surrounded by friends and family.

I learned so many things working at the MonDak with the most dedicated and giving group of staff, board members, and volunteers I've ever known. Together we have accomplished things that have astonished our museum peers across the state, and have been powerfully supported by our community. Thank you for taking me in and making me feel at home, and for enabling me and the people I work with to exceed our goals.

Leading the MonDak has been a joy and an honor every day for the past four years. It's special when you can say that about your job. We set a strategic plan in place that will guide the MonDak into 2017, have established an effective web presence, have successfully increased giving.

I will miss being here very much, and will watch with great pride as the MonDak Heritage Center continues to grow and achieve greater and greater things.

I leave things in capable hands. Our board of directors and staff are talented, dedicated people who not only care deeply about our mission of furthering and preserving art, culture, and heritage in the region, but also care deeply for

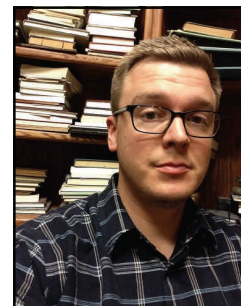
this community, and want to provide constantly improving programming from the MonDak Heritage Center.

I know as our supporters, fans, and friends you will do your part during this time of transition. We need you more than ever to keep supporting us with your donations, your sponsorships, your suggestions, your ideas, your volunteer hours, your incredible talents, and your presence at each and every one of our events.

You are why we succeed, and what I'll miss the most about the MonDak Region.

Thank you.

Benjamin L. Clark



MUSIC & MORE AT THE MONDAK

2014 - 2015

September 17, 2014: Montana Repertory Theater: Once Upon A Time in Ancient Greece: Stheno's Decent into the Underworld.

October 4, 2014: Oktoberfest featuring Andy Hackbarth & Wayward Tambourine

November 14, 2014: Presidio Brass

February 5, 2015: Celebrating Chocolate featuring Tumbledown House

March 26, 2015: Alex Zerbe - The Zaniac

SIDESADDLES AND GEYSERS: WOMEN'S ADVENTURES IN EARLY YELLOWSTONE" WITH MARK MILLER

AUGUST 9, 2014 6PM

In the 19th century, hundreds of women risked being mauled by a bear, scalded in a geyser, or captured by an Indian to see the wonders of Yellowstone Park—and lived to tell their stories. Miller presents the very best of these travelers' tales selected from his collection of more than 200 first-person accounts of Yellowstone travel. He covers the period between 1872 when the park was established through the Model-T era in the 1920s. Yellowstone Park changed dramatically in this period. The presentation describes how developments such as roads, railroads, and hotels altered "the Yellowstone experience." Miller places travelers' experiences in context with biographical information, bringing the women's stories to life in their own words and illustrating them with historic photos.



This presentation of is sponsored by

Humanities MONTANA

If you do not receive regular email updates in your inbox about special events at the MonDak, be sure to add mdhc@richland.org to your address book!

MONDAK BY FOOD NOW - AUGUST 16, 2014

The exhibit features thirty-three appetizing images from the Photograph Archives of the Montana Historical Society, and tasty vintage recipes. The photographs cover a wide time-span, from the 1880s to the recent past, and represent all geographic regions of the state. Recipes range from historic fare - like pickled beaver's tail and pork cake - that might not have widespread appeal to modern palates, to First Lady Betty Babcock's formula for "Grandmother's Christmas Pudding."

Browse through local cookbooks or bring a family favorite recipe to share.



MONTANA'S BLACK GOLD: UNDERGROUND COAL MINING COMMUNITIES, 1880-1950

The coal mining exhibit features forty-nine framed historic photographs from private collections and public archives, such as the Carbon County Historical Society and the Roundup Record Tribune. The exhibit also features the stories of the miners and their families that lived in the coal mining communities of Montana. The traveling exhibit was created by the Western Heritage Center of Billings, with a grant from the Cultural and Aesthetic Coal Tax Trust Fund.



RICHLAND COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO JULY 30 - AUGUST 2

Join the MonDak Heritage Center Board of Directors and staff at the Event Center in the MonDak Heritage Center booth. We will have books, Oktoberfest tickets, and preorders for *Courage Enough I and II* which are very close to being reprinted. Richland County Centennial items will also be available in the booth for sale so if you missed out during the centennial stop by and check it out.

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 Wednesday of each month at the MonDak Heritage Center at 6:30pm.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP COUNTS!

Business	\$100
Family	\$50
Individual	\$30
Senior (60+)	\$25
Senior Couple	\$40

DONOR LEVELS

Sustainer	\$100+
Sponsor	\$250+
Patron of the Arts	\$500+
Benefactor	\$1000+

Donor Level membership and donations are tax deductible.

FROM THE EDUCATION DEPT.

Wow it is hard to believe that we are coming up on the end of our summer, but here at the MonDak we are still in full swing with



lectures, activities and also children's summer camps. This past June we were able to do our first pre-K summer camp, we had a total of 25 little campers, these children were full of wonder and filled the museum with a great deal of laughter. They were able to learn about Sidney's history, play games and also create art using many mediums. As July began we started our k-3 and 4th-6th grade camps and are expecting 50 campers. We are very excited to serve these 75 campers and hope our camp will grow next year as well. However none of this would be possible without the help of our sponsors:

- Chamber of Commerce, Bakken Brewfest
- Hurley's Oilfield Service
- Doorbust'n Portables & Septic Service
- Landtech Enterprises

So thank you to our sponsors, I greatly appreciate your support and I know so do the children!! We also will be having a student's art show open house on July 19th from 1-4 pm, this is a great time to come in and see what the children of Sidney have been doing in their camps. This will be open and free event, anyone can come and really enjoy the art that these kids created throughout the week.

The education department has a lot to smile about! We were recently give a large donation of \$5,000 from the Bakken Brewfest, that will be used in our children's programming . We were really excited to hear that the MonDak

Children's Education Program received this \$5,000 donation. It truly is such a great gift from the Chamber of Commerce's Bakken Brewfest. It really means a lot for them to see the good that we are doing in the community for the children of Richland County. We will be able to use this money to put into our existing programs as well as creating new programs. We are also excited to be able to grow the supplies and mediums for this class. This will give the children a much more diverse artistic experience as well enrich their understanding of Sidney's history.

Not only have we been receiving monetary donations, we also received a kiln from the Fairview School and Jorjan Woodward, this has been on our wish list for a long time and it was truly a blessing to receive such a great gift, with this we will be able to fire all of the children's pots in house. Receiving this kiln is a stepping stone to implementing a complete pottery program. We are making great things happen and this is only possible, by our members and the community that supports our programs.

We would also like to thank PPL Montana for their grant of \$5000 to the education program. This generous grant will help fund the educator position here at the MonDak, continue the art classes and restock all of the art supplies that we have used over the summer.

Jenny Baker

ADULT WATERCOLOR

Our next watercolor class will be August 23rd, at 6 o'clock pm. We have just a few spots available so please contact the MonDak for more information. We are also taking names for our October Class. Cost for the class is \$25 if you have your brushes or \$35 if you need brushes.

SOJOURN/EARTH/SIDNEY

AUGUST 27—NOVEMBER 1, 2014



Lora Groves, A San Francisco Bay Area artist born in the Midwest, raised in Hawaii, schooled "Everywhere, Daily". *Sojourn/Earth/Sidney*, the show's title, refers to ways this work has traveled, continues to travel.

Groves worked with horses, spent many hours on trails in the back country on the island of Oahu, before moving to California, adding up to a serious passion for both the outdoors and for silent communication. "*In my mind we are all spongy creatures that soak up experience. -And silent communication doesn't mean things don't have rhythm. Artists are just some of the ones whose job is to make stuff in order to share that experience, and to figure out when that rhythm changes how to respond.*"

While in college, Groves decided she needed a change from sports medicine and physical therapy to "*I don't know what I can do, but has to be something to do with artwork...*" This change took place while tramping around Europe with a friend at the age of 21. She wandered from Photography and Design, to sculpture, to painting. Drawing was really hard, Groves stated, so she spent years and years working on it. It is still the daily practice that informs the paintings. The human form was her main subject at first, which makes sense since she'd been studying anatomy and kinesiology.

This show is the most recent ongoing result of a large circle of friendship and caring for earth, for neighbors, and for saying what has been collected by experience over time.

Lora will be joining us on August 29th for the opening of *Sojourn/Earth/Sidney* from 7 - 9pm. Please plan to attend and view this wonderful art, visit with Lora and her husband Ken. Visit Lora's website at www.loragroves.com for a preview.

ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD ELECTIONS - SEPTEMBER 14

The annual meeting of the MonDak Historical and Art Society will be held, in accordance to our By-Laws, on Sunday, September 14th at 1:30 pm. The annual meeting is when you can find out what is happening in the upcoming year, a recap of the past year, and vote for new members of our Board of Directors. Directors whose terms expire this year are Joe Bradley, Dave Branson, and Candy Markwald and one additional seat that is open due to resignation. We honor them for their work and dedication to the MonDak.

If you would like to do more for the MonDak, consider being nominated for the Board of Directors. If you are interested in joining the Board of Directors please contact Bob Burnison, Nominating Committee chairman.

Following the annual meeting we will have entertainment and cake to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the MonDak Heritage Center. The MonDak Historical and Art Society was formed in 1967, with the current facility being built in 1984.

Entertainment will be provided by Erin Espeland.

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Hours

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

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

Staff:

TBD - Executive Director
Leann Pelvit - Administrative Assistant
Jenny Baker - Outreach Coordinator

Board of Directors:

Joe Bradley - Board President
Amanda Seigfreid - Vice President
Bob Burnison - Treasurer
Deb Crossland - Secretary
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OKTOBERFEST

OCTOBER 4, 2014 7PM



Tickets go on sale July 30th at the MonDak Heritage Center booth in the event center at this year's Richland County Fair and Rodeo, \$35 for members and \$45 for non members. Memberships can be purchased with tickets to take advantage of the reduced price. Wells Fargo will be the event sponsor again this year.

This year's entertainment will be provided by Andy Hackbarth and Wayward Tambourine. Contemporary folk ensemble with award-winning singer/songwriter Andy Hackbarth, this group creates music bearing the stamp of the contemporary West. These highly acclaimed road warriors have set themselves apart with a mix of intricately-arranged original songs, one-of-a kind renditions of popular cover tunes and virtuosic guitar selections with an upbeat show that continues to "wow" audiences of all ages. Sponsored in part by the Northeastern Arts Network.

Redneck Brats will be providing the brats for the evening.

Blue Rock will sponsor the sampler glass that will be used for the evenings tasting.

Without these sponsors events like these would not be possible.

