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2nd ANNUAL

celebrating chocolate

WITH A TUSCAN TWIST!

“When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile”

You are cordially invited to the 2nd Annual Celebrating Chocolate Event February 6th at 7pm. Advance tickets are on sale now at Stockman Bank, The Sidney Chamber of Commerce and the MonDak Heritage Center. Ticket costs are \$10.00 for MonDak Heritage Center members and \$15.00 for non-members. (Please call in advance before purchasing tickets at the MonDak Heritage Center to make sure we are around) We are only selling 175 tickets, so purchase yours early. It will be a wonderful evening consisting of a chocolate buffet, fruit, nuts, cheese and crackers, wine, espresso stout beer, cold milk, chocolate coffee and other non alcoholic beverages. Thanks to our Corporate Sponsor **Stockman Bank**, all proceeds will go directly towards bringing cultural events and art and history exhibits to our region.

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Coming Exhibits and Events



Whirlpool Galaxy

Heavens Above: Photographs of the Universe from the Hubble Space Telescope

March 3rd – May 9th

This one-of-a kind traveling exhibit is not scheduled for display anywhere else in Montana or North Dakota. It features 29 breathtaking images of the universe taken by the Hubble Space Telescope and presented as large-formatted captioned transparencies mounted in light boxes. Accompanying the exhibit is *View Space*, an internet-fed self-updating kiosk that provides an ever changing kaleidoscope of inspiring and educational presentations of the latest information and most beautiful images in astronomy and space science.

March 30th - April 17th

Star Lab Planetarium at the MonDak Heritage Center. We are inviting area schools to bring their students for field trips, but everyone is encouraged to visit and view the Planetarium.

April 2nd at 7pm

Loren Acton, a retired NASA astronaut, will give a presentation April 2 @ 7 p.m. "A Montana ranch kid can do science, too." Dr. Acton will share the story of his journey from a little country school in the Snowy Mountains south of Lewistown to running scientific experiments on the space shuttle Challenger.

28th Annual Quilt Show

February 9th - 28th, 2009

Everyone is welcome to enter a quilt or quilts at no charge. Please have your quilt to the Center by Feb. 5th. We offer cash prizes for People's Choice Awards 1st: \$50, 2nd: \$30, 3rd: \$20. Be sure to stop by and vote for your favorite quilt.

February 21st 1-4pm

Jean Campbell will be giving a demonstration and sharing her *Wool Trunk Show*.

Second Impressions



The MonDak Heritage Center announces a new addition to the gift shop; "Second Impressions."

This area will consist of home décor, collectables, antiques and artwork donated for resale. These are new or gently used items donated by MDHC supporters. All proceeds help fulfill our mission of preserving the past and bringing culture to our region. Come in and check out this new area, you may find a treasure for your home!

Have something to donate for Second Impressions? Give Sandy a call.

Music at the MonDak

January 24th 7pm

"Cotton Wood Bluegrass"



Cotton Wood is a North Dakota bluegrass band.

They perform in many bluegrass festivals in North and South Dakota, Minnesota, and Montana. Cotton Wood plays a variety of music using traditional bluegrass instruments. Everything from lively bluegrass, to popular, to country flavored music is their trademark. The band is composed of Dan Foster-mandolin/guitar, Keith Koch-guitar, Jill Wiese-bass/mandolin/guitar, Lee Benjamin-banjo/dobro/guitar. Sponsored in part by **Williston's Community Enhancement Star Grant.**
FREE to the public.

Invite a Friend to become a Member

Memberships and tax-deductible donations, help make the increasing number of exhibitions, special events and shows possible. Please encourage your friends to become members.

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

*We occasionally publish our membership list on our website, in our newsletter and in local papers. If you wish your name to be excluded please let us know.

Art Show: *Visual Poetry* March 1st - April 7th

Visual Poetry is a traveling Montana Art Gallery Directors Association (MAGDA) show by artist Clint Loomis. Clint has used individual panels within a work as a means of exploring variations on a theme. He consider each view similar to a stanza of a poem – a thought imbedded in and supporting the integrity of the whole piece - hence the name of the show "Visual Poetry".



"Striped
Amaryllis"

Members Only Music Gathering March 14th 7pm



Colin Ross- The evolution of Blues is a joyous high-energy trip through Americana. This musical evening is brought to the MonDak Heritage Center Members thanks to the Sidney Performing Arts Council.

Don't miss this opportunity for a great evening of entertainment!
Refreshments will be served! Memberships are available at the door.

For Members Only

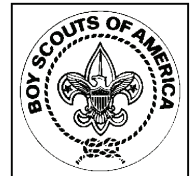
Your membership counts

	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 raising your membership support above the basic level, as even an extra \$20 helps. **All support above the minimum level is tax deductible.**

Boy Scouts of America February 9th - 28th



We will have a wonderful display of scouting through the years on display at the MonDak Heritage Center. MonDak region boys and men have been involved in scouting in our region since circa 1920. This display is in honor of Boy Scout Week.

Business After Hours March 26th 4:30 pm

The MonDak Heritage Center will be hosting Business After Hours in honor of our 25th Anniversary in our present building. The Society was established in 1967, and in 1984 the MonDak Heritage Center was built. The event is hosted by the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. This celebration is open to the public, please join us in our celebration.

Upcoming Exhibits and Events:

- Music At The MonDak
"Cotton Wood Bluegrass" Jan. 24th, 7pm
- 2nd Annual Celebrating Chocolate Feb 6th, 7pm
- 28th Annual Quilt Show Feb 9th - 28th
- MDHC Annual Meeting March 22nd, 2pm

MonDak Heritage Center: Where Art & History Meet

President's Letter by Dave Branson, Board President

2008 was a great year at the Center, with increased art, music and history programming. Thanks to all of you for making it happen through your memberships, donations, and volunteer efforts. As you can tell from this newsletter, 2009 is also shaping up as a great year.

FREE general admission to the MonDak Heritage Center begins February 1st!

As the cultural leader of NE Montana, I feel the Center should be guided by a philosophy of public service for the common good. Given our highly isolated location, an important part of our mission is to provide art, culture, history and educational opportunities for everyone in the MonDak region – not just for members or those paying an admission fee. In addition, our many free events over the past year have proved to be a good source of new members! The free admission covers only general admission, not *Members Only* or ticketed events. We hope this will have minor effects on our income, as visitors will have the opportunity to make free will donations. We will also be pursuing more corporate and business support.

Why are we shifting to free general admission?

A primary reason is that the strong level of financial support at present from Richland County makes it the right thing to give in return to all County residents. Given our isolated location, the Center provides the only opportunity for many area resident to experience art, history and cultural programming. We expect visitation will increase, as people will be willing to pop in for 15 minutes to check out an art or history exhibit without paying an admission fee.

Why should you continue to be a member if general admission is free?

You have the knowledge that you are supporting art, history and cultural events. Membership dollars are primarily used for art and history exhibits, music and cultural events, historical preservation and outreach to schools/seniors. If these things are important to you or if they enhance your quality of life, please continue your support! Without membership dollars, most programming and historical preservation efforts would end. Your membership matters.

We also offer a number of perks for our members:

- *Members Only* Music Concerts and Gallery Gatherings (~6 per year), complete with snacks, beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Discounted member prices for ticketed events such as *Celebrating Chocolate* (Be sure to get your tickets for *Celebrating Chocolate* before they sell out!)
- Subscription to our quarterly newsletter, with a MonDak region cultural events calendar.
- All members are recognized annually, with higher levels of support recognized on our upcoming donor wall and in the newspaper.

MonDak Heritage Center open Thursday evenings starting February 1st!

We also want to make it easier for people who work during the week to visit the Center and check out our frequently changing art and history exhibits. With this change, we will now be open Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons. Drop by after work on a Thursday!

Are you interested in serving on the board of directors?

We are looking for prospective board members who are excited about our mission, for terms starting after the annual meeting in March. Contact me at 489-0463 or dhbranson@yahoo.com for more information. We have a questionnaire for prospective board members to fill out.