



WINTER 2021



Celebrating Chocolate 2021

With COVID-19 crashing all in-person celebrations this year, the MonDak Heritage Center is bringing the celebration to you.

On February 13th, we will deliver to your door a decadent basket of chocolate goodies prepared by Rian Cobb of Big Sky Bakery, an assortment of cheese & crackers, a CD from Eastern Montana's own Mighty Big Jim and the Tall Boys, two special wine glasses and something to pour into them. This celebration package will have more than enough dessert to share. All this for only \$75.00 per package.

We will deliver within Sidney city limits or your basket can be picked up at the MonDak Heritage Center between 1pm – 4pm on Saturday, February 13th. Other delivery areas may be available, ask when you place your order.

You decide when you will enjoy it. With all the zoom meetings and virtual events going on in everyone's life this year, we wanted to offer the ability to Celebrate Chocolate when it is convenient for you. There is no tuning in at a designated time on your phone or computer. We deliver, you enjoy when you wish to.

Celebrating Chocolate at MDHC is sponsored by Stockman Bank and proceeds from the event helps to ensure the future of live music events at MDHC in a post-pandemic world.

Call the MonDak Heritage Center at 406-433-3500 or stop in to order your basket. You get to choose your beverage selection, ask for details when you place your order. You must be 21 to order a package. A limited number of baskets will be prepared so order early.





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

Welcome to 2021. The Staff and Board of Directors wish to offer our heartfelt thanks to all of our members and patrons and a special thank you to those of you who generously supported our year-end fundraising campaign. That campaign raised \$25,181 with \$12,600 directed to our Endowment Fund, \$6,931 directed to our General Fund, \$3,350 directed to the Sculpture Garden and the remaining \$2300 earmarked for Collections, Education or Research.

These contributions allow us to continue to support our mission to engage, educate, and inspire our community by preserving and contributing to the area's arts, culture, and heritage.

Please contact us soon if you wish to join our Celebrating Chocolate festivities this year – see the front page for all the details. Packages are selling quickly.

We continue to feature Art exhibitions at MDHC. Please sign up for our Weekly Email Blast or follow us on Facebook for up-to-date information.

While we are still not ready to resume in person Art Classes, please visit us and check out the ever growing number of Art To Go Kits we have available.

As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, you can support us when you shop at Reynolds. You can also support the MonDak Historical & Art Society when you shop at AmazonSmile.

Thanks again for all of your support and visits. We look forward to seeing you in person or virtually this year.



SIDNEY SUGARS THROUGH THE YEARS JANUARY - MARCH 2021

The Sidney sugar beet story started in 1924 when the decision was made to build a \$1,500,000 sugar beet factory. When the irrigation canal was built, Midland Holly Sugar was contracting to build the factory in Sidney. Prior to this building the growers shipped their beets to Billings, MT which saved the growers \$1.22 per ton.

The first sugar beets grown in what was to become Richland County were grown by R.S. Nutt in 1911 and he used them for his sheep to graze on. They were fodder beets that had a lower sugar content.

The first beets brought to the factory were brought to the piles by horse drawn wagons.










Bricks for the factory construction were from the Jennison Brick Company of Fairview. The Mill began operating 5 October 1925 and finished slicing 18 December 1925. They produced a total of 127,433 hundred weight bags. The first 100# bag was purchased by J.C. Johnson of the Blue Rock Bottling Company.

The first load of beets was delivered to the factory by Jacob Rau.





Calendar

Feb 1		Classic Book Club 1st Monday of each month 6:30pm
Jan 8 - Feb 27		<i>Jodi Lightner: Straight There And Back</i> Sponsored by MAGDA
Jan 16, Feb 6, Feb 20, Mar 6, Mar 20		Open Studio Call for an appointment 10am—4pm 1st & 3rd Saturday each month
Jan 21 - Mar 13		<i>Joseph Garcia: Visual Interpretation of Natural History</i>
Feb 13		<i>Celebrating Chocolate</i> Sponsored by Stockman Bank
Mar 2 - May 29		<i>Cataclysm</i> Sponsored by MAGDA
Mar 17 - Apr 24		Youth Art Show Sponsored by Edward Jones Financial Advisors: Lauren Sukut, Jamie Malsam, Nick Lonski & Jerry Hughes
May 4 - Jun 5		Dawson Community College Art Show
Jun 1 - Aug 14		Walter Piehl: <i>Retrospective 1962—2018</i> Sponsored by MAGDA
Jun 9 - Jul 31		Bill Lord Photography

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 for more information.***



The Art Studio

1st & 3rd Saturdays of
each month

By Appointment please.

Open Studio Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Price varies depending upon medium and
size.
Only adults 18+ are permitted.



Did You Know?



We are now offering over **50 different Art To Go Kits** for you to pick up in our studio!

We've converted our studio bookshelves into a display area, and each age group is represented to make it quick and easy for you to pick your next project. Included in each kit are all of the supplies and instructions you'll need for some socially-distanced art fun in the comfort of your home.

Stop by during our open hours to see what we have available! New projects will be added on a weekly basis, and with dozens of mediums represented, there truly is something for everyone!

Scan these codes to watch "Art Time with Miss Jess" distance learning videos!



DIY
Watercolor
Paints
Ages 6+



Shaving
Cream
Printmaking
Ages 2+



Shadow
Painting
Ages 6+



Garden
Markers
Ages 6+



Fabric
Tie-Dye
Ages 6+

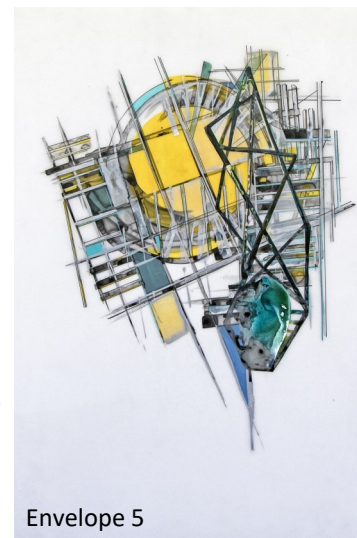
Featured Exhibits

JODI LIGHTNER "*STRAIGHT THERE AND BACK*"

JAN 5 - FEB 27

Jodi's interest in navigating space and triumphing over maps has significantly influenced her ideas in this collection of work from the past 10 years. It focuses on the themes of moving through space, translating directions, and the elements of built structures as metaphors for our relationship with architecture and the interactions within interiors.

Themes in this exhibition examine how architecture coexists with what we are thinking and imagining. Within any space, whether it is a palace or a barn, it is possible to have the mind wander and the imagination take us to a completely different location or experience. More than just a day dream, the mind has the power to transport us to another time or place making it possible to be in two places at the same time." Sponsored by



Envelope 5

JOSEPH GARCIA "*VISUAL INTERPRETATION OF NATURAL HISTORY*"

JAN 21 - MAR 15

Joseph hails from the deserts of the American southwest. At 22, he attended the University of Montana, Missoula, MT, where he studied Fine Arts and later Geology. Joseph received a master's in interdisciplinary studies, where he studied Paleoecology, Geochemistry, and Fine Arts. He worked for the world-renowned natural history fabricator, Chase Studio. Joseph worked in producing digital infographics, natural history sculptures, and field sketches for the studio.

Joseph continues to utilize his skills in visual interpretation, reconstructing, and producing infographic work. Joseph has enjoyed (since his youth) picking up strange rocks, filling his pockets with different shaped leaves, or just filling his sketchbook in a visual attempt to answer the question, how did that get there and why? Joseph likes to figure out how nature, science, and history can be explained visually.



Art by Joseph has been printed in books, magazines, scientific publications, Symposia posters, professional presentations, and public museums. Joseph started out using acrylics, pen and ink, graphite, stretched canvas and paper. Later he moved to digital medium, working with Autodesk Sketchbook Pro, and Adobe Photoshop, as his main digital mediums with elements from Autodesk Maya, Corel Painter 11, and Pixologic z-brush. Joseph continues using traditional techniques in sculpture and diorama using mold rubber and resin casting.

Check out Joseph's website <https://www.garciastudiollc.com/sculptures>

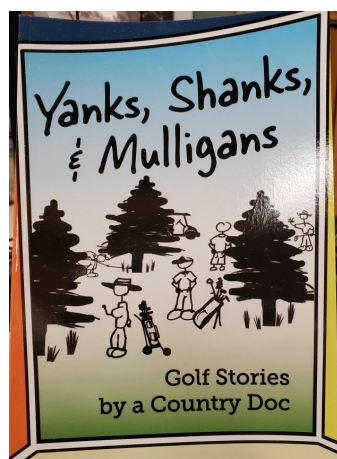
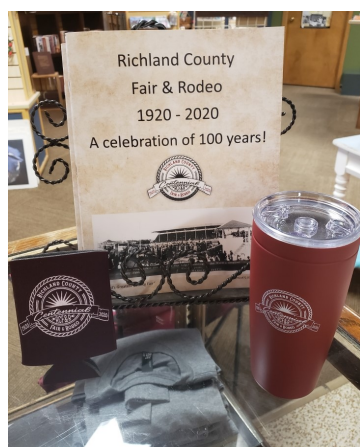


MonDak Gift Shop

The MonDak Heritage Center gift shop represents art from many local artists. There is something for almost everyone. We have books and can order a book if you find one that you are interested in, stop in and talk to us. Hand knit and crocheted afghans, hats, and coffee cozies are available, or maybe a wood ornament or



birdhouses locally made. We also have toys for kids. We also have Richland County Fair & Rodeo Centennial items to celebrate the 100 years of our fair. Stop and check out all the great gift ideas. MonDak Heritage Center members get a 10% discount in the gift shop.



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*

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News Briefs

CONGRATULATIONS!

MDHC members **Debbie & Richard Propp** 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 January 1 thru March 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 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://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:

<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: _____

Address: _____

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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)

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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