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### From the Desk of the Director

BY DAN KARALUS

Summer is already off to a fun-filled, jam-packed start here at the MonDak. We enjoyed great music, drinks, and food at Burgers, Brews, & Blues, completed our first round of Summer Art Camps for kids, and welcomed Montana Shakespeare in the Parks to Sidney for an amazing performance of Othello at Veterans Memorial Park! Thank you to everyone that attended our events and camps. And an additional thank you to those that made donations to the MonDak for Shakespeare in the Parks. Because of you, we are able to bring interesting and entertaining arts and cultural programs to the community.

With the conclusion of Hometown Humanities in June, MDHC will have a little more time to focus energy on internal projects. We continue to work to improve exhibit displays, expand and develop new art programs, and organize our growing collections. Inventorying, documenting, and cataloging the items in the MDHC library and archives (and exhibits) is a rather large task. Please contact us if you think you could donate some of your time to volunteer to help us. We will provide a little training and some project guidelines. Volunteering in the collections is a great way to help *make history* for the community.

If the volunteering in the collections does not sound appealing, there are many other ways for volunteers to help us at the MonDak. Our volunteer opportunities include: yard maintenance, exhibit development, research, art education, and "Saturday Sitting." Our "Saturday Sitters" operate the front desk and monitor the museum, enabling us to open the museum to residents and tourists on Saturdays. One of the best perks of volunteering as a "Saturday Sitter" is the chance to interact with visitors and explore the MonDak's exhibits and library resources.

(Quick note: Huge thanks to all of our current "Saturday Sitters!" You provide access to arts and history for visitors...and help give our staff some quality family and personal time.)

To volunteer at the MonDak, drop by during our weekday hours, Tuesday-Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and chat with us. We will work with you to find the best project to fit our needs and your interests. Even if you cannot volunteer, swing by the museum for one of our upcoming exhibits or programs (see Page 11). We look forward to seeing you!



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# Exhibits & Events



# 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.

# SIGNS OF THE TIMES JUNE 19—AUGUST 25

The MonDak digs into its own collections for the *Signs of the Times* exhibition, featuring commercial signs of regional businesses hand-painted by artist J. K. Ralston. Ralston painted the signs in the



1930s to help raise funds for a local town hall. The MonDak Historical & Art Society received the signs as a donation in the 1970s and sold some of them for its own fundraising purposes. And now today MDHC preserves and displays them as an important part of local art and history. Enjoy the vintage and retro artwork, reminisce about businesses of a bygone era, and explore the story of the signs and what they represent in the MonDak.

# HISTORY OF HOMESTEADING IN EASTERN MONTANA JULY 25, 12:00 P.M.

This free luncheon lecture by MSU Billings Professor Dr. Keith Edgerton features stories about homesteading, as well as updates from MSU Billings. This program is part of the Buzzin' Beyond Billings 2018 tour of Eastern Montana by the MSU Billings Alumni Foundation. Other stops include Miles City, Glendive, and Poplar. The program is FREE to the public and includes lunch and refreshments.



### Grant-Writing Workshop by the Montana History Foundation September 26. 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Staff from MHF will offer specific step-by-step tools and practical tips and tricks for developing winning proposals. Applicable to all non-profits. FREE to all participants! Lunch included. Registration required. Contact MDHC at (406) 433-3500 or mdhc@richland.org to register.



### 37TH ANNUAL QUILT & NEEDLEWORK SHOW SEPTEMBER 5—SEPTEMBER 29

Featuring dozens of quilts and needlework from local and regional quilters, crafters, and artists. Marvel at the fine detail of each piece and vote on your favorites. Prizes awarded to the

top three vote-getters in the People's Choice Awards: \$50 for First Place, \$30 for Second Place, and \$20 for Third Place. To enter your work, contact MDHC at (406) 433-3500 or mdhc@richland.org or visit mondakheritagecenter.org.

### The Falcon's Eye: Nature Photographs OCTOBER 2—DECEMBER 29

The Falcon's Eye: Nature Photographs is an exhibit by publisher, philanthropist, and family man, Michael S. Sample (1947-2014). He has long been familiar to Montana audiences and, for decades, beloved for his extraordinarily sensitive nature photography. The



Falcon's Eye honors Sample's wealth of nature photographs that he recorded during his allseason outdoor adventures. The subjects of his work range from the sublime view of a single wildflower frozen in an early winter snow to an epic storm over the Rocky Mountains. In retrospect, this seems an analogy for the artist's life. The exhibition is sponsored by the Yellowstone Art Museum via the Montana Art Gallery Director's Association.



### BANDITS & HEROES, POETS & SAINTS: POPULAR ART OF THE NORTHEAST OF BRAZIL NOVEMBER 10—JANUARY 7

Bandits & Heroes, Poets & Saints explores how the ancient cultures of Africa blended with indigenous and colonial Portuguese traditions to form the vibrant and complex cultural mosaic of modern Brazil. Engaging photographs and works of popular art, including sculptures, paintings, prints, religious objects,

Northeast of Brazil and introduce the festivals, heroes, and spiritual traditions that give shape and meaning to the daily lives of the Nordestinos, common people of Brazil's Northeast. The exhibition explores how diverse traditions come together in the region and uses work by historical and contemporary artists to illuminate a fascinating history that reaches into modern Brazil. Throughout, it explores the resilience and vitality of modern-day descendants of Africa. This exhibition has been made possible through NEH on the Road, a special initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities. It is brought to you by the Mid-America Arts

Alliance, and organized by Con/Vida-Popular Arts of the Americas and the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit, Michigan.

toys, and booklets of poetry will draw visitors into the complex and vibrant culture of the



# Research Spotlight



Ellery Avenue, Fairview, undated [MDHC-2010.001.001]

The MonDak Heritage Center will be part of the Fairview Old Timers Reunion and Summer Festival this year with a small history display. We will have posters and artifacts highlighting Fairview and its history. Look for us in Hotel Albert on Saturday, July 21 starting at 10:00 a.m. Drop in learn something new or refresh old memories.

As we looked for information about Fairview in the MDHC library and archives, we came across many

interesting stories. Perhaps the most sensational one is the story of four bandits robbing the Fairview State Bank on May 2, 1929, and escaping (at least for a day or so) with over \$4,000 in cash, a hefty sum at the time. Authorities followed clues and apprehended the four men, all from Glendive, the following day, and they plead guilty and received their sentences within eight days of the crime.

Find out more about this and other Fairview stories at our display at the Fairview Old Timers Reunion on July 21 or visit us at the MonDak Heritage Center.



# From the Collections



42 glass insulators in the MDHC archives.

MDHC has thousands of books, manuscripts, photographs, maps, and artifacts housed in its library and archives, acquired through over five decades of donations from residents and visitors. As MDHC staff work behind the scenes to inventory and organize these items, we are also working to deaccession, or officially remove, some objects, books, and other records from our permanent collections.

Why would we remove items from our collections? A number of them are deteriorating. A great deal are duplicates (such as the **42 glass insulators** above). Others no longer relate to our mission or do not fit with the MDHC Collections Policy. Some items would make more sense in another museum. And many of our artifacts would serve us better as education and exhibit resources. Removing these items from our permanent collections will help us create valuable space in the MonDak Heritage Center (freeing up room for new acquisitions) and allow us to improve the preservation of the rest of our collection. All deaccessions require approval of our Board of Directors and adhere to our board-approved collections policy.

Our Board of Directors recently approved the deaccession of several items from the MDHC Collections, mostly consisting of duplicate copies of local high school yearbooks. For a list of these items, please visit mondakheritagecenter.org or call (406) 433-3500. And feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns about collections or the deaccession process.

# September Art Classes



Thursday, September 6
Bullet Journaling
101 Class:
\$40



Friday, September 14 12:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. Glass Fusion Rectangular Platter Class: \$60



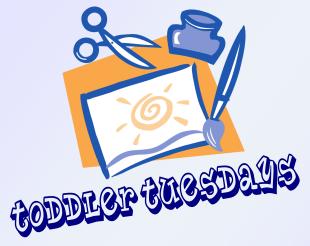
Thursday, September 20 12:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. Clay Lace Bowl Class: \$20



Saturday, September 22 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Wheel Throwing Lessons \$100 (\$50 repeat)



Thursday, September 27 6:00 p.m. Ceramic Yarn Bowl Painting Class: \$25



September 4, 11, 18, & 25 10:30—12:00 p.m.

\$50/child or \$45/members
For all four Tuesdays

Art & storytime for ages 2-6

\*Must be accompanied by adult



1st & 3rd Saturday of the Month 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Restarts in September!

### **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.



# Youth Art Opportunities



# AFTOF-SCHOOL EMPICHMENT

### 2018/2019 Schedule

#1: September 5—October 10

#2: October 24—December 5 (does not meet Nov. 21)

#3: January 9—February 13

#4: April 3-May 8

\$50/child \$45/members

Sign up for all four sessions by September 4 and save 10% on registration!

To register: Contact MDHC at (406) 433-3500 or visit mondakheritagecenter.org/education.

Classes meet Wednesdays from 2:30-4:30 p.m. | Six classes per session | Ages 6+









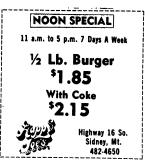


# Back in the Day

# SALES & DEALS 40 YEARS AGO



From *The Sidney Herald*, July 5-12, 1978.







# Annual Meeting

In accordance with our bylaws, the Annual meeting of the MonDak Historical & Art Society, (the organization that operates MDHC) will be held on Sunday, September 9 at 2:00 p.m.

The Annual Meeting will include: annual reports from the President and Executive Director on the past year; information on upcoming events, projects, and plans; a cultural program (TBD); and the opportunity for MDHC members to participate in board member elections.

The terms of four board members expire this year, so if you are interested in serving on the board please contact us at (406) 433-3500 or mdhc@richland.org. The board welcomes fresh ideas and new faces. Joining the MDHC board is a great way to contribute to Sidney and other local communities in and around Richland County, learn about local history and art, and experience a variety of events, programs, and exhibits!

# Snapsh ts



OTHELLO IN SIDNEY, BY MONTANA SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARKS



ALMEDA BRADSHAW AT THE MONDAK FOR HOMETOWN HUMANITIES



SAM WEST TRIO AT THE MONDAK



MDHC BOARD MEMBERS
IN OUR NEW DISPLAY



STUDENTS & THEIR GARLANDS FROM OUR JUNE SUMMER ART CAMP



### SUMMER PHOTOGRAPH

Hamilton Nutt, Constance Nutt, Louise Adams, Mildred Nevins, and Harriet Amsden on the northeast corner of the R. H. Nutt front lawn, Sidney, summer 1918.

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# NAN Big Sky Series

The MonDak Heritage Center hosts the Northeastern Arts Network's 2018/2019 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.

### 2018/2019 Schedule

September 13 at 7:00 p.m. Montana Repertory Theater, Morgan and Merlin

October 4 at 7:00 p.m. — Kristin Estelle & the Heartstrings

November 1 at 7:00 p.m. — Supaman

February 21 at 7:00 p.m. — Sundae & Mr. Goessl

March 28 at 7:00 p.m. − Six Appeal











### **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.

#### **VOLUNTEERS:**

The MonDak welcomes new volunteers! Help with art education, research, exhibits, collections, and more. Contact us to help make history (& art)!

#### **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

Instagram & Twitter: @mondakmuseum

### **EVENTS & PROGRAMS CALENDAR**

June 5—September 1: **PowWows & Rodeos: Communities at Play,** photography

exhibition by Harry Lee Harpster, Jr. Sponsored by MAGDA.

June 19—August 25: Signs of the Times, 1930s wood commercial signs by artist J. K.

Ralston. From the MDHC archives.

July 25: Homesteading in Eastern Montana, program by MSU Billings

History Professor Dr. Keith Edgerton, 7pm.

August 1—August 4: Richland County Fair & Rodeo

September 5—September 29: 37th Annual Quilt & Needlework Show

September 9: MonDak Historical & Art Society Annual Meeting, 2pm.

September 13: Montana Repertory Theater presents Morgan and Merlin:

Swords, Sorcery, and How to be a Hero, 7pm.

September 26: **Grant-Writing Workshop,** by the Montana History Foundation,

**10am-2pm** (registration required).

September 29: Sewing Guild Community Project Day

October 2—December 29: The Falcon's Eye: Nature Photographs by Michael Sample.

Sponsored by the Yellowstone Art Museum via MAGDA.

October 4: Kristin Estelle & the Heartstrings, concert as part of the

Northeastern Arts Network Big Sky Series, **7pm**.

October 5: Oktoberfest, 7pm. Featuring Kristin Estelle & the Heartstrings.

November 1: **Supaman**, concert as part of the Northeastern Arts Network Big

Sky Series, **7pm**.

November 2: Supaman, MDHC Members-only concert, **7pm**.

November 10—January 7: Bandits & Heroes, Poets & Saints: Popular Art of the

**Northeast of Brazil**. Made possible through NEH on the Road, a special initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Brought to you by Mid-America Arts Alliance.



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.

THE MONDAK HERITAGE CENTER — SIDNEY, MONTANA

### **BECOME A MEMBER!**

YES, I will join MDHC Annually at the following level:

(	)	Individual	\$30
(	)	Family	\$50
(	)	Senior (60+)	\$25
(	)	Senior Couple	\$40
(	)	Business	\$100
(	)	Sustainer	\$100+
(	)	Sponsor	\$250+
(	)	Patron of the Arts	\$500+
(	)	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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> Mail to: **MDHC** 120 3rd Ave SE Sidney, MT 59270

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#### MONDAK HERITAGE CENTER

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#### **FREE ADMISSION**

#### **Hours**

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