



SPRING 2019

# THE SIDNEY WOMAN'S CLUB



Sidney Public Library in the Richland Bank Annex. The library operated out of the bank annex between 1919 and 1955. [MDHC-2013.001.075]

The Sidney Woman's Club is one of the most influential groups in Sidney's history. Formed in 1913, club members led and organized numerous community projects, including school hot lunch programs, local cemetery benefits, cancer education programs, blood drives, tuberculosis seal sales, and other health and education programs.

The Woman's Club also developed Sidney's first library. It first grew out of a study group and members operated it out of the basement of the Yellowstone Mercantile building on Central Avenue starting in 1914. They volunteered their time to staff the library and stocked it with donated books from the community.

As the popularity of the library grew, the Woman's Club recognized the need for more resources to meet the community's needs. They approached the City of Sidney to take over operation of the library, and

the city council approved their request, appointing a library board that included a member of the Woman's Club. As the library grew, it changed locations multiple times, first moving to the Richland Bank Annex and later to other larger spaces. Faced with a budget crunch in the mid-twentieth century, the Woman's Club again proved instrumental by helping to transform the library into its current form as a city-county library.

The Sidney Woman's Club remained active in the community until disbanding in 1989. Find out more about the club at the MonDak Heritage Center (MDHC). MDHC houses many Sidney Woman's Club Records in its archives, including scrapbooks, minutes and reports, and even the gavel used at monthly meetings.



## Director's Desk

This is my last newsletter column for the MonDak. My wife recently accepted a position with the State of Montana Department of Commerce, and my family and I will relocate to Helena after the end of the school year. Although I will not be on hand to help see all the projects we started over the last two years reach completion, the MonDak continues to move forward thanks to staff, volunteers, and crucial membership support.

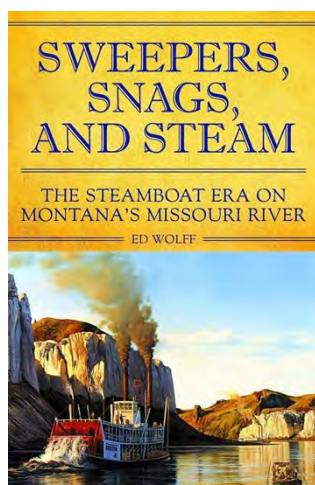
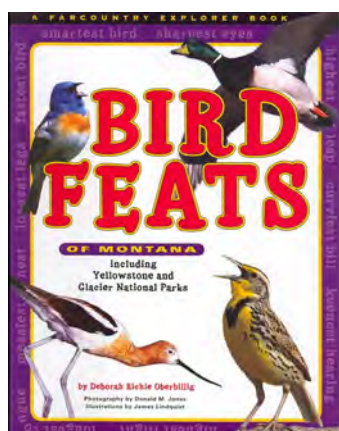
For one, MDHC's art programs, led by Jessica Newman, are growing. The latest sessions of the After-School Enrichment and Toddler Tuesday programs saw increased enrollment and produced a lot of smiles and creative artwork. And over the last few months, Jessica cultivated a successful partnership to perform art outreach with the Long X Arts Foundation in Watford City, introducing a new audience to glass fusion and other types of art.

Plans are also in place to continue to organize the MonDak's expansive collections. MDHC is finalizing details to work with Richland County Communities in Action to hire an AmeriCorps worker for the summer to document and catalog artifacts and records and make them accessible to the public. Plus, Leann Pelvit continues to digitize MDHC's photograph collection. Just in April, she digitized over 100 photographs in between welcoming visitors and helping with programs. With more items in our electronic database, staff and volunteers can better update exhibits and find materials for researchers.

We just finished one of those exhibit updates and others are nearly complete. Head to the lower level of the museum to see our new display on theaters in Sidney and Fairview, as well as the Campaign Office display featuring visuals and audio by Donald Nutter that should be complete by the end of May. Other updates to the MonDak "Main Street" exhibit and some outdoor displays on the north side of the building are also on the horizon and part of long range plans set in place by staff and the MDHC board of directors.

I appreciate all of the investment in the MonDak from you, our members and visitors, during my time here. More importantly, the community appreciates it. Your member support and the time and talents you donate to MDHC make the museum a true gem for Sidney and the surrounding region. Keep up the great work. Cheers!

**Dan**



New glassware by Afton Ray-Rossol !

## New in the Gift Shop





# Calendar



Art Show



Film



Music



Fundraiser

April 2—May 4:



Dawson Community College Art Show

May 1—June 1:



WaterWorks Art Museum Traveling Art Show

May 3:



The Rider (First Friday Film Series), 7pm

Sponsored by Mid-Rivers Communications

May 7—June 1:



Lobotomy, by Lino Azevedo

May 25:

Sidney Vietnam Veterans Memorial Sculpture Unveiling, 2pm

“No Soldier Left Behind” by Kyle Schwabauer

May 30:

Rich Treats: Stories of Food from Eastern Montana, 6pm

Montana State University &amp; Montana Historical Society

June 4—July 27:



Confluence of Creativity

Invitational Art Exhibition

June 4—Aug. 31:



The Surging, Thundering Herd

Vintage Bison Engravings, 1766-1910

June 7:



Confluence of Creativity Opening Reception, 6-8pm

June 14:

*date/time  
tentative*

The Perfect Pair, 7pm

Beer + Cheese Pairing w/ Meadowlark Brewing

June 28:

The Merry Wives of Windsor, 6:30pm

Montana Shakespeare in the Parks at Veterans Memorial Park

## Looking ahead ~







# The Art Studio

**May 2:** Walk-In Thursday: Mother's Day Plate, 12—5pm, \$25

\*Member Discount does not apply

**May 9:** Clay Garden Gnome, 6pm, \$25

**May 16:** Candle Carving, 6pm, \$20

**May 21:** Acrylic Pour Painting: The Swipe Method, 6pm, \$25

**May 23:** Glass Fusion Pendant Lamps, 6pm, \$55

**May 25:** Wheel Throwing Lessons, 10am—6pm, \$100

\*Member Discount does not apply

**May 28:** Acrylic Pour Painting: Creating Cells, 6pm, \$25

**May 30:** Walk-In Thursday: Father's Day Plate, 12—5pm, \$25

\*Member Discount does not apply



Clay Garden Gnome



Acrylic Pour Painting:  
The Swipe Method



Ages 2-6



Youth clay garden castles

**June 3—6:** Summer Camp, Ages 12+  
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. each day, \$50/child

**June 10—13:** Summer Camp, Ages 10-12  
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. each day, \$50/child

**June 17—20:** Summer Camp, Ages 8-10  
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. each day, \$50/child

**June 24—27:** Summer Camp, Ages 6-8  
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. each day, \$50/child

**July 8-11:** Summer Camp, Ages 2-6  
10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. each day, \$50/child

\*Child must be accompanied by adult/guardian

## REGISTRATION:

In person by visiting MDHC. By phone at (406) 433-3500 or online via [mondakheritagecenter.org/education](http://mondakheritagecenter.org/education)  
Payment required upon registration. Class schedules subject to change.

**MDHC Members receive \$5 off each class registration unless otherwise noted.**

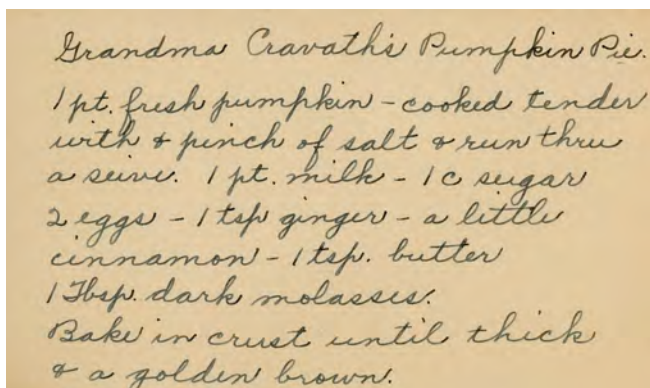


# Featured Programs

## **Sidney Vietnam Veterans Memorial Sculpture Unveiling**

**Saturday, May 25 at 2:00 p.m.**

Be there for the unveiling of “No Soldier Left Behind,” a bronze sculpture by artist Lyle Schwabauer recognizing local men and women that served in Vietnam and the military during the Vietnam War. The sculpture is the culmination of efforts by Margaret and Nolan Mikelson, alumni of Sidney High School who started the project as a way to honor classmates that served in the war. Photographs of the Vietnam War taken by photographer Carl Hansen and other records from the MDHC Collections will complement the sculpture. The unveiling of “No Soldier Left Behind” is FREE to the public. Light refreshments served. It will be on display at the MonDak through August 31.



## **Rick Treats: Stories of Food from Eastern Montana**

**Thursday, May 30 at 6:00 p.m.**

Join food historian Dr. Mary Murphy from Montana State University and Molly Kruckenberg from the Montana Historical Society in a discussion on the food history of eastern Montana. Presenters will discuss the role of food as a touchstone during times of upheaval and the role of food in bringing people together. They will also compare Montana's food history generally to the trends and traditions of food in eastern Montana. FREE to the public.

## **Confluence of Creativity Invitational Art Exhibit**

**June 4 to July 27**

The Confluence of Creativity Invitational Art Exhibit showcases the local and regional artists of the MonDak area, including 2-D and 3-D artists and musicians. The exhibit highlights how local artists react to the MonDak through their artwork and features interactive and hands-on displays for community members and summer visitors to express their impressions of the area. The show is organized by local artists Trish Stevenson and Afton Ray-Rossol. Plus, enjoy the **Opening Reception on Friday, June 7 from 6:00—8:00 p.m.** FREE to the public. Refreshments served.





# Snapshots



Sundae + Mr. Goessl perform at Celebrating Chocolate



Six Appeal performs for Members-Only Music at the MonDak



Updates to the MonDak "Main Street" exhibit also include a display highlighting the history of theaters in Sidney and Fairview.

The nearly-complete Campaign Office display for the MonDak "Main Street" exhibit on the lower level of the museum includes stories and audio about Donald Nutter and other legislators from Richland County.



Look for the *Yellowstone Valley Star*, published out of Savage, Montana, from 1912-1920 online soon! In April, MDHC received a grant award from the Montana History Foundation to work with the Montana Historical Society to digitize the newspaper and provide free public access to it at [montananewspapers.org](http://montananewspapers.org).



## MDHC MISSION:

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

## STAFF:

Dan Karalus—*Executive Director*  
Jessica Newman—*Education & Outreach Coordinator*  
Leann Pelvit—*Administrative Assistant*

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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# News Briefs

## CONGRATULATIONS!

MDHC Member **Ruth Kendig** won our second membership drawing for a \$20 gift card to the MonDak Heritage Center gift shop! We will mail the gift card to each winner. For the next prize, everyone that joins MDHC or renews their MDHC membership from April 1 to June 30 will go into a drawing for a \$20 gift certificate redeemable in our gift shop. Limit one entry per membership. Look for the winner in our next newsletter! Thank you for investing in the MonDak!

## DID YOU KNOW...?

On April 12, 1933, Sidney residents consumed nearly 50 cases of Blatz beer in just a few hours at Olson's Billiard Parlors. The beer arrived in Sidney from Glendive after President Franklin Roosevelt signed an amendment to the Volstead Act (the National Prohibition Act) allowing for the sale of certain kinds of alcohol, such as three-two beer. Under the headline "Truckload of Beer Received Here Wednesday Quickly Consumed," *The Sidney Herald* noted that the beer reached Sidney at 8:00 p.m., and only six cases were left by the morning. The newspaper also pointed out that "a crowd was on hand to see that it was well received" and "opinions as to its quality, as compared with the pre-Volstead beer, varied." The novelty of the beer likely did not last long. Roosevelt announced the repeal of prohibition on December 5, 1933, after the passage and ratification of the 21st amendment.

## FRIENDS OF REYNOLDS

Shop at Reynolds Market and raise funds for the MonDak Heritage Center! Just give the cashier the Friends of Reynolds **CODE 2030** at checkout, and Reynolds will donate 1% of the purchase to the MonDak. We give those funds right back to our members by using them to support programs, art classes, exhibits, and collections preservation and access. Even those late-night trips for milk and cereal can help the MonDak! Remember **CODE 2030**. Thank you!



### BOARD MEETINGS:

Open to the public, the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the MonDak Heritage Center.

### MEETINGS/FACILITY RENTAL:

Meet in Sidney's most unique location! MDHC hosts meetings and events for non-profit groups, businesses, and private parties. Contact MDHC for rental rates..

### BIRTHDAY PARTIES:

Looking for a fun spot to have a birthday party? MDHC offers art-based parties for all ages. Contact us for pricing.

### 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.

### VOLUNTEERS:

Volunteering at the MonDak is fun and rewarding! Help with art classes, exhibits, collections, and more. Just drop by to get started and find out how you can make history (and art).

### FIND US ONLINE!

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



## BECOME A MEMBER!

**YES, I will join MDHC**

Annually at the following level:

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|------------------------|---------|
| ( ) Individual         | \$30    |
| ( ) Family             | \$50    |
| ( ) Senior (60+)       | \$25    |
| ( ) Senior Couple      | \$40    |
| ( ) Business           | \$100   |
| ( ) Sustainer          | \$100+  |
| ( ) Sponsor            | \$250+  |
| ( ) Patron of the Arts | \$500+  |
| ( ) Benefactor         | \$1000+ |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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](http://timetravelers.mohistory.org))

### Ways to Join:

( ) Check Enclosed. Payable to **MDHC**.

( ) Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

Sig: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:**  
MDHC  
120 3rd Ave SE  
Sidney, MT 59270

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### Hours

Tuesday—Friday: 10am—4pm  
Saturday: 1pm—4pm

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