

WHERE ART AND HISTORY MEET

# MONDAK HERITAGE CENTER NEWS

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we get closer and closer to the Centennial year of Richland County, many organizations and individuals are at work on special projects to help celebrate and commemorate Richland County's 100th Birthday. One of the many is the Richland County Centennial Farms & Ranches. The Centennial Committee would like to recognize farms and ranches in Richland County that have been in the same family for at least 100 years by 2014.

The State of Montana has a similar program, administered by the Montana Historical Society, but it's not cheap to apply, and the documentation and research that goes into applications is quite extensive.

So, we've come up with our own program. The documentation we're collecting is very simple, and best of all, the program is FREE. Once completed, your farm or ranch will be presented with a sign that can be hung at the property to denote it as one of Richland County's Centennial Farms or Ranches. A copy of the information collected in the process will be placed in the archives at the MonDak Heritage Center for future research.

The first workshop will be here at the MonDak Heritage Center on October 22 at 6pm. If you'd like to get a headstart, or just look over the paperwork involved you can download the forms from our website, <http://www.themondak.org>. We plan to host more if there is sufficient interest.



Holly Sugar employees, 1931.

Sign reads: "A Bit of Sweet Makes the Meal Complete, Use Holly Sugar." Photo includes Elgin Wright, Larry Beattie, Lloyd Tewes, Harry Ketchum, Mike Herbert, Art Whitney, Harold Nivens, Carl Curtis, Ted Whitaker, Fred B Lauster, Leroy G Balfour, and Bill Searles. Five remain unidentified.

## MUSIC AT THE MONDAK

Love live music at the MonDak? Renew your membership so you don't miss any of the great music coming this year!

**October 19 - OKTOBERFEST:** [Lone Mountain Trio](#) (Bluegrass Virtuosos)

**November 8—** [Bill Bowers](#) (Performance artist and storyteller)

**February 7, 2014 —** [Six Appeal](#) (AMAZING Acapella Pop)

**March 22, 2014—** Chinook Winds

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

## COURAGE ENOUGH I

**Courage Enough I** (the big brown book) is sold out! Originally compiled by MonDak volunteers and printed in 1976, it quickly became the standard history of the region, and especially Richland County. Featuring well over 1000 entries, photographs and memories written by the generation of pioneers, it is now a priceless collection of history written by the eye-witnesses. However, at over 1000 pages long it is not a small undertaking to now reprint. Donate today to help us republish this fantastic resource! We would love to have it available for Richland County's Centennial celebration next summer. **Call or email today for more details about this project.**

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

## HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

**NOV 1 - DEC 31, 2013**

Hutterite colonies are a photographic Eden. Their colorful anachronistic clothing, the muted earth tones of the prairie, and the immense skies become visually rich metaphors for the contrast of their centuries-old communal lives of faith with the increasingly vast, inescapable, individuating technological forces of the 21st Century—forces that are tugging us all, ready or not, into the future.

This show is the story of photographer Jill Brody's engagement, over the past four years, with the Hutterites of Liberty County—from Brody's first encounter at Eagle Creek to the residents of Riverview, they let her know that despite their uncertainty about what I was doing, they trust my intentions, even though this work will end up on the Internet—a media they distrust.

On **November 22nd at 7pm**, Jill Brody will be joining us here at the MonDak for a gallery talk. It is a great opportunity to meet Jill and understand what took place during her visits to the colonies.

## Centennial Farms Workshop

**October 22, 6pm**

Is your family farm or ranch celebrating 100 years? Or possibly one of your neighbors? Join us October 22 at 7pm to learn more about recognizing your family's Richland County farm or ranch during Richland County's Centennial year 2014.



**MEETINGS:** Does your group or organization need a place to have a meeting? By being a member of the MonDak Heritage Center, you can host a meeting during business hours for free. Contact Leann at the MonDak to check availability at 406-433-3500.





## MONDAK CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 8, 2013 1:30 - 3PM

Join us for a relaxing afternoon of music, friendship, and refreshments in the busiest time of the year. As in years past there will be a bake sale with a wonderful array of Christmas goodies, breads, cookies and jellies. All of the delicious items offered on the bake sale are provided by the generous members of the

MonDak who enjoy baking and preserving.

There might even be a special visit from a "jolly old soul". Our photographer will be here to take photos with the special visitor. The photos are free and we email you the image to print as many as you like. Entertainment is also on the agenda for the afternoon. So join us for a relaxing afternoon.

### 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 6:30 pm.

### Your membership counts!

	Basic	Supporter
Individual	\$20	\$40
Senior (55+)	\$15	\$30
Senior Couple	\$25	\$50
Family	\$35	\$70
Business	\$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 makes a difference.

**Support is tax deductible.**

51% of all Americans have active Facebook accounts! Are you one of them? Search: MonDak Heritage Center, become a fan and get access to regular updates, facebook exclusive photo albums, preview music before concerts and much, much more!



## FROM THE EDUCATION DEPT.

As we embark on yet another fall season, we are reminded of the fun and exciting summer that has come and now gone. This past summer season was full of fun and laughter here at the MonDak. We did three summer camps with a total of more than 40 students. While the fair was going on our little MonDak artists were able to have their work on display. There was over 150 pieces of art that came from the summer camp and all received ribbons. So I am very proud of all of you that participated! I also would like to thank all of our sponsors and volunteers that made this all possible.

We have also been incredibly busy with the beginning of school, the museum has begun to fill up with our MonDak Munchkin programs. We had twelve little Munchkins this last session. We talked a lot about the exhibits throughout the museum and created some really fun and exciting projects.

In September, we hosted the Museum of the Rockies Star Lab and had such an amazing turn out we had over 1117 students and adults in attendance. We were able provide this tour for classes in Sidney as well as many of the surrounding schools in the area. We even had a school come from Williston. It kept the staff incredibly busy for a good two weeks and we enjoyed the excitement that came out of each group being able to experience this awesome traveling planetarium show.

We are also in full swing with our outreach programs in the community. I have recently been to the Lodge and Crestwood and we created fall wreaths as we all can tell we are transitioning into the holiday season so for the next few months my outreach programming will be around the holidays. I really enjoy the fun and laughter I share with you all and look forward to our time together. If you are interested in an outreach program please let me know I am always looking forward to meeting with new people in our community.

As you know we are constantly growing with our programing and outreach, so if you are interested in volunteering please feel free to give us a call .We are always looking for able hands to assist us in our event and programs as well as multiple other tasks around the museum. Also to those who are currently volunteering I just want to thank you for all you do for the MonDak we greatly appreciate it here.





2012 1st place winner:  
*Bear With Me* by Linda Rossin

## *MINIATURE ART SHOW*

***NOVEMBER 4 - DECEMBER 28, 2013***

The Miniature Art Show is one of the best and most anticipated shows every year. The eye for detail and the ability to produce that vision on such a small scale is amazing. Two-dimensional works are limited to a maximum of 5" x 7", and many artists showcase talents on far smaller canvases. The exhibit includes oil, watercolor, acrylic and mixed media. In years past this show has included art from all over the United States and throughout the world. The miniature art show is one of the most unique shows hosted by the MonDak and is only possible because of your membership. Thank you!



### ***BILL BOWERS***

***NOVEMBER 8, 7PM***  
***DOORS OPEN 6:30***

One of the most acclaimed mimes in the world today, actor BILL BOWERS has performed throughout the U.S., Canada, and Europe. He appeared on Broadway as Zazu in Disney's THE LION KING, and as Leggett in THE SCARLET PIMPERNEL His original shows, IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING, 'NIGHT SWEETHEART, 'NIGHT BUTTERCUP and UNDER A MONTANA MOON have been produced Off Broadway and received critical raves.



***OKTOBERFEST***                      ***OCTOBER***  
***19 7 PM***

[Lone Mountain Trio](#) is made up of Montana artists Kevin Fabozzi, (Montana Mandolin Society), singer songwriter John Lowell (Kane's River & Growling Old Men), and mandolin & guitarist Tom Murphy combine their musical expertise to create an evening of inventive mandolin solos, driving rhythm, and tight harmony vocals that you will not forget!

Tickets went on sale September 9th, \$40 for members and \$50 for non members. Memberships can be purchased with tickets to take advantage of the reduced price. Sponsored in part by the Northeastern Arts Network.

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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:

Benjamin L. Clark - Executive Director  
Leann Pelvit - Administrative Assistant  
Jenny Baker - Outreach Coordinator

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*Equine Jewel* by Phyllis Waltman

## BLUE BUFFALO ART SHOW OCTOBER 1 - NOVEMBER 2, 2013 OPENING RECEPTION OCT 12, 7PM

The Blue Buffalo Artists are a diverse community of talented artists who have banded together to share their artistic visions through exhibits across the country. The core group originated in the western town of Cody, WY and has now grown to include artists from Arizona, Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Utah and Washington. The Blue Buffalo signature art show is held annually at the historic Irma Hotel, built by Buffalo Bill in Cody. The group displays a wide range of styles including traditional, historic western scenes. Sensitive portraits, colorful rodeo and beautifully impressionistic landscapes. Subjects that inspire these artists also include wildlife, equine, and fishing themes. The variety of media includes wood carving, pyrography, oil paintings, pastels, colored pencil pointillism, bas-relief wall sculptures created by splashing molten bronze into carved molds as well as traditional sculpture. The Blue Buffalo Artists' individual websites can be accessed through [www.bluebuffaloartists.com](http://www.bluebuffaloartists.com) and you can see their creations on their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/bluebuffaloartists](http://www.facebook.com/bluebuffaloartists). Local artists Trish Stevenson, Rhonda Whited, and Afton Ray-Rossol are members of the Blue Buffalo Artist and will have work in our show.