

# East of the Divide by Bonnie Griffith

Opening Reception May 8, 2015 at 7pm • Demo Day May 9, 2015 from 1-4pm

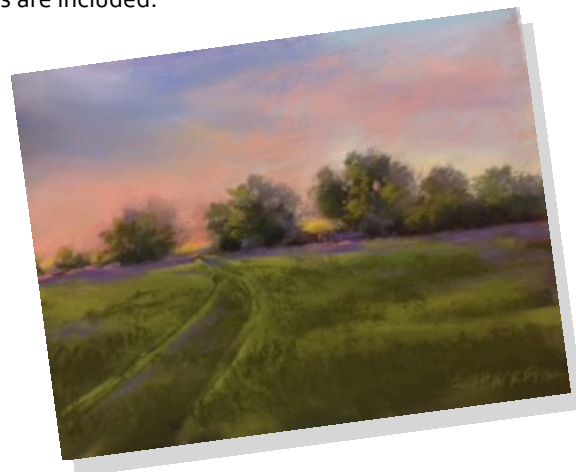
Adult Pastel Class May 9, 2015 at 6pm

Montana artist Bonnie Griffith will present her show, *East of the Divide*, with an opening reception on May 8, 2015 at 7pm. Her works, which are created using pastels, reflect on the beauty found on the eastern side of the Continental Divide in Montana.

Much of her work is created en plein air, or out in the field painting. Bonnie hopes that her work will trigger a special memory for the viewer as they encounter it, from the experience of feeling the heat or cold of a day, to the smell of freshly cut grass, to the smell of rain coming.

In addition to her opening reception, Bonnie will spend the following day, May 9, perform demonstrations of how she works with pastels and answering questions from visitors from 1-4pm. That evening, she will teach an adult pastel class at 6pm for adults 21+.

If you are interested in signing up for Bonnie's pastel class, please call us at 406-433-3500 or email us at [mdhc@richland.org](mailto:mdhc@richland.org). The class costs \$35 per person and all materials are included.



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### Hours

Tuesday - Friday: 10am to 4pm  
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# MonDak Heritage Center News Spring 2015



FRESH FLOWER BEDS AND SEATING OUTSIDE THE MONDAK

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## From the desk of the Director

Spring has finally sprung in Eastern Montana, and the MonDak Heritage Center has been taking advantage the beautiful weather. Thanks to the Sidney Leadership Class of 2014 and their sponsors, new flowerbed-seating combos are being added to the south side of the building. They will be filled with dirt and will be planted very soon. Additionally, they will provide welcome seating, in addition to the benches we already have in place, near the farm equipment we have outside our building!

Additionally, the MonDak Heritage Center is in the process of hiring a new education coordinator. The position has been open since last summer when the previous coordinator left the position. We are very excited to bring another staff member on board, and even more excited for the opportunities they will bring to our organization. Watch for an announcement very soon about the new education coordinator, as well as for summer camp and class opportunities right here at the MonDak Heritage Center!

Finally, the MonDak Heritage Center will be hosting a brand new event: Burgers, Brews and Blues. The event will take place on June 20, 2015. Meadowlark Brewery will be offering two new beers for the event, and there will, of course, be burgers and live blues music by The Jared Stewart Band of Crow Agency, Montana. See page 3 for more information!

To keep up with our most current events, classes and activities, sign up for our email list by sending an email to [mdhc@richland.org](mailto:mdhc@richland.org).

Kim Simmonds, Executive Director, MonDak Heritage Center



## Art of War is Coming

Look inside to learn more about the Art of War exhibit, featuring artwork created by United States military veterans suffering from PTSD.

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## Shakespeare in the Parks Returns!

A fantastic night of Shakespeare returns to Sidney in July! Look inside to learn more!

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## Art of War Exhibit

June 12 through July 24, 2015

The MonDak Heritage Center will be hosting an exhibit from Denver, Colorado June 12 through July 24, 2015 called *Art of War*. The exhibit will be made up of art work created by United States military veterans who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder. They use art as an outlet for coping with their disorder.

*Art of War* will coincide with National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Month with the hope to



bring awareness to this important issue.

An open house featuring some of the artists whose work that will be featured will take place on Friday, June 12 at 7:00pm.

Please join us!

### Thanks to our sponsors!

We would like to thank the following organizations that are sponsoring *Art of War*:

- Mitchell's Oil Field Service
- S/L Services
- Sidney VFW Auxiliary

## Movies at the MonDak has been extended!

Join us at the MonDak Heritage Center for a special screening of the final movie in the *Night at the Museum* trilogy – *Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb* on Saturday, May 16 at 3:00pm.

Admission to the screening is free, and concessions will be available for purchase. Children must be accompanied by an adult to attend.



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## Volunteers Needed!

Do you have some time to spare?

The MonDak Heritage Center is currently looking for volunteers to help us with special events like exhibit openings, concerts and fundraisers, as well as Saturday sitters. Minimal training is needed to become volunteer.

For more information, please call Leann at 406-433-3500 or email us at [mdhc@richland.org](mailto:mdhc@richland.org).



The MonDak Heritage Center and Montana Shakespeare in the Parks presents:

### *The Taming of the Shrew*

The performance will take place on Wednesday, July 8 at 6:00pm at the Veterans Memorial Pavilion in Veterans Park off of South Central Avenue in Sidney. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy this wonderful performance right in our community! The performance is free to the public and is made possible through help from our donors as well as our sponsor The Best Western Golden Prairie Inn!

In case of inclement weather, the performance will take place at the Sidney Middle School auditorium right next to the park.

## New Event at the MonDak: Burgers, Brews and Blues!

We are excited to announce a brand new annual event at the MonDak Heritage Center – Burgers, Brews and Blues! The event will take place on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at the MonDak Heritage Center and will feature the blues stylings of The Jared Stewart Band out of Crow Agency, Montana.

In addition to some great blues music, there will be burgers for herbivores and carnivores alike, as well as all the makings of a great summer get-together, including a s'mores bar, games and two beers from Meadowlark Brewing Company, including one brewed especially for the event.

Tickets will be available starting May 1 at the MonDak Heritage Center. The cost is \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members. To purchase, please call us at 406-433-3500, email us at [mdhc@richland.org](mailto:mdhc@richland.org) or stop into the museum!

Thank you to our co-sponsor for the event, Meadowlark Brewing Company!



## Wine Bottle Wind Chime Class Saturday, May 30, 2015 at 2pm and 4pm



Join Sidney native and found object artist Tammy Brese Venne as she teaches us how to create beautiful wind chimes out of recycled wine bottles, beads and wire!

There are two classes available on Saturday, May 30: The first will take place at 2pm and the second will take place at 4pm. Space is limited to just 8 participants per class, so sign up early!

The cost is \$25 per person, and all of the materials needed for the class will be included. Each participant will take home one completely finished, personalized wind chime!

For questions or to register, please call Leann at 406-433-3500 or email us at [mdhc@richland.org](mailto:mdhc@richland.org).

Due to the items used in the class to create the wind chimes, the class is limited to adults (21+) only.