



SUMMER 2023

*NEW SUMMER EVENT AT THE MONDAK HERITAGE CENTER!*



The MonDak Heritage Center is celebrating summer with a new, free, family event, *The MonDak Summer Bash & Bake Off*, on June 24th! This is going to be a fun-filled day with everything from storytelling to pie eating! Starting in the morning, register for Genealogy 101. In this workshop, participants will learn how to research their family history. This class will also include a workshop from professional storyteller Mo Reynolds on how to create and tell your family story. Mo will lead the group in a process that will take family information from research to story!

At 1pm, the Summer Bash & Bake Off officially begins! Bring a baked good (or two) and enter in the Bake Off while listening to local musicians play together in a jam session! All baked goods will be judged and prizes will be awarded to the winner of each category

and to an overall Grand Champion! Once items are judged, everyone will be able to purchase a sample of these delicious treats and buy raffle tickets to take home an entire winning dessert!

At 2 pm, be ready to cheer on local celebrities and heroes in the Pie Eating Contest! The goal of this contest is to eat an entire pie as fast as possible with no hands. Participants include a MDHC Board member, deputy sheriff, police officer, fireman, and the Mayor of Sidney. Then at 3pm, Mo Reynolds will be onstage engaging and amazing the audience with her stories of folk tales and fables! In Mo's presentation, the audience is a part of the story. Come witness the connection between personal narratives and imagination!

While at the Summer Bash & Bake Off, be sure to glaze a ceramics project for only \$10! This walk-in class is perfect for all ages. Participants will choose a ceramic item from the wide selection from pickups to unicorns and glaze the project. MDHC staff will fire the projects and individuals can pick them up the following week.

Thank you to event sponsors, McDonalds, Eagle Country Ford, Builders FirstSource, Mimis, and Interstate Engineering, for making this event possible! Mark your calendars because the *MonDak Summer Bash and Bakeoff* is going to be a fun day for the entire family!

**Schedule of Events:**

- 9am-12pm: Genealogy 101 Class
- 1-2 pm: Live Jam Session Music
- 1:15 pm: MonDak Bake Off Entries Due- Categories: 1. Cookies & Bars, 2. Cakes & Cupcakes, 3. Pies, 4. Anything Goes 5. Junior Baker. Limit 2 entries per person.
- 2 pm: Pie Eating Contest
- 2:30 pm: Awards Ceremony
- 3 pm: "Connecting with Folk Tales & Fables" with Mo Reynolds

**Any Time from 1-4pm:**

- Community Ceramic Craft Workshop - Pick from a variety of ceramic items to glaze. \$10 per participant.
- Delicious Treats for Sale: For just \$2, purchase a slice of the Bake Off entries and/or a raffle ticket for the Dutch raffle to take home an entire winning dessert!



## A Note from Nikki at the Director's Desk



Hello Members & Supporters,

Happy Summer! I hope you have all had a chance to enjoy some of the sunshine and the opportunity to spend some time with family and friends. This last month, Caitlynn and I have been busy touring groups of students through the MonDak Main Street exhibit. Weaving the homestead story through our amazing exhibits and witnessing the links of learning connect in the students' brains has further inspired me to keep building the connection between the past and the present here at the MDHC. Summer is a beautiful time in the MonDak and we have been working diligently to provide multiple opportunities for you to enjoy history, art, and culture at the MonDak Heritage Center.

The two photos above are from our permanent collection and depict past MonDak summers. Though the clothing has changed, there are a few more trees planted around town, and fair food lines look a little different, some things have lasted the test of time. To this day nothing beats being able to spend a warm summer evening out and about with friends and enjoying good food with family is still a treasured treat. Leaning into these traditions and adding a few new ones, we put together several summer events and wish to share the details with you in this newsletter!

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. The event kicks off with a local jam session and then local celebrities will compete in a pie eating contest! I mean, who doesn't want to see a member of the MonDak Board, a police officer, a deputy sheriff, a representative from fire and EMS, and Mayor Norby eat an entire pie without using their hands? Then, professional story teller Mo Reynolds will entertain both youth and adults by weaving folk tales with personal narratives and inviting listeners to be a part of the story. The day will also feature great food and a craft project! I would like to invite everyone to bring a baked treat for our Bake Off Contest. By entering this contest, you can win some really amazing prizes and bragging rights! To compliment our exhibit on Montana's culinary heritage, we would like to also invite everyone in the community to add to our Heritage Table by bringing food and recipes that are a part of your family's heritage. Samples of each heritage item will be available to try during the event!

Later in the summer, join us at Sidney's Veteran's Park for live theater and art! Montana Shakespeare in the Parks will be performing Shakespeare's dark comedy *Measure for Measure* on July 1st. This performance is both free and family friendly. Then, on July 22nd at Sidney's Sunset Festival, come witness professional artists take blank canvases and turn them into gallery ready pieces in just one hour at the MDHC's Quick Draw Contest! After the Quick Draw, pieces will be auctioned off to the public and proceeds will go to support the art and culture programs here at the MDHC!

I hope you enjoy this newsletter and I look forward to seeing you at our fun summer events!

### 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 SUMMER 2023

<b>April 11-June 10th</b>	<i>Voices of Vietnam Exhibition</i>
<b>May 3rd-July 1st</b>	<i>Lacey Holmen-Western Pride</i>
<b>May 8nd-June 6th</b>	<i>WWAM-Devil's in the Details</i>
<b>June 3rd @ 2pm</b>	<i>Fluff a Farm Animal</i>
<b>June 5th @ 6pm</b>	<i>Family Night at the Museum</i>
<b>June 6-8th &amp; 20-22nd 1-3pm</b>	<i>Art Camp With Afton Ages 6-8</i>
<b>June 13-15th &amp; 27-29th 1-3pm</b>	<i>Art Camp with Afton Ages 9-12</i>
<b>June 7-July 29th</b>	<b>Carol Hartman Exhibition</b>
<b>June 9th @ 5pm</b>	<b>Carol Hartman Reception</b>
<b>June 22nd @ 6pm</b>	<i>Acrylics with Phyllis</i>
<b>June 24th @ 9am</b>	<b>Genealogy Workshop</b>
<b>June 24th 1-4pm</b>	<i>MonDak Summer Bash &amp; Bake Off</i>
<b>July 1st- Veterans Park @ 6:30pm</b>	<i>Shakespeare in the Park</i>
<b>July 5- Aug 26th</b>	<b>Pat Olding Exhibition</b>
<b>July 7th @ 5-7pm</b>	<b>Pat Olding Reception</b>
<b>July 22nd @ 5pm</b>	<b>Sunset Festival Quick Draw</b>
<b>Aug 2nd- 5th</b>	<b>Richland County Fair Booth</b>

**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!**



# CLASSES SUMMER SCHEDULE

## ART CAMPS WITH AFTON

Youth will create high quality art pieces with professional artist Afton! Each camp is unique & based on age group.

Members: \$100

Not Yet Members: \$110

Camp 2: June 13-15, Ages 9-12

Camp 3: June 20-22, Ages 6-8

Camp 4: June 27-29, Ages 9-12

## ACRYLICS WITH PHYLLIS SEDERQUEST

Learn professional painting techniques to create your acrylic piece. All levels welcome.



June 22 @ 6 pm

Member: \$35

Not Yet

Member: \$45

## GENEALOGY 101

Learn about how to research your family history with Leann and how to creatively tell your family story with professional storyteller Mo Reynolds!

Free Workshop

June 24, 9 am - 12 pm

Please RSVP space is limited.

## CERAMICS @ SUMMER BASH

As part of the Summer Bash & Bakeoff, glaze a ceramics project for only \$10! A variety of projects will be available on a first come first serve basis.

June 24, 1 pm - 4 pm

## DANCE NIGHT AT THE MONDAK

Spend the evening learning how to dance! Country swing, two step, waltz, & ballroom lessons!

June 23 @ 7 pm

Members: \$10

Not Yet Members: \$15



# CLASSES SUMMER SCHEDULE

## ARCH ELLWEIN MEMORIAL DRAMA CAMP

Organized by MonDak Grace Fund & taught by Jack Deville, Karen Shaide, & Robyn Heck. \$250 per youth (K-12 Grade). Lunch, field trips crafts, voice lessons, & t-shirts included.

July 17-21 @ MDHC

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Spend the evening learning how to dance! Country swing, two step, waltz, & ballroom lessons!

July 24 @ 7 pm

Members: \$10

Not Yet Members: \$15

## PINCH POT PLANTERS



Create & glaze your own pinch pot animal planter. Perfect for succulents!

July 27 & August 10 @ 6 pm

Members: \$25

Not Yet Members: \$35

## OFFER A CLASS AT THE MDHC

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.

# Events @ the MDHC

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## MonDak Summer Bash & Bake Off

An exciting new event for the entire family. This free event will feature professional storyteller Mo Reynolds, live music, a pie eating contest, craft class & bake off competition.

Enter the Bake Off for a chance to win cool prizes & bragging rights!

Come at 3pm for Mo Reynolds professional storytelling of folk tales and fables.

Share with the community food that is part of your family history by adding homemade family foods to the Heritage Table.

At the bash, join the walk-in ceramics workshop to glaze a project for only \$10! Delicious desserts and Dessert Dutch Raffle tickets will also be available for purchase at the event.

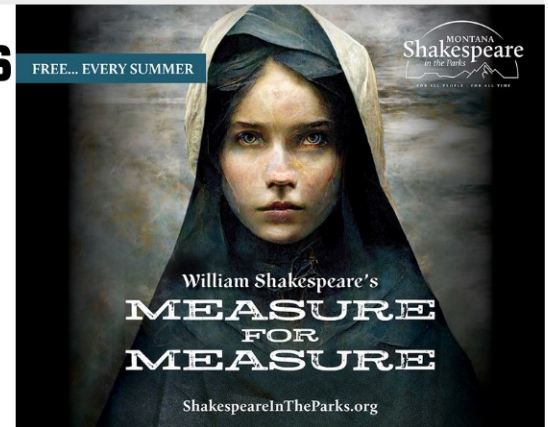
**June 24, 1-4pm**

## Montana Shakespeare in the Parks

Founded on the firm belief that Shakespeare belongs to everyone, Montana Shakespeare in the Parks has been enriching the lives of people in Montana for 51 years! Born from aspirations to bring the timeless tales of William Shakespeare directly to rural and underserved communities, the professional MSIP performers usher Shakespeare's immortal stories of life, love, and tragedy into a modern era.

This summer join us in Montana Shakespeare in the Parks will perform "Measure for Measure" at the pavilion at Veterans Memorial Park in Sidney on Saturday, July 1 at 6:30 p.m. Best of all, the MonDak Heritage Center and MSIP have partnered again to bring this professional performance to the public for FREE!

**July 1 @6:30pm**



**Sidney | Veterans Memorial Park**

July 1st | 6:30 pm



## MDHC's Quick Draw @ The Sunset Festival

Beginning at 5pm, in Veterans Park, watch as local & regional artists create a gallery ready piece from a blank page in just 1 hour. Artists have the choice of the media they would like to use to create their work. Be sure to come witness art in the making as artists showcase their skills in order to complete their piece before the horn sounds!

At 6 pm, each piece will be auctioned to the highest bidder. This is a great opportunity to bring home some incredible, original art! Money raised from the auction will be used to fund the MonDak Heritage Center's art programs.

**July 22 @ 5pm**

# Events @ the MDHC

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## MonDak Historical Art Society Annual Meeting

The Annual meeting for all members will be held on Sunday, September 10 at 2:00 p.m. All members are invited to attend! The Annual Meeting will include: refreshments, door prizes, annual reports from the President and Executive Director on the past year; information on upcoming events, projects, and plans; and the opportunity for MDHC members to participate in board member elections.

The board welcomes fresh ideas and new faces. If you have a great idea for a fundraising event, thoughts of an art show or musical group you would like to see here, or want to help with events, this would be a great opportunity to bring it up with the board of directors. Bring your questions, acclamations and requests to the meeting. If you are interested in serving on the board of directors, please stop in and visit with us prior to the meeting.

**September 10 @ 2 pm**

## Montana Repertory Theatre Performance

Established in 1967 and celebrating its 56th season, The Montana Repertory Theatre serves as the professional theatre of the University of Montana. Every fall, the professional theatre company tours a short play to communities around the state. This year they are performing at the MDHC thanks to the North Eastern Arts Network!

In this new adaptation of Odysseus's epic journey, the professional actors and actresses balance slapstick comedy with poetry and tragedy. A trio of 'Homers' play dozens of characters, reimagining the 2,500-year-old story for a modern audience.

**September 14 @ 7pm**

## HOMER'S THE ODYSSEY



## Mark your calendars for the New NAN Season!

*Stay tuned for more information on each act in future newsletters!*

October 26 & 27- Rebecca Folsom Trio  
NAN Concert & Pub Night



November 16 - Tom & Kalissa Landa

February 9 & 10 - NIC + DESI  
NAN Concert &  
Celebrating Chocolate



March 15 - Ramblin' Rose





## Featured Exhibits

### *"COURAGE ENOUGH" CAROL HARTMAN*

JUNE 7—AUGUST 26



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.



Hartman's "Courage Enough" exhibition features the landscapes inspired by the stories of the MDHC's "Courage Enough" book and the people and places of Montana. Come view her amazing works featuring homesteads and landscapes from the MonDak region! She uses imagery and

experiences from early years on a rural Montana ranch that have formed deep pockets of memories for her. Carol enjoys painting large landscape scenes using oils and oil pigment sticks.



### *MONTANA BY FOOD*

JUNE 21—AUGUST 26

The tradition of food is woven through almost every part of our heritage and history. It is almost impossible to think about a family memory, a cultural tradition, or a community event without thinking about the food associated with its success. From brandings to community gatherings, food was and still is an integral part of our heritage.



In this exhibit, the MDHC will display the Montana Historical Society's "Montana by Food" exhibit. This exhibit features photos and recipes of our Montana homestead heritage. As part of this exhibit, the MDHC will also have on display artifacts and items from the MDHC collection related to the MonDak's culinary past. Come see the waffle iron that was used at the O'Brian Stagesop and many other historical cooking items.



Do you have a family recipe, recipe box, or cookbook that is a part of your family heritage? We want to include these items in our exhibit! We would love to display your items and return them when the exhibit concludes or, if you would rather, we can photograph the items and display the photos with the exhibit instead of the heirlooms. In addition, at the MonDak Summer Bash and Bake Off, please consider making a dish related to your family heritage and adding it to the Heritage Table so everyone has the opportunity to sample these traditional foods.





# Featured Exhibits

## *“MONTANA FABRIC” PAT OLDING*

JULY 5—AUGUST 26



Pat Olding is a palette knife painter and outdoor enthusiast whose paintings come to life with beautiful lighting, lush streaks of color and texture. Olding describes her paintings as, “I paint Montana, from the ivory rump elk and dusty cowboy, to the glistening trout-filled rivers. My enthusiasm for the outdoors led me to Red Lodge, Montana where in my studio I listen to the thundering Rock Creek and watch the sun’s colors caress the Beartooth Mountains. My paintings have transformed from still life and urban landscape to portraying subjects of Montana, rodeo action, wild and ranch animals plus breath-taking vistas.

Olden “Montana Fabric” exhibition is designed to create a path to discovery for the viewer. The paintings are primarily comprised of two unlikely compositional elements, majestic Montana animals and precise quilt or fabric designs. She explains, “The concept for this show came about after reading that Sidney, Montana women (like many other American women) created quilts for auction during WWII. The proceeds were used to buy cigarettes and candies for the soldiers. These unsung talents were used to support the war effort. I thought if I recognized these efforts with some of the most majestic elements of Montana, they should and would be seen as equal threads of the fabric. By doing this I am also hoping viewers will recognize all the talents, all the efforts and all the treads that make the Montana Fabric.



## *QUILT SHOW*

AUGUST 30—OCTOBER 7

We once again invite you to enter your beautiful quilts, table runners, and any other form of needlework that is hand-made by yourself, a friend, or a family member in our 42nd Annual Quilt & Needlework Show.



This show will showcase colorful quilts and needlework from local and regional quilters, crafters, and artists. Come enjoy the fine detail and intricate design of each piece. There will be cash prizes for People’s Choice. The top contenders in the People’s Choice Awards will receive prizes, \$50 for First Place, \$30 for Second Place, and \$20 for Third Place. The Show Prospectus will be available by July 1st at the MonDak Heritage Center, stop down or call to receive one in the mail.





Do you have pictures of MonDak towns from years gone by? Do you know the stories behind the buildings that now line our streets? Then we would like to talk to you! Check out these photographs from the MDHC collections. They depict past scenes of the streets that we drive on today. Do you know what is in the place of these buildings now? What about the history other buildings in the MonDak? Do you know the story behind a building with local interest? Let us know! We are interested in developing a walking (and possibly driving) tour around the area where people can stand in the very place these photos were taken and learn local history!

Have some fun with this newsletter and check out these “then” photographs and see if you recognize the “now”! Find the “now” and take a photo of yourself in the exact spot as where the photo below was taken to show us what the view looks like today. Then bring the photo in to the MDHC or post it to our Facebook page to enter to win a new MDHC sticker or magnet! Look for answers and hints in upcoming MDHC email blasts. Good luck!

1. 2013.001.060



2. 2017.001.045



3. 2019.005.001



4. 2019.001.067



5. XVII-B-7



6. 1972.053.001



7. XVII-B-13



8. 1973.010.001

**BOARD MEETINGS:**

Open to the public, the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the MonDak Heritage Center.

**MEETINGS/BIRTHDAYS/FACILITY RENTAL:**

MDHC hosts meetings and events for non-profit groups, businesses, and private parties. Contact MDHC for rental rates.

**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.

**FIND US ONLINE!**

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



# News Briefs

## CONGRATULATIONS!

MDHC members **Tim & Brenda Larson** 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 June 1st thru September 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. 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.

## GIFT SHOP: SWING IN OR STOP BY THE BOOTH AT THE RICHLAND COUNTY FAIR!

From stickers and magnets to plushy animals we have several new items in the MDHC gift shop! We also have new consigning artists and craftsman who are selling amazing things at the MDHC. Swing in and look all of our great items next time you are looking for a perfect gift, Montana made item or local history read. During the Richland County Fair, stop by the MDHC booth to see all of the great books and gift shop items, learn about upcoming classes and shows, and play a new round of "Then and Now".

## SUPPORT MONTANA SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK

Please consider making a donation today to the MonDak Heritage Center to support MSIP programs in Sidney & help us meet our sponsorship obligation of \$1755.00. Your gift directly funds the Sidney performance & helps provide fun, family-friendly activities that strengthen our local community and make it a great place to live and visit. Your generosity will be acknowledged in the performance's program and throughout the event. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing everyone at the performance on July 1st!



Sidney | Veterans Memorial Park  
July 1st | 6:30 pm

## BECOME A SPONSOR OF 2023 SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARKS IN SIDNEY!

Fill out and mail in the form below. Detach it and send it in with your donation, drop it by the MDHC or give us a call!

Thank you for your support of arts and culture in the MonDak!

Name (for program insert): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Donation Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to MDHC*



### 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+
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- ( ) Benefactor          \$1000+

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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

#### Ways to Join:

( ) Check Enclosed. Payable to **MDHC**.

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( ) Online by scanning this QR code:



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