



FALL 2020

## ***2020 — The End is in sight...***

The countdown to the finale of 2020 has begun. This year has not been what anyone envisioned, but our sights are on the future. The MonDak Heritage Center has had to cancel many of our fundraisers through the year that have been key to our survival in the past.

Our Annual Harvestfest celebration in partnership with Blue Rock and Northeastern Arts Network and the MonDak Christmas Celebration have been cancelled, along with our regular series of concerts in conjunction with Northeastern Arts Network. This being said, we look forward to 2021 when we might be able to return to our fundraising celebrations with the 14th Annual Celebrating Chocolate event. Watch our website and Facebook pages for ways to participate in fun activities for the holiday season and Celebrating Chocolate, both virtually and as much in person as possible.

We have continued our great series of exhibits and invite you to visit often to view them.

Our annual year-end giving letter will be mailed in the next month, and we hope that you will be able to make a donation to help the MonDak Heritage Center continue our mission to conserve our collections, bring music and art programming, and wonderful art classes to our members and the community.

Please check the back page of this newsletter to see if your membership is due.

When renewing your membership, please consider increasing your level of support.

We wish you the happiest of holidays and hope to see you all again in the near future.



## *Director's Desk* - Joe Bradley (MDHAS Board President)

Welcome to the final quarter of the most interesting year of modern history. We truly appreciate the support of our members, visitors and sponsors. As you've read on the front page of this newsletter, our event schedule has been seriously impacted this year and that has had a direct impact on our finances.

No fundraising events, no After School programming for the youth in our community and a serious reduction in our ability to gather, converse and celebrate the unique institution that is The MonDak Heritage Center.

We have been fortunate enough to receive some grant funding through the State Of Montana from the CARES Act which was passed by Congress and signed into law on March 27, 2020. This funding has allowed us some relief and helped us pay for utility expense and wage expense. We also wish to thank Richland County for their assistance in allowing us to upgrade our interior lights to LED. That said, however, the support from our members and the community are more important than ever. Please consider increasing your level of support to the MonDak, come visit us (socially distanced, of course) and take advantage of our massive selection of Art To Go Kits.

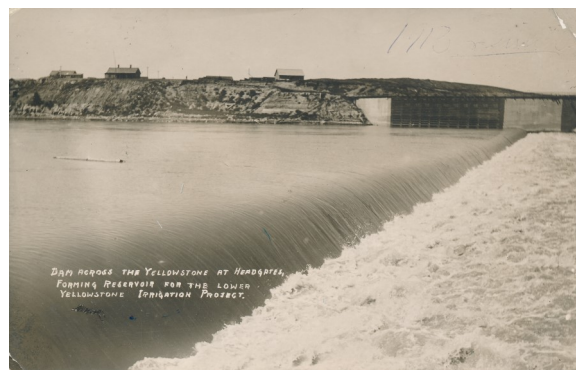
We currently have 3 regional exhibits on display and artwork for our 30th Annual Miniature Show have begun to arrive. As highlighted below, a Pop-Up Exhibit about the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project is currently featured as well.

We'd like to thank departing Board Of Director members Dave Branson and Candy Markwald for their years of service at MDHC and welcome new Directors Dawn Biebl and Tammy Venne.

Thanks again for all of your support and visits and we look forward to seeing you in person or virtually during the upcoming Holiday Season.

### *LOWER YELLOWSTONE IRRIGATION PROJECT THRU NOVEMBER 21*









"The Lower Yellowstone Project was authorized by the Secretary of the Interior in 1904. The Project was designed to provide a dependable supply of irrigation water to support approximately 54,000 acres of land located on the west side of the Yellowstone River. Approximately two-thirds of the irrigated lands are in Montana with the remaining lands located in North Dakota.



Construction of the Project began in 1905, which included Intake Diversion Dam, which was also known as Yellowstone River Diversion Dam, a wood and stone diversion dam that spans the Yellowstone River and is submerged under water year-round."



# Calendar

Sep 29 - Jan 2		Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project
Oct 6 - Nov 14		Dawson Community College Student Art Exhibit
Oct 6 - Nov 14		"Inspired Vision" WAVA Art Show
Oct 15 - Jan 2		"Life through a Lens" Photography Show by Ruth Kendig
Nov 2		Classic Book Club 1st Monday of each month 6:30pm
Nov 17 - Jan 2		"When The West Was Won" by Gordon McConnell sponsored by MAGDA
Nov 18 - Jan 16		30th Annual Miniature Art Show
Nov 26 - Nov 29		Closed for Thanksgiving See you on Tuesday December 1
Dec1 - Dec 25		MonDak Christmas Watch Facebook, MonDakHeritageCenter.org and the weekly email blast for Christmas plans and events
Dec 24 - Dec 28		Closed for Christmas See you on Tuesday December 29
Jan 1 - Jan 3		Closed for New Years
Jan 4		Classic Book Club 1st Monday of each month 6:30pm

If you are interested in having an art show or a concert, stop in and see us,  
we are always looking for and love to promote local talent.

***Due to COVID-19, dates/times are subject to change. Please contact MDHC at  
(406) 433-3500 or visit [mondakheritagecenter.org](http://mondakheritagecenter.org) for more information.***



# The Art Studio

1st & 3rd Saturdays of  
each month

*By Appointment please.*

November 17 - 20,  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

*By Appointment only.*

Open Studio Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Price varies depending upon medium and  
size.

Only adults 18+ are permitted.

## Walk-In Week: Tree Plate and Elf Clay Ornament

Come with your little one to make a plate or ornament  
for yourself or as a great holiday gift. We do all of the  
artwork for you! \$30/plate, \$20/clay handprint.



## Vintage Ceramic Trees and Holiday Cacti are Back!



Come during our Open Studio hours to paint your  
own holiday tree or cactus, or grab one to go!

Available on a first-come, first-served basis.

11" tree —\$65; cactus—\$40



"Art Time with Miss Jess" distance learning videos are here!

## Art To Go Kits Now Available!

We now offer Art To Go Kits for anyone under 18 or who would prefer to  
create at home! We are currently offering over 50 projects for artists of all  
ages, including but not limited to:

- Pottery Glazing and Glass Fusion (must return to MDHC to be fired)
- Bullet Journaling and Scrapbooking
- String and Yarn Art
- Acrylic and Watercolor Painting
- Clay Projects
- Jewelry Making

Simply pick up your kit, and we'll give you instructions and supplies for you to  
create at home! Prices vary from \$5-\$65. Mediums are not limited to those  
listed here, so come by and check out what we have to offer!



DIY  
Watercolor  
Paints  
Ages 6+



Shaving  
Cream  
Printmaking  
Ages 2+



Shadow  
Painting  
Ages 6+



Garden  
Markers  
Ages 6+



Fabric  
Tie-Dye  
Ages 6+



# Featured Exhibits

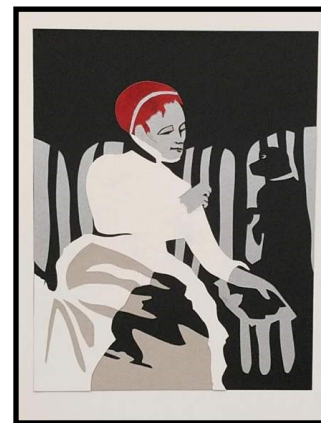
## 4TH ANNUAL DAWSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT ART SHOW OCT 6 - NOV 14

These student works are from a variety of studio art courses at DCC, including:

Drawing; Painting; Illustration; 2D Foundations; and 3D Foundations, where students have studied the effects of light and shadow on form, direct observation of color interaction and color theory, and the elements and principles of both 2D and 3D Design.



Art Classes are instructed by Jennifer Wheeler.



## "INSPIRED VISION" - WAVA ART SHOW - OCT 6 - NOV 14



"Melody of the Night" by Leonid Afremov

Williston Area Visual Artist, WAVA, The 'Inspired Visions' show features artist's personally inspired works of art and some of the member's challenge pieces. This year the group had several challenges to participate in. The Blind Pick, each artist submitted a famous artist name, artist drew a name and created a piece of art inspired by the famous artist. The group as had a challenge where each member was given an unknown section of a famous piece of art to paint on a 12x12 canvas.

## "LIFE THROUGH A LENS" BY RUTH KENDIG OCT 15 - JAN 2



"Waiting for the Captain"

Ruth has been photographing life for many years from Peru to Eastern Montana and many place in between. From 800 year old bones to a Montana iCloud, Ruth enjoys wandering around the area snapping photos of old buildings, deserted homes, abandoned schools, sunrise and sunset, and the list goes on. She never knows what will catch her eye or sense of humor. Ruth started her photographic addiction at the tender age of 14 with her first camera, a Brownie Swinger, and has continued that passion for the last 50+ years. She has taken her pictures from start to finish, including framing most of the pieces in this show.



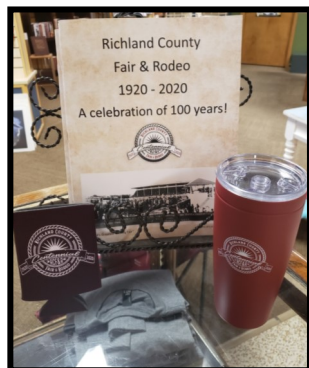
"Anymore Oatmeal Mom?"



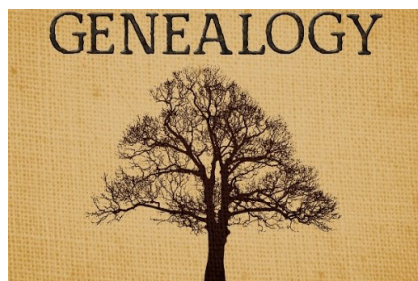
# MonDak Gift Shop



Christmas is right around the corner. I know many of us do not want to think about that, but it also brings the end of 2020 and I think everyone is ready to start the New Year with a better outlook. The MonDak Gift Shop showcases many local artists, kids toys, and books for all ages. RCF&R Centennial items are a great idea for Christmas! Stop in and check out additional items! New books and items are arriving soon! A gift membership is always a hit! See us for your gifting needs.

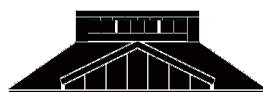


## GENEALOGY 101 CLASS NOVEMBER 21 1 - 4PM



Have you ever wondered where your family came from or about your family's history? This class will be for beginners as well as those who have started working and have hit a road block. If you are interested in taking part in the class, call the MonDak at 433-3500 to be added to the list. It will be a free class. All you will need to bring will be a notebook, names and birth dates for some of your ancestors. If you have a laptop or iPad that you would like to use, feel free to bring it along. Everyone is welcome.

**\*\*All events scheduled at the MonDak are subject to change due to COVID 19.**



### 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:

Joe Bradley—*Acting Executive Director*  
 Jessica Newman—*Education & Outreach Coordinator*  
 Leann Pelvit—*Administrative Assistant*

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Joe Bradley—*President*  
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# News Briefs

## CONGRATULATIONS!

MDHC members **Terry & Luanne Williams** won our membership drawing for a \$20 gift card to the MonDak Heritage Center gift shop! We will mail the gift card to the winner. For the next prize, everyone that joins MDHC or renews their MDHC membership from October 1 thru December 31 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!



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

MDHC started a large-scale collections, exhibits update and organization project. We have started the project of sorting through all of the artifacts in the lower level, and ensuring each item is entered into the Past Perfect Collections Management Software. This is a long term goal as there are possibly 500,000+ items in the collection. It will take many man hours to complete. If you are interested in assisting with this project please talk to Leann.

Or if working in the collections isn't your interest we have many other volunteer opportunities: Saturday sitters, art class assistant, hanging and taking down art shows, lawn care, setting up for events or serving on the board of directors. If any of these opportunities are something you are interested in, stop by and visit with us.

## 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 sitting on Saturdays, 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://facebook.com/MonDakHeritageCenter)  
Instagram & Twitter: [@mondakmuseum](https://twitter.com/mondakmuseum)





## BECOME A MEMBER!

**YES**, I will join MDHC

Annually at the following level:

<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+

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

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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

*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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### Hours

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

**Admission is FREE**

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