



# THE MONDAK HERITAGE CENTER

— SIDNEY, MONTANA —

## FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

BY DAN KARALUS

Big news! Humanities Montana, Montana's independent, non-profit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, designated Sidney as its Hometown Humanities community for 2017/2018! The MonDak Heritage Center, along with the Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, applied for Hometown Humanities earlier this year with the support of local schools and other groups and businesses. The Hometown Humanities project will bring a year's worth of humanities-based programming to the Sidney area. All programs will be FREE and open to the public!

MDHC is already working with our local partners to discuss and plan the types of programs to bring to the area to best benefit local students and residents and spark dialogue within the community. See Page 10 of this newsletter for the slate of speakers for the Cultures of Montana series this fall. This is a huge opportunity not only to engage in discussions about literature, history, and the arts, but also to show how much the MonDak region and you, our members, value these types of programs. We encourage you to attend as many programs and public conversations as you can over the next year, and both MDHC and Humanities Montana welcome your input.

In addition to Hometown Humanities, our two annual holiday events are on the horizon. The Boys & Girls Club of Richland County Parade of Trees and MonDak Christmas are great opportunities to support the museum. Please contact us to decorate a tree for auction (we have some available, if needed) or to donate baked goods for sale.

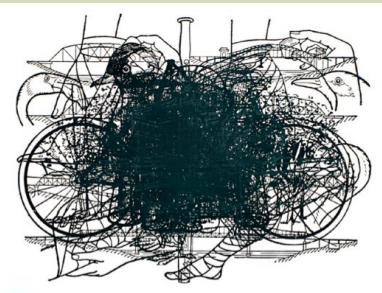
And when you drop by for one of our exhibits or programs, please take a moment to look at our research library and gallery space. Our staff, board members, and volunteers continue to put in work to improve the facility and collections to make your experience at the MonDak even better. Enjoy the upcoming holidays!

Dan



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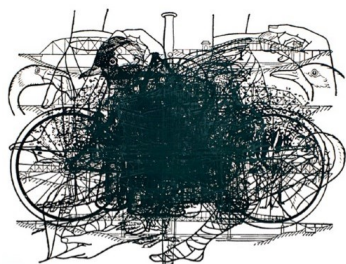
# Exhibits & Events

## WILLISTON AREA VISUAL ARTISTS

OCTOBER 3 - NOVEMBER 4

\*CLOSING RECEPTION: NOV. 4, TIME TBD (EARLY EVENING)

The Williston Area Visual Artists (WAVA) show features artwork in different mediums from artists in and around Williston, North Dakota. This year's show includes many artists' interpretations of club challenges. Each artist received a square or two of a painting to complete that when put together became "The Scream" by Norwegian artist Edvard Munch. For another challenge artists submitted pieces of their favorite era. WAVA meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the James Memorial Art Center in Williston and welcomes all levels of artists working in many different mediums. artists.



## ELIZABETH DOVE: *IT STARTED WITH AARDVARK* OCTOBER 17—DECEMBER 30

*It Started with Aardvark* by artist Elizabeth Dove is a series of twenty-six screenprints, one for each letter of the alphabet. It includes every illustration from the dictionary, with these images organized by letter. These screenprints do not portray the 3,100 dictionary illustrations as separate images as they are in the dictionary volume, but instead, overlap them in successive layers printed one on top of another so that they co-exist as one merged graphic icon, a hybrid of all visual knowledge. *It Started with Aardvark* is a project about the search for meaning. This series of prints shows what the accumulation of knowledge and the ideal of complete understanding can look like within this search for meaning, and how a viewer deciphers and makes sense of visual information in our image-saturated contemporary world.

## LEITH DEWEESE: VIEW FROM THE HIGH PLAINS NOVEMBER 14—JANUARY 13

*View from the High Plains* features watercolor paintings from artist Leith DeWeese. Using watercolor, Leith has developed a unique touch. According to DeWeese, "Growing up in the west creates a sense of place in each of us. There are particular locations that we remember, sites with open vistas, clean air and a reverence for nature." The exhibit is sponsored by the North Dakota Art Gallery Association.



## 27TH ANNUAL MINIATURE ART SHOW NOVEMBER 14—JANUARY 20

The Miniature Art Show returns for its 27th year at the MonDak! One of the best and most anticipated shows every year, it highlights artists' amazing ability to produce detail and vision on a small scale. Artists are restricted to creating works no larger than 5" x 7" and many produce work far smaller, sometimes as small as a postage stamp. The show includes, oil, watercolor, acrylic, mixed media and cast bronze pieces. Prizes awarded to the top three entries. Contact MDHC at (406) 433-3500 or [mondakheritagecenter.org](http://mondakheritagecenter.org) to get an entry form and learn how to enter your work in the show. Deadline is October 31.



## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF RICHLAND COUNTY PARADE OF TREES NOVEMBER 24, 5:00 P.M.

The Parade of Trees is a partnership between The Boys & Girls Club of Richland County and the MonDak Heritage Center. It showcases trees designed and decorated by local individuals, groups, and businesses. View every tree on display at the MonDak from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and then participate in a live tree auction at 5:00 p.m. Take home a tree and contribute to local youth, community, arts, and history! All proceeds from the auction go to the Boys & Girls Club and MonDak Heritage Center for youth programs. To enter a tree in the Parade of Trees, pick up an entry form at the MonDak or Boys & Girls Club or download one from [mondakheritagecenter.org](http://mondakheritagecenter.org). Then design your tree and drop it off at the MonDak between November 14-17 or on November 21 or 22. MDHC has a limited supply available on a first come first serve basis. Contact MDHC to get yours.

## MONDAK CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 3, 1:30 P.M.—3:00 P.M.

The 31st Annual MonDak Christmas is the event to satisfy all of your holiday cravings! Get photos with Santa, find delicious desserts from local bakers in our bake sale, create festive holiday ornaments, take a stroll through the wreaths and trees from the Parade of Trees, and explore the latest exhibits to hit the MonDak. Free to the public. Free will donations accepted for Santa photos. Bake sale purchases support MDHC exhibits, programs, and collections preservation.





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From the *Sidney Herald*, October 8, 1967.

## NAN Big Sky Series

The MonDak Heritage Center hosts the Northeastern Arts Network's 2017/2018 Big Sky Series of concerts! Season tickets to the series are \$50/adults, \$45/seniors, \$35/students, and \$100/family. Single concert tickets at the door are: \$15/adults, \$12/seniors, \$10/students. For tickets, visit MDHC or contact us at (406) 433-3500.

### Remaining 2017/2018 Schedule

**November 2 at 7:00 p.m.** — Cascade Quartet

**February 15 at 7:00 p.m.** — East West International Project

**March 22 at 7:00 p.m.** — Lauren Sheehan



# Recent Happenings

Huge thanks go out to our members and visitors who joined us at the MonDak for our recent programs and exhibits. We welcomed Jessie Veeder for an engaging performance in July, enjoyed Neal Lewing telling (and singing) the story of Thomas Meagher for our Annual Meeting, just got done with the 36th Annual Quilt & Needlework Show, and created other connections to the arts and local history for the community. Thank you for supporting us!



**[Clockwise from Top Left] Neal Lewing performing Meagher of the Sword in September; an entry in the 36th Annual Quilt & Needlework Show; Jessie Veeder at the MonDak in July.**



# October Art Classes



**Tuesday, October 10**  
**12:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.**  
Glass Fusion—Coral Bowl Class:  
 All ages welcome!  
**\$35**



**Thursday, October 26**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
Acrylic Harvest Pumpkin  
Painting Class:  
 All ages welcome!  
**\$20**



**Thursday, October 12**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
Clay Jack O'Lantern Class:  
 All ages welcome!  
**\$20**



**Tuesday, October 24**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
Candle Carving Class:  
 All ages welcome!  
**\$25**



**Wednesday, October 25**  
**12:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.**  
Watercolor Resist Animal  
Painting Class:  
 All ages welcome!  
**\$20**

**Saturday, October 28**  
**10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**  
Raku Workshop at the MonDak:  
 Design, glaze, fire, and take home  
 two pieces of raku pottery with Mark  
 Sanders from the WaterWorks Art  
 Museum in Miles City!

**\$75/person**  
**\$65/MDHC Members**



## Registration:

Call MDHC at (406) 433-3500

Or visit [mondakheritagecenter.org/education](http://mondakheritagecenter.org/education)

Payment required upon registration.

*Class schedules subject to change due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.\*\**

**MDHC Members receive \$2 off each class registration unless otherwise noted.**

# November & December Art Classes



**Tuesday, November 7**  
**12:00 & 6:00 p.m.**  
Clay Wind Chime Class:  
 All ages welcome!  
**\$25**



**Thursday, November 9**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
Glass Fusion—8" Plate Class:  
 All ages welcome!  
**\$45**



**Tuesday, November 14**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
Candle Carving Class:  
 All ages welcome!  
**\$25**



**Tuesday, November 28**  
**12:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.**  
Vintage Ceramic Christmas Tree Painting Class:  
 All ages welcome!  
**\$65**



**Thursday, November 30**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
Clay Leaf Bowl Class:  
**\$25**  
 All ages welcome!

## After-School Enrichment

Each Wednesday, November 1—December 13

Paint, sculpt, draw, learn, and imagine  
 in our after-school art classes!

Ages 6+ (Does not meet November 22)

**\$50** for a six-week program

**\$45** for MDHC members!



**Tuesday, December 5**  
**12:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.**  
Washi Tape Journal Class:  
 All ages welcome!  
**\$20**



**Thursday, December 7**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
Branch Pencil Class:  
 All ages welcome!  
**\$25**



## Walk-In Art!

Tuesday, December 12, 12:00—4:00 p.m.

Create a handprint ornament! **\$15**

Thursday, December 14, 12:00—4:00 p.m.

Make Santa's Cookies Plate!

**\$20/small, \$40/large**

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# Research Spotlight

*by the MDHC Volunteers*

While doing genealogy research, our volunteers came across the below poem by John Oscar Helm, who lived and worked in the MonDak area.

John was born February 19, 1871, in Stockholm, Sweden. He came to America when he was 24 years old. He worked in Minnesota and then Galesburg, North Dakota, where he met and married Anne Erickson in January 1903. They came to the Dore area and filed on some of the Buford Military Preserve and built a log house. They had three children (two boys and a girl).



**Two men fishing on the  
Yellowstone River  
[MDHC-1986.022.005]**

John freighted from Mondak to Glendive for several years. He also helped build the ditch for the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project.

John passed away December 9, 1938, and his wife died on May 14, 1945.

## Yellowstone Valley

**by John Oscar Helm  
August 30, 1923**

If I had the gift as Poets of yore  
I would get me a seat on the beautiful shore  
From there view a country where never shone  
On valley more fair than the Great Yellowstone.

I would sing of the hills of the opposite shore  
That carry abundance of coal there in store.  
The wood crested river would make it alone  
An Eden of Beauty: the Great Yellowstone.

And then I would mention the purified air,  
The blue sky, the sunshine, the climate so fair,  
The orchards and fields into cereals sown  
In Paradise Valley, The Great Yellowstone.

And sure I would sin of the people of toil,  
The banker, the merchant, the man of the soil.  
The flag of the U.S. has yet ever flown  
O'r people more true than in Great Yellowstone.

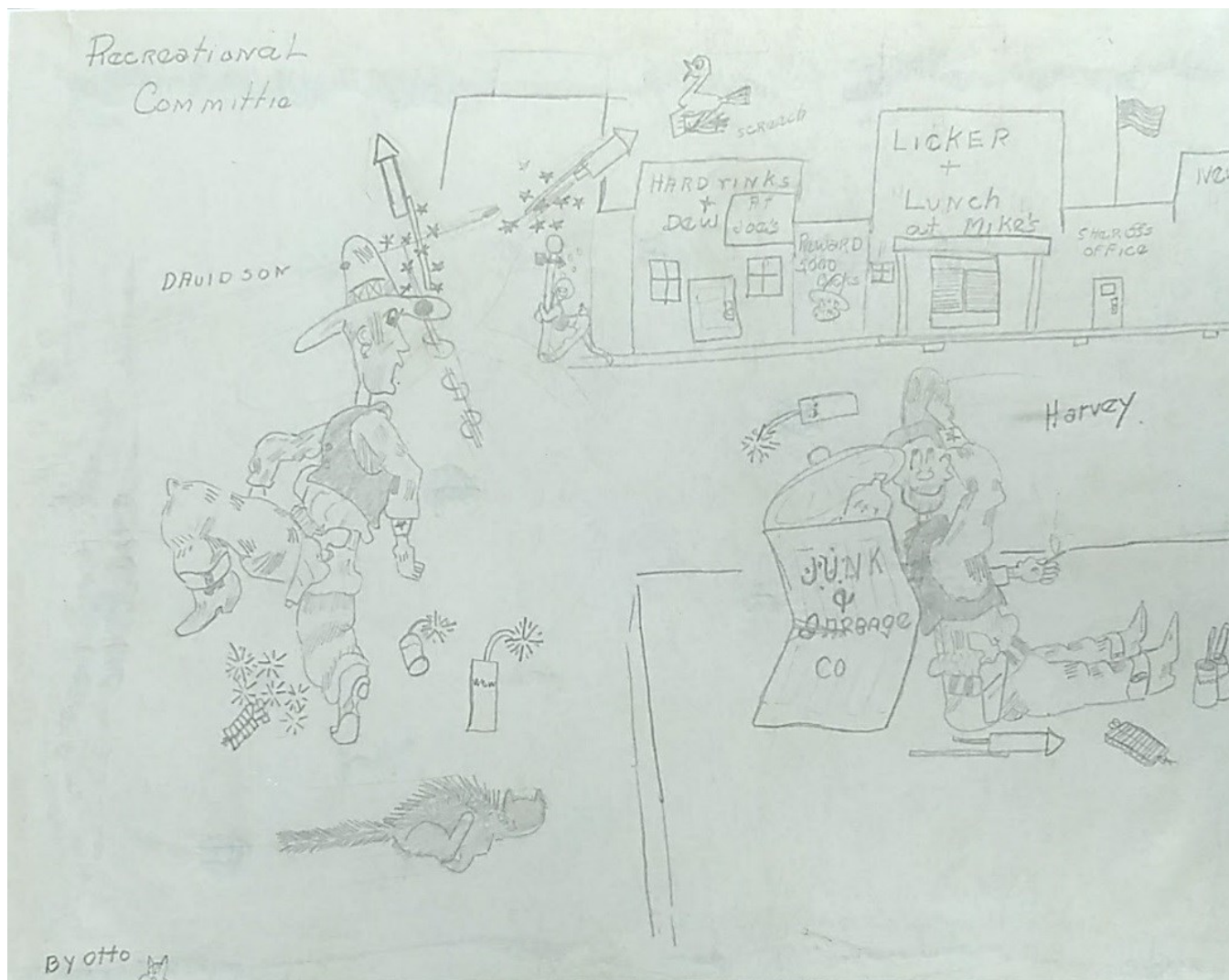
And then I would sing of the river that yield  
The life giving water for fertile field.  
They sing of the Ganges, Nile, Poe, Rhine, and Rhone.  
I'd sing of the might, the Great Yellowstone.

Mu muses are feeble, my pen is too weak,  
In letter to paint here the picture I seek.  
I only will add: when my spirit has flown (is gone)  
Please put me to rest by the Great Yellowstone.

**MDHC has many rewarding volunteer opportunities. Please contact us to volunteer!**



# From the Collections



**Sketch of "Recreational Committee" by Otto.** From a Future Farmers of America (Sidney Chapter) Scrapbook, 1940-41. The scrapbook contains photographs, correspondence, newspaper articles, and other records, including several cartoon sketches of committees and activities related to the FFA and its members. MDHC also houses other scrapbooks from the FFA, as well as scrapbooks from other local groups, including 4-H, the Girl Scouts, and multiple homemakers clubs. Find them by visiting the MDHC Lillian Anderson Jensen Research Library.

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# Hometown Humanities

Sidney is the Humanities Montana Hometown Humanities site for 2017/2018! The MonDak, area schools, and other organizations and venues will host about 25 educational and cultural programs over the next year to educate, entertain, and promote community discussions. The programs are FREE and open to the public. This fall we welcome an amazing slate of speakers for the Cultures of Montana series. See the upcoming schedule below. Most speakers will also present at area schools. For more information about Hometown Humanities, upcoming programs, and how to get involved contact us or visit [humanitiesmontana.org](http://humanitiesmontana.org) or [mondakheritagecenter.org](http://mondakheritagecenter.org).



## Cultures of Montana Series

**Oct. 24—Franco Littlelight**, *Song of the Dawn Priests: A History of the Crow People*

**Nov. 1—Bridget Kevane**, *Latino America, Latino Montana*

**Nov. 9—Ambrin Masood**, *Cultural Diversity & Muslims in Montana*

**Nov. 16—Ruthann Knudson**, *Paleoindians in Montana: 13,000-8,000 Years Ago*

**Nov. 30—Ellen Bauml**, *Profiles of African American Montanans*

**All programs at 7:00 p.m. at the MonDak**

**Humanities MONTANA**

## BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings of the Board of Directors of the *MonDak Historical & Art Society* are open to the public and held the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the **MonDak Heritage Center at 6:30 p.m.**

To attend, please contact us at (406) 433-3500 or [mdhc@richland.org](mailto:mdhc@richland.org) to confirm the meeting date and time.

We love your input and ideas!

## MEETINGS:

Meet in Sidney's most unique location! Contact us about meeting space and renting the museum.

## MONDAK WRITER'S GROUP:

Join the MonDak Writer's Group on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6pm to share your writings and ideas and receive feedback. Free!

## EMAIL UPDATES:

For the latest news and updates on MDHC events and exhibits, e-mail us at [mdhc@richland.org](mailto:mdhc@richland.org) to be added to the email list.

## FIND US ONLINE!

Facebook: [facebook.com/MonDak Heritage Center](https://facebook.com/MonDakHeritageCenter)  
Instagram & Twitter: @mondakmuseum

# 2017—2018 CALENDAR

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November 1:	<b>Bridget Kevane, <i>Latino America, Latino Montana</i></b> (Hometown Humanities), <b>7pm</b>
November 2:	<b>Cascade Quartet</b> (Northeastern Arts Network), <b>7pm</b>
November 3:	<b>Cascade Quartet</b> (Members-Only Music at the MonDak), <b>7pm</b>
November 4:	<b>WAVA Closing Reception, Time TBD (early evening)</b>
November 9:	<b>Ambrin Masood, <i>Cultural Diversity and Muslims in America</i></b> (Hometown Humanities), <b>7pm</b>
November 13—January 13:	<b>Leith DeWeese, <i>View from the High Plains</i></b> , Sponsored by NDAGA
November 14—January 20:	<b>27th Annual Miniature Art Show</b>
November 16:	<b>Ruthann Knudson, <i>Paleoindians in Montana</i></b> (Hometown Humanities), <b>7pm</b>
November 21:	<b>Sidney Chamber of Commerce &amp; Agriculture's Business After Hours</b> at the MonDak, <b>4-6pm</b>
November 24:	<b>Boys &amp; Girls Club of Richland County Parade of Trees, Viewing 3-5pm &amp; Live Auction 5pm</b>
November 30:	<b>Ellen Baumler, <i>Profiles of African American Montanans</i></b> (Hometown Humanities), <b>7pm</b>
December 3:	<b>MonDak Christmas, 1:30—3pm</b>
January 16—March 10, 2018:	<b>Daphne Clark Art Show</b>
February 15:	<b>East West International Project</b> (Northeastern Arts Network), <b>7pm</b>
February 17:	<b>11th Annual Celebrating Chocolate, 7pm</b>



*DATES & TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE*

***The mission of MDHC is to engage, educate, and inspire our community by preserving and contributing to the area's arts, culture, and heritage.***





## BECOME A MEMBER!

**YES, I will join MDHC**

Annually at the following level:

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|---|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual         | \$30    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family             | \$50    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (60+)       | \$25    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Couple      | \$40    |
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### MDHC Member Benefits:

- \* Invites to members-only events
- \* Discounts to art classes & events
- \* Subscription to our quarterly newsletter
- \* 10% gift shop discount
- \* Recognition in our Annual Report
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([timetravelers.mohistory.org](http://timetravelers.mohistory.org))

### Ways to Join:

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Your memberships and donations support exhibits, programs, and collections and are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.*

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