



Raku Pottery Workshops

Saturday, June 4th 10am–1pm and 2pm–6pm

Raku is an ancient Japanese firing technique whereby pieces are painted and rapidly heated, and tongs are used to move pieces immediately into a pile of sawdust. In this workshop, we will be: glazing (painting) pottery pieces, which will be loaded into the kiln. If you would like to remove your pieces yourself, tongs and fire proof clothing will be provided; if not, we'll do it for you! The colors turn out beautifully, like rainbows, and the color placement and amount depends largely on how much oxygen reached the pieces once it was placed into the sawdust.

The workshop will begin at 10:00 am, and you may come at any time that day from 10am-1pm and from 2pm-6pm to glaze and fire your beautiful raku pieces. Each person can fire four small pre-made pots, two small pots and one big pot, or two big pots. The pots are hand-thrown, and you will get to keep and take home your pieces on the same day! For an additional \$50, we are offering wheel lessons the following weekend, or they can take the wheel lessons alone for \$100.



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Hours

Tuesday - Friday: 10am to 4pm
Saturday: 1pm to 4pm

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

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From the desk of the Director

Kim Simmonds, Executive Director

We were certainly spoiled this winter with near perfect weather, and as we go into spring, we can only hope for more of the same. The museum has been busy the last couple months, working on updating exhibits in our lower level, processing our historic collection items, and doing the final edits on our book with Arcadia Press, which will be released in late July. Thanks to a generous grant from the Montana Office of Tourism and Business Development, we have also updated the lighting in all of our galleries. All of our artwork will now be safely illuminated with LED lights.

Work on the reprint of *Courage Enough 2* slowed due to some difficulties with the publishing system we were using. We are happy to report that those issues have been resolved, and we are currently working on the cover. We will let everyone know as soon as the book is shipped to print!

April brings a brand new program to the MonDak. Medium Melissa Teel-Hartman, who runs Heart + Soul Healing Arts in Spearfish, South Dakota, will be at the museum on Saturday, April 23 at 7pm for a public gallery reading. Melissa has been an energy practitioner and healer/reader for 10 years, and works to lead participants to healing through spirit. To learn more about Melissa and the event, please turn to page 3.

Our educator Jessica has worked hard to put together a great schedule of adult and children’s classes April through July, including nearly two months of summer camps! See the back page of the newsletter for information. Jessica has also planned a great Raku pottery workshop, which is bringing in professionals from South Dakota to lead us through the process.

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Jitro Czech Girls Choir

April 2nd at 7pm

We would like to take a minute to thank all of the wonderful donors who made this concert possible. Cape Air; Northeastern Arts Network/Sidney Performing Arts; Reynolds Market; Action Auto; Kay Fulkerson; Kim & Tim Klasna; Terri Zadow; Dorothy Fink; Duane Pust; Eugene & Judy Sondeno; Joan Nelson; Ray & Ann Franz; Kenneth & Pat Torgerson; Rajohn & Jill Karanjai; David & Sue Andersen; Electricland; and Jay Jabro.

JITRO, meaning "Daybreak" in Czech, is more than just a concert choir from Hradec Kralove, a town in the Czech Republic. It is an organization of 500 children in seven preparatory ensembles, of which only the best 25 or 30 qualify to tour. For 42 years they have been admired all over the world for their tonal brilliance, superb intonation, distinctive rich blend of sound and energetic vitality. Jitro is seen today as one of the best children's choirs anywhere in the world.

Join us Saturday, April 2nd at 7pm. Freewill donations will be accepted at the door.



Youth Art Show

through April 16th

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The MonDak Heritage Center will showcase artwork by 7th - 12th grade students from Sidney, Liberty Christian, Savage, Lambert and Medicine Lake. There will be many forms of art on exhibit from watercolor and pencil to graphics and pottery.

People's Choice awards will be given out in each of the grade divisions. Please stop in, view and vote for your favorite.

Edward Jones

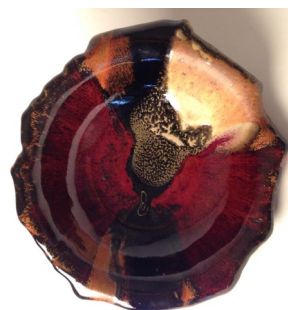
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Prairie Fire Pottery

April 1st—April 30th

Potter, Tama Smith, owner of Prairie Fire Pottery, is a self-described "fire potter". While attending University of ND, Tama worked closely with Japanese ceramist Kesuki Ueno who strongly influenced her in the development of high-fire glazes.

Tama, whose studio is in Beach, ND, says she approaches her work as much from the perspective of a painter as that of a potter. To her, clay is like canvas and her glazes are like paint. Her 2400° handmade kiln is the same temperature as the Space Shuttle upon re-entry to Earth.



Burgers, Brews, & Blues

June 18th at 6:30pm

This year will be the 2nd annual Burgers, Brews and Blues. The funds raised will benefit the museum and the art, history and cultural events that are open to the community throughout the year.

Our entertainment will feature the blues stylings of Las Vegas House of Blues band The Rick Berthod Band.

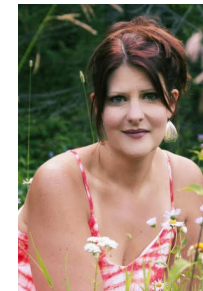
In addition to some great blues music, there will be burgers for herbivores and carnivores alike, as well as all the makings of a great summer get-together, including two beers from Meadowlark Brewing Company.

Doors open at 6:30pm with music starting at 7pm. Tickets for members of the MonDak are on sale for \$30. Anyone can join at the time of purchase to take advantage of special member pricing, and nonmembers are \$40. If you can't stop by, we'll be happy to process your tickets over the phone at (406) 433-3500. This special event is made possible by Meadowlark Brewing Company and Wheat Montana.



Melissa Teel - Hartman

Saturday, April 23 at 7pm



Medium Melissa Teel-Hartman will be holding a public gallery on Saturday, April 23rd at 7pm. Tickets are currently on sale for \$45 per person with limited seating. Although Melissa will be giving readings to various members throughout the gallery, the purchase of a ticket does not guarantee a reading during the event.

Melissa is a licensed Desire Map Facilitator, a certified Heart Resonance Coach and a certified Reiki practitioner, master and teacher who practices out of Spearfish, South Dakota. She works to help clients to find soul-inspired healing and to grow through spiritual exploration. Find out more about Melissa at www.melissateelhartman.com.

Ranger Talks

The final two Ranger Talks of the 2016 season will be:



Wednesday, April 13th at 12pm MT, presented by Fort Union Park Ranger Lisa Sanden with the topic of "Fort Union After the Fur Trade" and
Sunday, May 15th at 1pm MT, presented by Fort Union Park Ranger Leif Halvorson on "More than Buckskins: Experiencing the Life of the Fur Trade through Living History and Experimental Archaeology".

Both talks are free to the public. Tables and chairs will be set up so that you can bring your lunch and take your break while learning about the history of our region.