



SUMMER 2019



Richland County Fair & Rodeo

Did you know that we have over 3,000 photographs in our permanent collection. This year at the fair, the MonDak Heritage Center booth in the Event Center will have copies of a small portion of the pictures from our collection. But we need your help in identifying the people, businesses and areas in the photos. Some have this information handwritten on the back of the photo and some have absolutely nothing on the back. Stop by the booth, who knows we might have a photo of you, your parents or even grandparents that need identifying.



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In preparation for the Richland County Fair & Rodeo Centennial in 2020, we will be assisting the Fair Board with a Centennial book filled with fair photos from 1920 on, as well as history of the fair. When Richland County was divided from Dawson County in 1914, the founding fathers decided we needed our own fair. Unfortunately, it was cancelled for several years due to World War I and crop failure. In 1914, individuals could submit their grains, to the state fair in Helena, and the prize for the 5 best sheaves of grain was a \$1400 automobile. Although the prizes have changed through the years, the excitement created by the fair is always there.

Fun Fact: Did you know that our fair used to include a wedding, stunt airplane flyer, and water fights with the fire department. There were many other unique things that occurred at the fair, watch for the Centennial book that will hopefully be ready by Christmas with many photos and newspaper articles from the last 100 years.

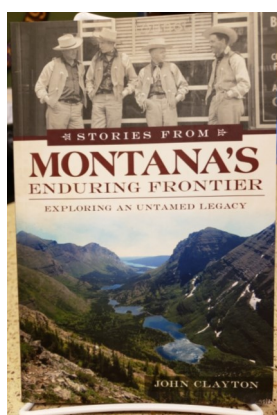
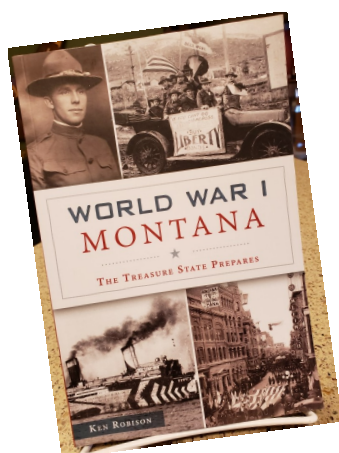


Director's Desk

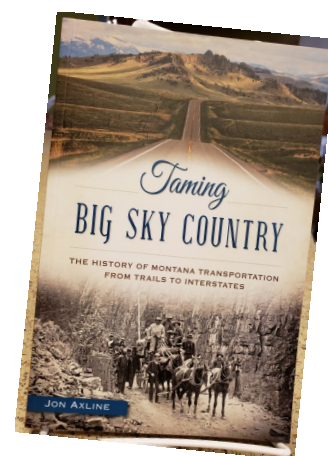
I would like to thank everyone I've had an opportunity to meet since I started at the MonDak Heritage Center in early June. Your welcome is greatly appreciated and I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming months.

Planning has begun for the installation of the statues donated by the Foundation for Community Care to the MonDak Heritage Center. A request for bids was sent to area contactors capable of installing the sidewalk needed to surround the display area. If you didn't receive the request and would like the information, please call us. We are happy to send out the information to anyone interested. We are also seeking an individual who can attach extensions to the bottom of the statues so they can be solidly inserted into the ground. If you know of someone with welding skills that might be willing to donate their services or provide their services at a reduced rate, please let us know. And finally, we are seeking donations and sponsors to cover the costs of the installation of the permanent exhibition of the statues. But more about donations and sponsorships later in the fall. We are hoping to have this project completed by fall of 2020 at the latest.

Finally, I hope to see many of you at our upcoming events and exhibits. We have a booth at the Richland County Fair & Rodeo. Stop in and say hello. The closing reception for Carol Hartman's exhibit *Defying the Odds* is on August 30th after being on display for the full month of August. And we have one theatre presentation by the Montana Rep Theater in September and two different concerts happening in early October we'd love to see you at. Information on all of these events and exhibits are listed in this newsletter. We'll see you there.



Montana history through fiction and non-fiction can be found in our gift shop. Stop in and check out our selection!



We get new items in the gift shop continually. If there is something special that you make and would like to have added to our gift shop stop in and talk to us, we can sell it on consignment for you. Or if there is a book you would like to read, and can't find it, stop in and we will see if we can get it for you.

New in the Gift Shop



Calendar

June 4 - Aug. 31:

The Surging, Thundering Herd

Vintage Bison Engravings, 1766-1910

July 31 - Aug 3:

Richland County Fair & Rodeo

Stop in and see us at the booth in the Event Center

Aug 1 - Aug 30:

Carol Hartman—Defying the Odds

Landscapes of Eastern Montana

Aug 30:

Carol Hartman - Defying the Odds Closing Reception 5:30pm - 7pm

Sep 4 - Oct 12:

38th Annual Quilt Show

Everyone is welcome to enter quilts

Sep 8:

MonDak Historical & Arts Society Annual Meeting 1:30pm

Sep 12:

Montana Repertory Theater “Love that Dog” 7pm

Sponsored by Northeastern Arts Network

Sep 21:

Sewing Guild Service Day 10am - 4pm

Join in binding quilts for the Sidney Health Center Cancer Care

Oct 3:

Rhythm & Ramble Concert 7pm

Northeastern Arts Network Concert Series tickets available at the door

Oct 5:

Rob Quist Concert 7pm

Sponsored in part by Beagle Properties, Leif & Theresa Anderson

Looking ahead ~



Dates/times subject to change. Please contact MDHC at (406) 433-3500 or visit mondakheritagecenter.org for more information.



The Art Studio

2nd & 4th Saturdays in August

Open Studio Saturday

1st & 3rd Saturdays in September
& October

Open Studio Saturday



Glass Fusion Class



Bullet Journals

Aug 6 - 9:

Summer Camp, Ages 2 - 4

Tuesday - Friday, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., \$50/child

Sep 3 - Oct 8:

Toddler Tuesdays!

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Ages 2-5, \$50/child

Sessions

1. Aug 28 - Oct 2:

After-School Enrichment

2. Oct 16 - Nov 20:

Wednesdays, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m., Ages 6+

3.

\$75/session for non-members, \$65/session for members

4.

Sign up for all four sessions for \$240/nonmembers or \$210/members!

REGISTRATION:

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

MDHC Members receive \$20 off each class registration unless otherwise noted.

Featured Programs

Carol Hartman "Defying the Odds" Eastern Montana Landscape Art Show

Aug 1 - Aug 30

Large and colorful oil landscape paintings depict the overland and waterway trails taken by settlers of the MonDak region of Eastern Montana. Finger painting instead of using brushes allows Carol to maintain an even closer relationship to her paintings. She is quite proud of the early history of the region and of the many pioneers involved in its development. This exhibition is created to honor that history and that incredibly beautiful and remote landscape.

Join us in a closing reception on Friday, August 30 from 5:30 to 7pm. Light refreshments will be served.



Agate Brorson Church Sep 3 - Nov 2



The Brorson Church was built in 1916 and until 1966 was a fully functional church. It is still in use today on occasion for weddings, funerals and family reunions. Mrs. Clara Hagglund was baptized at the Brorson church many years ago. Clara's husband Elmer, and Clara were rock hounds, collecting agates every time they came to Montana from Everett, Washington. Elmer cut the agates and built the plexiglas framework and Clara used her artist abilities to attach the agates one stone at a time to the plexiglas. While Clara finished the agate exterior, Elmer constructed the interior complete with the pulpit, altar and pew. The inside is a true replication of the Brorson Church. We will have the church here on display. It is currently housed at Pella Lutheran Church and was a gift from Clara & Elmer's family.

38th Annual Quilt & Needlework Show Sep 4 - Oct 12

We once again invite you to enter your beautiful quilts, table runner and any other form of needlework that is hand made by yourself, a friend or family member. This show is always one of the warmest and colorful shows we have. There will cash prizes for People's Choice 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

If you have a vintage quilt from your family, those may also be entered in the show. The family history that is sewn into the quilts is always so interesting.

The Sidney Chapter of the American Sewing Guild will host a Community Service Day on Sep 21st from 10am - 4pm. Their project this year will be to bind quilts for the Sidney Health Center Cancer Care. Potluck soup lunch will be served.





Snapshots of Our Collections



Not only does the MonDak Heritage Center have over 3000 historical photographs, we also have some very unique items in our collection! Check out this mouse trap! It is made completely of wire. The unfortunate part would be picking it up and emptying it as it is a live trap.

Look for the *Yellowstone Valley Star*, published out of Savage, Montana, from 1912-1920 online now! 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. The MDHC will also have a digitized copy in our research library.



Oh the drudgery of ironing! When you look back on what our ancestors did to accomplish everyday tasks, it makes you think about how easy we have it now. Fill the iron with water, plug it in and its ready to go. This Monitor sadoiron was patented in 1903 and used gasoline to keep the flame within the casting burning. I am not sure how safe it would be with gasoline and fire within the sadoiron you were holding.



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:

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News Briefs

CONGRATULATIONS!

MDHC Member **Jon & Laura Castro** won our 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 Jul 1 to Sep 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!

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The MonDak Heritage Center will be in the event center again this year with our books. But this year we are adding a new project to the booth. We are printing out a number of the photos from our collection and we need your help. Stop by the booth, look through a binder or two of photos and help identify those that you can. If you can't identify any, it will still be fun looking at life in bygone days.

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 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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| <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 #: _____

Exp: _____ CVV: _____

Sig: _____

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



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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