



SPRING 2021



“CATACLYSM” THRU MAY 29

Cataclysm, sponsored by Montana Art Gallery Directors Association, is a portfolio exchange curated in response to the current global political climate. It includes artists from around the country and Canada who were asked to create work based around their hopes and fears given the current global state of affairs.

In 2012, Nicole Geary brought together a group of artists with the intention of creating works in response to the potential of a doomsday event. The exchange asked participants to explore their experience of the global phenomenon of doomsday predictions. “Cataclysm” is a response to the ebb and flow between angst and hope that many of us are experiencing both nationally and globally. We are emerging out of what was experienced by many as a time in American history defined by movement toward a brighter, more inclusive and at the very least more tolerant future.

“UNBRIDLED HAPPINESS” CUSTER COUNTY TRAVELING ART SHOW MAY 4 - 29

Waterworks Art Museum’s 42nd Annual Juried exhibit is titled "Unbridled Happiness." Different people have different perspectives of what happiness is. This exhibit will lead viewers into conversations about what each artist is conveying through their art. All different types of art media, subject matter, and techniques are in this exhibition. Artists from California to New York and many states in between are graciously entering their artwork. Encaustics, oil, beeswax, photography, acrylic, watercolor, oil, ink drawing, collage, soft pastel, photogram, gunpowder, and mixed media will keep everyone intrigued.





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

It's Spring. Shake off those winter doldrums and pay the MonDak Heritage Center to view our latest exhibits as detailed elsewhere in this newsletter. Check out the opportunities to visit us and create some artwork of your own, or register your children for our new Summer Camp sessions.

Thanks to those of you who supported our Celebrating Chocolate event in February. We sold out of gift packages very quickly and we hope everyone who received one enjoyed the contents.

We are working plans for our landscaping project on the north side of the building, we are finishing up an expansion of our security camera system with assistance from the Richland County IT department, and continue our progress on the ongoing inventory of our lower level collections.

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

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 Amazon Smile.

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 SHOWING THRU MAY 29

The Sidney Montana 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 the building of the factory, the growers shipped their beets to Billings, MT which cost the growers \$1.22 per ton.

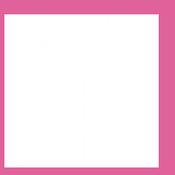
The first sugar beets grown in what was to become Richland County were grown by R.S. Nutt in 1911 and he used them for his sheep to graze on. They were fodder beets that had a lower sugar content.

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 October 5, 1925 and finished slicing December 18, 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

Apr 2, May 7,
Jun 4



Classic Book Club
1st Friday of each month 6:30pm

Mar 2 - May 29



Cataclysm
Sponsored by MAGDA

Apr 2 - 5

Closing at noon for Good Friday will reopen Tuesday April 6

Mar 17 - Apr 24



Youth Art Show
Sponsored by Edward Jones Financial Advisors:
Lauren Sukut, Jamie Malsam, Nick Lonski & Jerry Hughes

Apr 17, May 1,
May 15, Jun 5



Open Studio
Call for an appointment 10am—4pm
1st Saturday only in June, watch calendar for future dates

Apr 21 - Apr 24



Walk-in Mother's Day Elephant Plate/ Fingerprint Necklace
For information see Art Class section

May 4 - May 29



Custer County Traveling Art Show

May 29 - May 31

Closed for Memorial Day

Jun 2 - Aug 14



Walter Piehl: *Retrospective 1962—2018*
Sponsored by MAGDA

Jun 9 - Jul 31



"Prairie Rose"
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 art shows and performers 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 Saturday in June,
watch Facebook for
future dates. *By*
Appointment please.

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



Summer Art Camps are back!

There will be two camps for each age group. On each Friday of the camp weeks, MDHC will host an art show from 6-7pm featuring artwork from that weeks students. This will be open to family & friends of the students.

Ages 10+ -- June 8-11	9 am - 12 pm \$75
Ages 8 -10 -- June 15-18	9 am - 12 pm \$75
Ages 6 -8 -- June 22-25	9 am - 12 pm \$75
Ages 4 -6 -- June 29-July 2	10 am - 12 pm \$50
Ages 2 -4 -- July 6-9	10 am - 12 pm \$50
Ages 10+ -- July 13-16	9 am - 12 pm \$75
Ages 8 -10 -- July 20-23	9 am - 12 pm \$75
Ages 6 -8 -- July 27-30	9 am - 12 pm \$75
Ages 4 -6 -- August 10-13	10 am - 12 pm \$50
Ages 2 -4 -- August 17-20	10 am - 12 pm \$50



Call the MonDak Heritage Center at 406-433-3500 to register for the Summer Camp Sessions. Space is limited, so don't hesitate!! Camps will be socially distanced and follow CDC guidelines.

Visit MDHC to choose one of our Art-To-Kits as seen in this photo of our wall of possibilities. Projects for all ages and available in a variety of medias and at a variety of price points.



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

YOUTH ART SHOW THRU APRIL 25

The MonDak Heritage Center announces the 2021 Youth Art Show, is currently on display through Saturday, April 25. Featuring artwork from 7th-12th grade students from Liberty Christian School (Sidney), Culbertson, Savage, Lambert, Terry, Froid, and Medicine Lake including drawings, color work, mixed media, graphic and 3D. Join us to marvel at



Jaxson Stangeland
Froid 12th grade

the artistic talents of local youth, and vote for the People's Choice awards for each grade division.



Sponsored by Edward Jones Financial Advisors: Jerry Hughes, Nick Lonski, Jamie Malsam, and Lauren Sukut.

"PRAIRIE ROSE" PHOTOGRAPHY BY BILL LORD

JUNE 9 - JULY 31



Bill spent his entire life in NE Montana. He was the neighborhood kid with the camera when he was growing up. Bill took over the family ranch in 1972 and farmed until 2015 when his son took over. Rose was his ranching partner until they retired. He bought his first of many SLR's in 1973 and has been photographing the ranch, the prairie and the people of the area ever since. The prairie was hard to put on film, then he started taking photos of Rose and she turned the prairie into a true thing of beauty. Rose was the artist and Bill just did the mechanics.



He especially loved black and white because they are so forgiving.

WALTER PIEHL: RETROSPECTIVE: 1962-2018

JUNE 2 - AUGUST 14



Walter is an aficionado of history and art with a lifelong passion for Western Americana. This stems from his upbringing in a ranching family that rode horses, raised stock and participated in rodeos. His passion for rodeo, horses, cowboys and cowgirls permeates just about every artwork in this exhibition. This exhibition is organized to highlight Walter's many suites, the hallmark of his work.



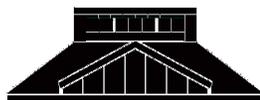
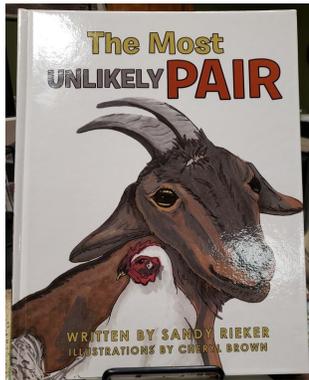


MonDak Gift Shop



The MonDak Heritage Center gift shop represents art from many local artists. There is something for almost everyone. We have books by local and area authors. We can also 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. Or stop by and check out Richland County Fair & Rodeo Centennial items to celebrate the 100

years of our fair. MonDak Heritage Center members get a 10% discount in the gift shop, join the membership at the time of your purchase to take advantage of the discount and all the other great benefits to being a MonDak Heritage Center member.



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 member **Vicki Vaira** 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 April 1st thru June 30th 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:

- () 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 #: _____
- Exp: _____ CVV: _____
- Sig: _____

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

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