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Hours

Tuesday - Friday 10am - 4pm
Thursday evening 4pm - 7pm
Saturdays 1pm - 4pm



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

Where Art & History Meet

Staff: Sandy Turner - Center Coordinator,
Leann Pelvit - Administrative Assistant,
Debi Fox - Experience Works
Jay Witte - Americorp VISTA

Board of Directors: Sara Berndt,
Margaret Bradley, Dave Branson, Jean
Campbell, Carrell Evans, Bill Forrester,
Stefan Jaronski, Linda Mann, Candy
Markwald, Gerald J. Navratil, Duane
Pust and Cami Skinner.

“A Curious Journey” An exhibit by Jerry David Cornelia November 17th-December 31st

“Viewing Jerry Cornelia's deadpan, luminous, and oft times ironic paintings we get a sense of the inside and outside of an unusual western landscape. Surrounded by awkwardly glamorous farm animals and deceptively prim, pale-skinned women, we have the sense of stepping into unknown territories. Jerry manages to create an exaggerated landscape without alienating the viewer. Instead, we are drawn into this world by both the titles and a candy-like quality achieved by a design-fueled painting style. We want more and more.” Nicole R. Todd, Visions West Gallery

Artist statement:

I was born and raised in eastern Montana and am probably best known for my whimsical take on people and animals and for paintings that tell fragments of stories (hopefully keeping the viewers wanting more). With no formal art training, I've managed to compile an eclectic body of work ranging from neo-primitive, surrealist and neo-expressionist to very detailed figurative pieces. I've made a concerted effort not to be limited by self-imposed restrictions on the style or type of art I produce, switching easily from boldly expressionistic work to highly detailed paintings and sculptures. My background in fashion and display lends drama and character to my work, which is further enhanced by subtlety of surface and attention to finish. Every day seems to bring fresh fodder for a new painting, and often I find myself jotting down titles and ideas on scraps of paper and tucking them away for a future work.



"Ida wasn't sure just when she'd gone from 'crazy about him' to 'crazy because of him'."

Coming Exhibits and Events

Christmas at the MonDak December 13th 1:30pm - 4pm

This year's Christmas celebration, formerly called Ethnic Christmas, is sure to be a treat. We will be having entertainment on the main level, a great bake sale thanks to the generosity of our members, and a Dutch Auction with some great items. New this year: Take a "ride" on the Northern Pacific Railroad to early 1900's Sidney in our lower level history museum. Tours will run every 15 minutes starting at 1:45pm. If you would like to take part in this reenactment give us a call. The day will be a great family time and a relaxing afternoon in the busiest month of the year.

"When It Rains, It Pours....Color"

Watercolor Show Nancy Simonsen

Sept 15th - Nov 14th



Nancy's collection of watercolor paintings is a combination of new and old work. Scattered within this group are several paintings done with a 'pouring' technique. The resulting color feels luminous, with the resplendency of a rainbow. This is one of the reasons Nancy chose to render this technique in her various Christian symbols in several of her pieces for the show. Knowing Nancy's work before, you will be wonderfully inspired by the beauty she captures for all to enjoy in the new works.

Note from Sandy Turner

Let me start by saying what an honor it has been to work at the MonDak Heritage Center! These past four years have been productive thanks to you: our supporters, volunteers, staff, County Commissioners and the MDHC board of directors. Our goal has been to increase use of the facility, build up support in the community and expand programming. I believe we have accomplished all those things and more. I want to thank everyone who worked together to make this goal successful.

I feel it is time for a change for me personally. However, I hope to make this transition as smooth as possible for the next Coordinator. Please continue to give my replacement your strong support and cooperation so we can maintain the MDHC's high quality service to the community. Because my heart lies with programming and special events, I hope to continue to be involved at the Center as a volunteer in the future.

A very special thanks to Dave Branson and the MDHC Board of Directors for their tremendous support and encouragement during my tenure. Together we worked closely with staff and wonderful volunteers and have built up a wide variety of programming, as well as making some monumental changes and upgrades in the building. We have also made great strides in preserving our collections and archives with industry "best practices" standards. The future of the Center looks bright.
Sandy Turner

Wish List Needs

- Newer Refrigerator
- Baked goods for Christmas at the MonDak
- New computer
- **Volunteers are critically needed over the next few months!!** Just let us know how you would like to serve. We also need Thursday night and Saturday afternoon front desk sitters.

Invite a Friend to become a Member

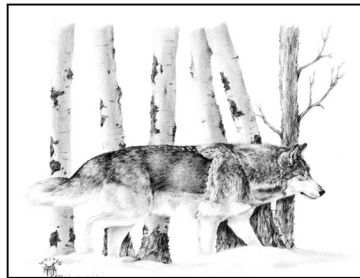
Memberships and tax-deductible donations help make the increasing number of exhibitions, special events and shows possible. Please encourage your friends to become members.

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

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

The board meetings of the MonDak Historical Society are open to the public and held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the MonDak Heritage Center.

“Treasured Memories” By Rhonda Whited-Rupp October 1st - November 14th



Rhonda specializes in drawing wildlife, and works from photographs or live subjects. Living in eastern Montana gives her abundant wildlife, beautiful scenery and special people.

Rhonda travels to several art shows throughout the year as well as produces private commissions for customers in her studio at home. Rhonda has recently begun a new venue which offers t-shirts, henleys and sweatshirts with her images printed on them. For information on ordering or to visit with Rhonda about a commission you can check out her website at:
www.middrivers.com/wrrupp/

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.**



19th Annual Miniature Art Show Nov 18th - Dec 30th

“Against The Tetons” by Wes Siegrist

2008 1st place winner

The Miniature Art Show is one of the best and most anticipated shows of the year. The eye for detail and the ability to produce that vision on such a small scale is amazing.

The show includes any medium with subjects not exceeding 1/6 the actual size.

In years past this show has included art from all over the United States and throughout the world.

Coming Events:

- Jerry Cornelia Art Show Nov. 17th - Dec. 31st
- 19th Annual Miniature Art Show Nov. 18th - Dec. 31st
- Ethnic Christmas December 13, 2009
- Celebrating Chocolate February 6, 2010

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President's Letter by Dave Branson, Board President

CHANGE...

"Nothing endures but change." Heraclitus

Thanks to Sandy Turner for doing a wonderful job as Center Coordinator: As most of you know, Sandy has announced that she will be leaving at some point in the future. I am very sad to see Sandy leave, but happy that she plans to actively volunteer at the Center and help out with special events. Sandy and I have worked collaboratively together as a team during my 2.5 years as president, and I will miss her advice, insight and ideas. She has largely served in two jobs, as both Center Coordinator and programming coordinator. Sandy has always been passionate about getting people in the door and increasing membership. Leading and working together with our team of staff and active volunteers, she has done a great job getting people reinvested in the Center through innovative programming. She is also passionate about preserving our history collections – which has been a huge undertaking involving staff, volunteers and 5 VISTAs. Whoever replaces her has big shoes to fill! We want to give the community a chance to recognize Sandy for a job well done. **We are having a reception for Sandy November 14th from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Center, hopefully with live music!**

Formalizing our relationship with Richland County: I am happy to report that the MDHC Board and the Richland County Commissioners are working together to formalize our relationship. This is needed to define our relative roles and responsibilities, and is particularly relevant given the upcoming Center Coordinator vacancy. The county and board are happy that Sandy has agreed to stay on until this process is finished. We are extremely fortunate that our Commissioners support area history, culture and art. Thank them if you see them.

New Board Treasurer: Due to her involvement on numerous boards and other obligations, Margaret Bradley has decided to step down as Treasurer but will continue on the board. We want to thank Margaret for her service as Treasurer for the past 3.5 years. I am pleased that Cami Skinner has agreed to step into this time demanding position. Cami has a Master's degree in Business Administration, previously worked for GE Capital Finance, and is an agriculture/business banker at Wells Fargo.

Sound system: Our great new sound system is installed and includes speakers for music events and PA speakers throughout the Center. We can now communicate with everyone even during large events. This was purchased through the support of Richland County and through funds raised during Celebrating Chocolate. Be sure to check it out at the next special event!

Future accounting consulting to ensure we remain good financial stewards: A board priority is to ensure we remain good stewards of the public and private financial resources entrusted to us. Our staff has done a great job managing finances, but our bookkeeping was developed years ago when our finances were much simpler. In particular, the increased grants, designated gifts, and fundraisers add complexity. With County assistance, we will be hiring an accounting consulting firm to allow us to ensure we can apply for larger federal grants, manage planned and designated gifts, and so we are even better financial stewards as we continue to expand.

Transitions: Periods of transition and change are often difficult and challenging for organizations. We want to be open and transparent during this time, so if you have questions or concerns please contact me directly. (Cell 489-0463, Email: dhbranson@yahoo.com)