



THE MONDAK HERITAGE CENTER

— SIDNEY, MONTANA —

FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

BY DAN KARALUS

Spring is finally here and MDHC staff and volunteers are already doing some spring cleaning and making plans for the summer. We have several projects underway or on the horizon inside and outside the museum and behind the scenes, including:

- Visitors may not see it, but we recently made progress organizing our collections and storage areas. Our long-term goal is to **increase access to historical records, improve preservation of artifacts, and free up space for new acquisitions**. To help meet our goal, we plan to deaccession, or remove, some items from the collections. Look for a notice from us within a few months explaining this process.
- Earlier this year **Williston Economic Development awarded MDHC with a grant** to help transform our outdoor space into an outside exhibits and arts area. Look for some work to start on the north side of the museum in the coming months!
- The MonDak will bring **Montana Shakespeare in the Parks** to Sidney again this year! Save the date: **Friday, June 29 @ 6:00 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park**. This year's performance is **Othello**, a first for MSIP. Please consider making a donation to MDHC to help support Shakespeare this year and in future years.
- And inside the museum, we have a busy schedule of events on the way. Make sure to join us for the **4th Annual Burgers, Brews, & Blues**, and check our schedule for many great arts and humanities opportunities! See you there!



P.S. Did you see **the MonDak on Travel Channel**? In March, Travel Channel aired an episode of *Mysteries at the Museum* that featured MDHC and our doughnut maker. This was in the works since last year, when a crew visited the museum to do some filming after seeing a picture we posted of the doughnut maker online. If you missed the episode, you

might still be able to watch it online via your cable TV provider (See this link: <http://watch.travelchannel.com/player/3632954/Invention-of-the-Doughnut/>). Or ask us to show it for you on your next visit! We love to show off the museum and collections!

Dan



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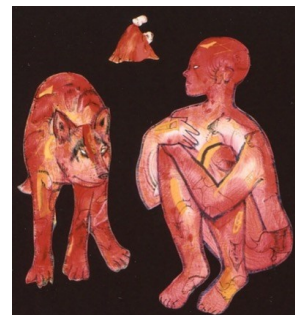


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Exhibits & Events

NANCY ERICKSON: *ENCOUNTERS* THROUGH MAY 26

Encounters features artist Nancy Erickson's large-scale, free-form textile compositions, inspired by the cave art found at Chauvet Pont d'Arc and Lascaux. Erickson is a nationally recognized fiber artist. Her artwork recognizes the individual dignity of wild creatures, often juxtaposing them with people or human environments. Erickson was raised on a cattle ranch in Livingston, Montana. She holds a BA in Zoology and an MS in Nutrition from the University of Iowa, and an MA and MFA from the University of Montana.



ART ALONG THE BIGHORN: A CHILD'S PERSPECTIVE THROUGH MAY 26

Children's art is often a pure look into ourselves as individuals and a society. The artwork in **Art along the Bighorn: A Child's Perspective** reflects young artists' perspectives on life, culture, and creative expression along the Bighorn River. This traveling exhibition from the Yellowstone Art Museum in Billings shares paintings, drawings, and mixed media works created during 2015 -2016 by students from Crow Agency Elementary School.

WATERWORKS ART MUSEUM TRAVELING ART SHOW MAY 8—JUNE 2

The **Traveling Art Show** features works representative of the Annual Juried Exhibit from the WaterWorks Art Museum in Miles City. The exhibit represents professional and amateur artwork from local, regional, and national artists, which will tour eastern Montana until the end of 2018.



POWWOWS & RODEOS: COMMUNITIES AT PLAY JUNE 5—SEPTEMBER 1

PowWows & Rodeos features photographs by Harry Lee Harpster, Jr. that engage viewers with late twentieth-century Native American culture on the northern plains and illustrate the beauty and challenges of reservation life and lands. The photographs of children and adults featured in this exhibition were taken during visits to powwows and rodeos between 1979 and 2001. Harpster captured encampment scenes, preparations for parades and dancing, booths and vendors, spectators, and competitors. Sponsored by the Hockaday Museum of Art via the Montana Art Gallery Director's Association.

SAM WEST TRIO

MAY 4, WORKSHOP @ 5:00 P.M., CONCERT @ 7:00 P.M.



The **Sound-Writing Workshop at 5pm** is an accessible, interactive, and instructive presentation of contemporary songwriting, composition, and improvisation by vocalist and songwriter Sam West. Participants will learn how to utilize groove, chord structure, harmony, melody, and lyrics in an improvisational setting and apply them to their individual creative journey. The workshop concludes with a performance demonstration. All ages welcome. **FREE to attend!**

Sam West Trio's concert begins at 7pm. Their influences and comparisons range from the lyrical craft of Tom Waits and Bob Dylan, the bass playing style of Jaco Pastorius and Chris Wood, and the melodic sensibility of Joe Henderson and Wayne Shorter. SWT is most comfortable in a live room where improvisation takes hold. Listeners can expect fun familiar tunes and original compositions that range from blues, rock, funk, jazz – or, as some would call it, simply 'fusion'. The band includes vocalist Sam West, percussionist Ron Coulter, and guitarist Jay Reed. From Nashville, West studied jazz performance and creative writing at Middle Tennessee State University and boasts a background in jazz, acoustic, and experimental music. Coulter is Instructor of Percussion at Casper College in Wyoming. Reed hails from Toronto, Canada. All three have extensive experience touring the country and overseas. **FREE to the public!**



FOURTH ANNUAL BURGERS, BREWS, & BLUES JUNE 16, 6:30 P.M.

The **Fourth Annual BBB** features **Texas blues musician Randy McAllister**. Plus, grilled burgers for herbivores and carnivores alike

with your favorite toppings, desserts and sides, and all the makings of a Great Summer Get-Together, including locally-crafted beer from Meadowlark Brewing Company. One of the most versatile bluesmen in Texas, Randy plays driving drums and world-class harmonica, writes incredible songs and sings like no one else. Roustabout, maverick, spiritual, gritty, amazing, genius, wild, bad-ass, soulful...These are some of the words used to describe this Texas bonafide blue blood. **Doors open at 6:30 p.m. & music starts at 7:00 p.m.** At the MonDak Heritage Center! Tickets are \$40/person or \$30 for MDHC Members. To purchase tickets, stop by the MonDak Heritage Center or call (406) 433-3500. Or order tickets online at mondakheritagecenter.org. Must be 21 or older to attend. Sponsored by Beagle Properties, Candlewood Suites, Frontier Heating, Inc., Meadowlark Brewing Company, Reese & Ray's IGA, Wheat Montana Bakery & Deli, and Yellowstone Bank.



May Art Classes



Thursday, May 10
6:00 p.m.
Clay Flower Bowl Class:
\$25



Tuesday, May 22
12:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Glass Terrarium Class:
\$35



Tuesday, May 15
6:00 p.m.
Vase Glazing Class:
\$20



Wednesday, May 23
6:00 p.m.
Clay Mug Class:
\$25



Wednesday, May 16
6:00 p.m.
Candle Carving Class:
\$25



Saturday, May 26
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wheel Throwing Lessons:
\$100 (\$50/repeat)



Thursday, May 17
6:00 p.m.
Glass Fusion
Coaster Set Class:
\$40



Walk-In Art - \$20/\$40

Tuesday, May 1:
Mommy's Flowers



Thursday, May 31
Father's Day Tractor



1st & 3rd Saturday of the Month

10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

May 5, May 19, & June 2!

Registration:

Call MDHC at (406) 433-3500 or visit mondakheritagecenter.org/education

Payment required upon registration. Class schedules subject to change.

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



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MONTANA SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARKS
PRESENTS THE 2018 SUMMER TOUR



WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S
OTHELLO

JUNE 29, 6:00 P.M.

@ VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK, SIDNEY

FREE TO THE PUBLIC!

RICHLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE 90TH ANNIVERSARY



THROUGH MAY 31 POP-UP EXHIBIT & LEGO COURTHOUSE BY LUGMONDAK



SPRING PHOTOGRAPH

Central Avenue, the Railroad Jubilee and Old Settlers' Annual Picnic, Sidney, June 27, 1912. The *Sidney Herald* called it "The Greatest Celebration Ever Held and reported between 2,500 and 3,000 people in attendance. [MDHC-2012.005.002]

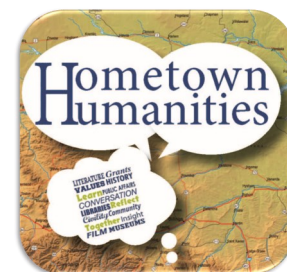


Hometown Humanities

We have more great programs coming to the MonDak this spring and summer for Hometown Humanities Sidney! All Hometown Humanities programs are FREE and open to the public. For more information visit us at mondakheritagecenter.org, or head to humanitiesmontana.org.

Schedule of Programs

April 30: The Poetry & Literature Series ends with a final program on the last day of National Poetry Month. Poet and performance artist **Tahj Kjelland** presents ***Express to Speak*** at **7:00 p.m. at the MonDak**, an interactive program on spoken word and poetry!



May 24: Join us for **Let's Talk About Fake News!** We transform the MonDak into a friendly, neighborhood pub and welcome **Ed Kemmick**, publisher of *Last Best News*, **Darrell Ehrlick**, editor of the *Billings Gazette*, and **Jackie Yamanaka**, news director of Yellowstone Public Radio, for a discussion about fake news and what happens when we can't agree on the facts. Drinks & refreshments provided. So gather around a table, ask questions, share your thoughts, or just have a pint and listen! **6:30—8:00 p.m. at the MonDak.**

June 7: Singer/songwriter **Almeda Bradshaw** presents ***Into the Sunset: The Forgotten Cowgirl Singers***, stories and songs about women entertainers who wore buckskins and boots while yodeling their way into America's hearts. **7:00 p.m. at the MonDak! [tentative]**

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 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 to be added to the email list.

FIND US ONLINE!

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

EVENTS & PROGRAMS CALENDAR

March 20—May 5:

Encounters, art exhibition by **Nancy Erickson**.
Sponsored by MAGDA.

April 3—May 26:



Art Along the Bighorn: A Child's Perspective, art exhibition by students at **Crow Agency Elementary School**. Sponsored by the Yellowstone Art Museum.

April 14—May 31:

Lego Courthouse (by LUGMonDak) & Richland County Courthouse 90th Anniversary, pop-up exhibit.

April 30:

Tahj Kjelland, Express to Speak (Hometown Humanities), 7pm. Spoken word & poetry. Perfect for all ages!

May 4:



Sam West Trio, Workshop at 5pm & Concert at 7pm. Blues, rock, funk, jazz, & fusion. Great for all ages. Free to the public!

May 8—June 2:

WaterWorks Art Museum Traveling Art Show

May 24:



Let's Talk About Fake News (Hometown Humanities), 6:30-8pm. Drinks, refreshments, questions, & answers. With Darrell Ehrlick, Ed Kemmick, and Jackie Yamanaka.

June 5—September 1:

PowWows & Rodeos: Communities at Play, photography exhibition by Harry Lee Harpster, Jr. Sponsored by MAGDA.

June 7:

Almeda Bradshaw, Into the Sunset: The Forgotten Cowgirl Singers (Hometown Humanities), 7pm. [tentative]

June 8 & 9:

Humanities Montana Board of Directors Meeting

June 16:



4th Annual Burgers, Brews, & Blues, 6:30pm. Featuring Texas bluesman Randy McAllister. Sponsored by Beagle Properties, Candlewood Suites, and Wheat Montana. \$35/\$25.

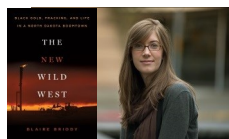
June 29:

Montana Shakespeare in the Parks, Othello, Veterans Memorial Park, Sidney, 6pm.

July 14:

Sunrise Festival of the Arts, 8am-4pm, Veterans Memorial Park, Sidney. Look for interactive activities with the MonDak!

July 17:



Blaire Briody, The New Wild West: Black Gold, Fracking, and Life in a North Dakota Boomtown, 7pm. Book talk and short documentary film.



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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainer | \$100+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor | \$250+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron of the Arts | \$500+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor | \$1000+ |

Name: _____

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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
- * Voting Privileges
- * Discounts at 300+ U.S. locations in the Time Travelers Network
(timetravelers.mohistory.org)

Ways to Join:

☐ Check Enclosed. Payable to **MDHC**.

☐ Card #: _____

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Sig: _____

Mail to:
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*The MonDak Historical & Art Society operates MDHC and is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Federal EIN: 23-7191806.
Your memberships and donations support exhibits, programs, and collections and are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.*

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