



THE MONDAK
HERITAGE CENTER
— SIDNEY, MONTANA —



SPRING 2023

VIETNAM VOICES
APRIL 12 - JUNE 10



The *Vietnam Voices* exhibit, now on display at the MonDak Heritage Center, features the powerful stories of 81 Vietnam veterans. This history exhibit was created by the Western Heritage Center in Billings to share the experiences of Vietnam veterans with Montanans. Through individual interviews, a diary of a Montana veteran, and letters written by a Montana pilot who was killed in action, this exhibit encapsulates the sights and sounds of the Vietnam Conflict, at war and at home. According to the interviews, service men and women encountered very different experiences from

1965 to 1973 and from different areas of Southeast Asia. The Vietnam Voices exhibit, on display at the MDHC through June, tells the story of common threads of Vietnam veterans in their own words.

In partnership with exhibit sponsors, Stockman Bank, the VFW Post 4099 of Sidney, and the American Legion Richland Post #12, the MonDak Heritage Center has added local veteran history to the exhibit. Stockman Bank has loaned the beautiful “No Soldier Left Behind” bronze, book, and video to the MDHC for this exhibit. Several photo albums from local Vietnam veterans are on display along with items from the MDHC Collection.

A Vietnam Voices Exhibit Open House will be held for veterans, their families, and the community over Memorial Day weekend on Saturday, May 27th from 2-4pm.



Thank you to exhibit sponsors: Stockman Bank, VFW Post 4099, & American Legion Richland Post #12





A Note from Nikki at the Directors Desk



Hello Members & Supporters,

First of all, I would like to say thank you to everyone for making Caitlynn and myself feel so welcome in our new roles here at the MonDak Heritage Center. This is truly an amazing place and I consider myself lucky to be in a position where I get to play a hand in ensuring that the communities of northeastern Montana have opportunities to experience history, art, music, and culture where they live.

We have been moving forward like the freight wagons that transported goods and supplies from the far off rails to the town in the 1900's before the track was built through Sidney (an interesting fact I learned about in the MDHC's Oral History Collection). Our galleries are full of new shows, we have scheduled new art classes, and we are already planning summer events! Currently, we have the 2023 Youth Art Show in our outer galleries. I am blown away with the talent of our local youth! While judging is complete, we still need your help to choose the People's Choice Awards from the 500+ art pieces. Stop by to cast your vote! In the Center Gallery, we have on display an amazing array of pottery and ceramics from Linda Olson. The front of the MDHC features a history exhibit entitled Vietnam Voices. Finally, the South Gallery displays the work of Dave Torrence. Check out this newsletter for more information on each of these amazing exhibitions.

We are excited to be working with numerous guest instructors to provide several art classes for both youth and adults over the coming months. Paint and Sip, Wine Bottle Wind Chimes, and Wine Bottle Painting are all right around the corner. We will also be offering Youth Summer Camps with Afton in June. You can find more information for how to register for these classes and more in the pages to come.

With summer right around the corner, I would also like to share with you a few upcoming events! The MDHC will be hosting the first annual MonDak Summer Bash & Bake Off on June 24th! This fun event will be free and open to everyone. So be brushing up on your favorite recipes because we want to see who is the best baker in the MonDak! The MonDak Summer Bash & Bake Off will feature professional story teller Mo Reynolds who weaves folk tales with personal narratives, drawing connections along the way and inviting listeners to be a part of the story. Her *Connecting with Folk Tales & Fables* performance is suited for youth & adults because "every age has a story to tell"! Later in the summer, we are working with Montana Shakespeare in the Parks to bring their production of *Measure for Measure* to Veterans Park on July 1st. Be looking for updates on both events as we get closer to summer!

I hope you enjoy this newsletter and find several reasons to stop by and see all of the great things we have going on at the MonDak Heritage Center!

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.

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EVENTS & PROGRAMS SCHEDULE SPRING 2023

Mar 22-May 3rd	Dave Torrence Art Exhibition
April 4- May 6th	Linda Olson <i>Museum Inspiration</i>
April 5-29th	<i>Youth Art Show</i>
April 11-June 10th	<i>Voices of Vietnam</i>
April 21st @ 6pm	<i>Paint & Sip with Miss Penny</i>
April 28th, 6-7pm	Youth Art Reception & Award Ceremony
April 29th & May 13th @ 11 & 12:30pm	<i>Wind Chime Wine Bottles with Tammy</i>
May 8nd- June 6th	WWAM- <i>Devil's in the Details</i>
May 3rd-July 1st	Lacey Holmen—<i>Western Plains</i>
May 6th	Linda Olson Reception & Class
May 11th	<i>Wine Bottle Painting with Afton</i>
May 25th @ 6pm	<i>Ink & Water with Afton</i>
May 26th 4-6pm	Lacey Holmen Reception
May 27th 2-4pm	<i>Voices of Vietnam Open House</i>
June 6-8th & 20-22nn	Art Camp With Afton Ages 6-8
June 13-15th & 27-29th	Art Camp with Afton Ages 9-12
June 7-July 29th	Carol Hartman
June 9th @ 5pm	Carol Hartman Reception
June 24th	MonDak Heritage Center's <i>Summer Bash</i>

Additional shows and events are added to our calendar often. Ask to be added to our email newsletter or follow our Facebook page!

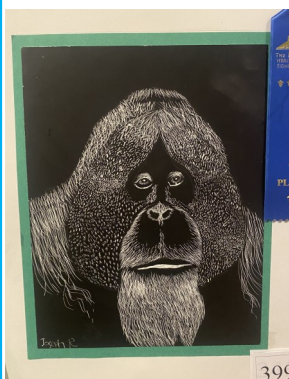
MDHC members receive discounts & other benefits! Join MDHC today!



Featured Exhibits

“2023 YOUTH ART SHOW”

APRIL 5— APRIL 29



The 2023 Youth Art Show includes pieces from 7th – 12th grade students from 8 area schools in a variety of mediums that includes paintings, drawings, mixed media and more. This year’s show features over 545 pieces! The artwork has been evaluated by our expert judges and awards have been given in each age category for first through third places and honorable mentions. However, we still need your help! Stop by the MDHC to view the outstanding work of local youth and vote on your favorite pieces for the People’s Choice Award.



The Youth Art Show is sponsored by Edward Jones Financial Advisors: Jerry Hughes, Jamie Malsam, Nick Lonski, Lauren Sukut and Jace Johnson.

Youth Art Show Reception & Awards Ceremony

April 28th - 6-7pm

Please join us to celebrate all the incredible art, congratulate show winners & announce the People’s Choice Awards!

“MUSEUM INSPIRATION” LINDA OLSON

APRIL 4—MAY 6

Linda Olson’s *Museum Inspiration* is a ceramic art exhibition inspired by museum visits that is on display at the MonDak Heritage Center. Olson’s ceramic pieces are stunning and her work spans across a variety of techniques and ceramics history. Linda Olson teaches as a full professor at Minot State University. Galleries throughout the region have often exhibited Olson’s’ artworks. National recognized jurors have also included her work in juried exhibitions.



Join us for a workshop by Linda Olson & the show’s closing reception on Saturday May 6th!



On May 6th, Linda Olson will be at the MonDak Heritage Center to teach a free Raku & lace pottery workshop at 11 am. Olson will share the workings of an affordable, portable Raku firing setup and demonstrate the Raku process. She will also give a short demonstration that will share how to easily develop intricate patterns on your ceramic ware using lace. Following this workshop, the MDHC will host a reception until 1pm. Light refreshments will be served. The workshops & reception are free and open to the public. Olson was raised in McHenry County North Dakota and now makes her home in Minot. Olson states, “I am a maker. I love making art that communicates a facet of my life.”



Featured Exhibits

“DEVIL’S IN THE DETAILS” WATERWORKS ART MUSEUM JURIED EXHIBIT

MAY 8—JUNE 6



In this annual show, mysteries, puzzles, and treasures are hidden in the details of practically everything. When we notice the small stuff, fascinating things can happen. When we don’t, the unexpected can strike. Whether we catch the details or are surprised as things unfold, an artistic interpretation sheds beauty on even the darkest nook and cranny in this exhibition.



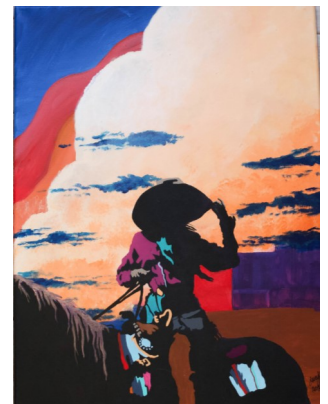
“WESTERN PRIDE” LACEY HOLMEN

MAY 3—JULY 1



Lacey Holmen’s creative passion includes watercolor, acrylic and occasionally wood. Having started off in drawing, she has expanded into acrylic, eventually growing into watercolor and then taking steps into wood art.

Lacey’s style is more realism. She states, “Animals have always been my main subject matter. Horses became my main focus ever since the passing of my father in 2013. Horses have unique lines throughout their body from the muscles when running, to the neck turn. The brush strokes create each detailed movement of the horse.”



CAROL HARTMAN

JUNE 7—JULY 29



Carol Harman uses imagery and experiences from early years on a rural Montana ranch that have formed deep pockets of memories for her. Carol enjoys painting landscape scenes using oils, oil pigment sticks and cattle markers, usually on a hand-made square format supported by cradle boards.

Born and raised in Charley Creek, Carol graduated from Sidney Senior High. Her formal art training came from Montana State University in Bozeman, and from California State University in Fresno. After teaching at CSU-Fresno, and exhibiting both paintings and installations both at home and abroad, Carol returned to Montana several years ago to paint full-time.



2023

UPCOMING ART CLASSES

APRIL

21

PAINT & SIP

6PM

INSTRUCTOR: PENNY FILLER



Members: \$35
Not Yet Members: \$45

APRIL

29

WINE BOTTLE WIND CHIMES

2 CLASS TIMES: 11 AM & 12:30 PM

INSTRUCTOR: TAMMY VENNE



Members: \$40
Not Yet Members: \$50

MAY

6

RAKU & LACE POTTERY DEMO

11AM

INSTRUCTOR: LINDA OLSON



Free Demo & Artist Reception

MAY

11

WINE BOTTLE PAINTING

6PM

INSTRUCTOR: AFTON



Members: \$30
Not Yet Members: \$40

MAY

13

WINE BOTTLE WIND CHIMES

2 CLASS TIMES: 11 AM & 12:30 PM

INSTRUCTOR: TAMMY VENNE



Members: \$40
Not Yet Members: \$50

MAY

25

INK & WATER

6PM

INSTRUCTOR: AFTON



Members: \$30
Not Yet Members: \$40

Space is limited. Register for classes @ (406) 433-3500 or online



ART CAMP

WITH AFTON



4 Art Camps!



June 6-8, 2023
Camp for ages 6-8

June 20-22, 2023
Camp for ages 6-8

June 13-15, 2023
Camp for ages 9-12

June 27-29, 2023
Camp for ages 9-12



Tues-Thurs: 1 pm-3pm



Member Price: \$100
Non-Member price: \$110
Per person per camp

LIMITED SPACE REGISTER NOW!

THE ACTIVITIES

- Painting
- Crafts
- Pottery
- Fun

AGES 6-8 & AGES 9-12





News Briefs

CONGRATULATIONS!

MDHC members **Scott & Dawn Greenwood** 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 begun the project of sorting through all of the artifacts in our lower level, and ensuring each item is entered into our collection management software. This is a long term goal and will take many man hours to complete. If you would like to volunteer to help, please let us know. Or, if working in the collections isn't your interest, we have many other volunteer opportunities: Saturday sitters, art class instructors & assistants, lawn care, snow removal, setting up for events or serving on the Board of Directors. If any of these opportunities interest you stop by and visit with us.

FRIENDS OF REYNOLDS

Shop at Reynolds Market and raise funds for the MonDak Heritage Center! Just register on the Reynolds Market website. Then go to Rewards and My Rewards. Click on the Friends of Reynolds button and add the MonDak Heritage Center as the charity you would like to support. Reynolds will donate 1% of the purchase to the MonDak Heritage Center & we use those funds to bring new art, history, and cultural events to the MDHC!



GUEST INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

The MonDak Heritage is looking to partner with the talented artists and craftsmen in our area. We are looking for individuals who would like to teach as guest instructor for one or more classes. We are open to everything from crocheting to pottery throwing, beadwork to stain glass and anything in between. If you would be interested in teaching a class, please visit us. If you have any requests for a specific class or media, please let us know, and we will see what we can arrange.

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:

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.

VOLUNTEERS:

Volunteering at the MonDak is fun and rewarding! Just drop by to get started and find out how you can make history (and art).

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.

FIND US ONLINE!

Facebook: [facebook.com/MonDak Heritage Center](https://facebook.com/MonDakHeritageCenter)
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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

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