



WINTER 2024

*CELEBRATING CHOCOLATE AT THE "CORNER OF BROADWAY & MONDAK"
FEBRUARY 10, 2024!*

CELEBRATING CHOCOLATE
BROADWAY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024
7PM

Meet us at the "Corner of Broadway & MonDak" for a spectacular night of famous showtunes & dazzling dance numbers by Broadway Stars...

NIC+DESI
Songs, Dance & Romance

NIC + DESI
The night also includes a silent auction, diamond raffle, food, drinks & chocolate!

Tickets on sale now!
\$50 for Members
\$60 for Not Yet Members
Must be 21+ to attend

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Get your tickets now for Celebrating Chocolate at the MonDak Heritage Center on Saturday, February 10th at 7pm. With this year's exciting theme and world class entertainment, tickets won't last long! This year's Celebrating Chocolate brings attendees to the "Corner of Broadway & MonDak" with Broadway stars NIC + DESI! Throughout the evening, guests will be entertained as NIC + DESI sing famous show tunes while performing dance numbers straight from the Broadway stage!

The night will feature delicious chocolate treats and elegant Broadway inspired hors d'oeuvres. In addition to the great music and food, guests will be able to bid on silent auction items and enter for a chance to win luxurious bottles of wine in the wine pull. This year guests also will have the opportunity to win a diamond package donated by Sugar Plum Fine Jewelry which includes a diamond, free design consultation, and \$100 towards a setting for the stone!

The evening's entertainment NIC+DESI sing, dance, and share their love story in this duo celebration of classic and contemporary Broadway! Following star turns on Broadway and in numerous nationally touring musicals, theatrical power couple Nicolas Dromard and Desiree Davar created this new duo act to be able to share their love of song and dance with venues worldwide. In this high-energy show, NIC+DESI bring audiences on their journey of love while performing stage and screen favorites, from Great American Songbook standards ("Shall We Dance," "Cheek to Cheek," "I Won't Dance") to hits from their favorite roles in Broadway's Jersey Boys, West Side Story, Cabaret, Wicked, and more! NIC+DESI captivate crowds with spectacular Broadway song and dance both in the traditional style and with a fresh, modern twist!

Celebrating Chocolate at MDHC is sponsored by Stockman Bank, ONEOK, Boss Office Supplies, Cape Air, Wildcat Trucking LLC, and the Market. Proceeds from this fundraising event help to ensure the future of live music, exhibits, and events at MDHC. Call the MonDak Heritage Center at 406-433-3500 or stop in to purchase tickets. You can also purchase tickets online at www.mondakheritagecenter.org. Ticket prices for Celebrating Chocolate are: \$60 per person or \$50 for MDHC Members (you can join at the time of your purchase). You must be 21 to attend.

A Note from Nikki at the Director's Desk



Hello Members & Supporters,

Winter is here in the MonDak but it hasn't slowed us down at the MDHC! In the past couple of months, we have hosted the events of Pub Night at the MonDak and MonDak Christmas in Whoville, installed new art and history exhibits, and have been a home to art classes from ceramics to pastels! I have included a few photos of these happenings below.

Looking ahead, I would like to encourage everyone to purchase Celebrating Chocolate tickets. This year the MDHC Board and Staff has been working hard to put on a spectacular Broadway themed event! The night will include music and dancing from Broadway stars NIC + DESI, a diamond ring raffle, elegant hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, beer and wine, and of course decadent chocolate! How many chances do you get to see Broadway performers showcase theatre showtunes and dance numbers live in Sidney? This is going to be an amazing night and tickets will sell fast, so get yours soon! Celebrating Chocolate is the annual fundraiser for the MonDak Heritage Center. Funds from this fundraiser help bring live music, exhibits, and education to the MDHC!

We have also planned a full schedule of exhibits and classes over the next several months. Be sure to come in and check out the metal sculptures of Richard Swanson, the historic tale of Francis Meagher told in Stephen Glueckert's art, and the intricate early engravings of Fredric Remington. On March 16th, join us for live Irish inspired music and an artist talk by Stephen Glueckert!

Thanks again to all our members and sponsors for supporting the MDHC this past year. We look forward to many more great events, dazzling exhibits, creative classes, and the tireless preservation of the area's art, culture, and heritage in 2024!





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EVENTS & PROGRAMS SCHEDULE WINTER 2024

Nov 17th– Feb 3rd		MDHC’s “ <i>Thriving in the MonDak Chill</i> ”
Dec 12th– Feb 3rd		Juried Show “ <i>Communities West V</i> ”
Jan 16th– Mar 30th		Lee Silliman “ <i>Fredric Remington</i> ”
February 3rd, 1pm		“ <i>Watercolor Galantines Day Cards</i> ” Class
Feb 7th– April 26th		Richard Swanson “ <i>Rhythm & Whimsy</i> ”
Feb 7th– Mar 30th		Stephen Glueckert “ <i>The Odyssey of Montana’s Thomas Francis Meagher</i> ”
Feb 8th @ 7pm		NAN Concert “ <i>NIC + DESI</i> ”
Feb 10th @ 7pm		MDHC’s Celebrating Chocolate! “ <i>Corner of Broadway & MonDak with NIC + DESI</i> ”
Feb 23rd @ 7pm		“ <i>Dance Night at the MonDak</i> ”
Feb 24th @ 2pm		“ <i>Fluff a Bear</i> ” Workshop
March 2nd @ 2pm		“ <i>Beginner Calligraphy</i> ” Class
March 15th @ 7pm		NAN Concert “ <i>Americana Women</i> ”
March 16th @ 1pm <i>Free Event!</i>		St. Patrick’s Day Community Celebration! <i>With live music + story & ceramics workshop!</i>
April 1st– 27th		Charles Beck “ <i>Artist + Muse</i> ”
April 3rd– 27th		MDHC’s Annual “ <i>Youth Art Show</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!

Become a MonDak Heritage Member Today!





Featured Exhibits

“DRAMATIC MOMENTS: FREDERIC REMINGTON’S EARLY ENGRAVINGS”

CURATED BY LEE SILLIMAN

JANUARY 16—MARCH 30



This exhibit presents an outstanding collection of large-size, vintage Harper’s Weekly engravings by Frederic Remington. These are the images that launched Remington’s illustration career, and that provided the platform from which he evolved into one of the West’s most famous fine art painters. The images not only document Remington’s rise to

prominence and wealth, but also chronicle the convulsive events in the closing decades

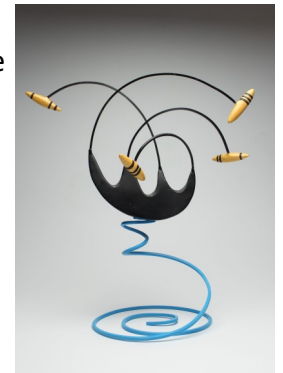
of the western frontier era. Furthermore, Remington’s consummate skill in rendering the horse in motion is prominently demonstrated in these engravings. This extensive body of Frederic Remington’s early art forms is a testament to his emergent skill and creative imagination, traits which quickly elevated him above and beyond his contemporaries.



“RHYTHM AND WHIMSY” RICHARD SWANSON

FEBRUARY 7—APRIL 26

Richard Swanson began this series of small-scale metal sculptures in 2013 after a decade of creating monumental public sculpture. The intimate scale of this body of work offers a level of spontaneity difficult to achieve in larger works, reflecting a freer use of color, form and line, embracing an improvisational and syncopated style of working that is as much about process and play as the final product. Swanson considers these sculptures visual poems whose colorful rhythms suggest a story or fragment of a dream.



With a large portion of his career dedicated to large scale and public works, Swanson explores space and scale freely, using size to either envision the individual works as studies for larger pieces, or as playful poetic quips standing complete all on their own.

Rhythm and Whimsy illustrates Swanson’s understanding of line, form, balance and rhythm to create three-dimensional line drawings that bounce brightly like jazz phrases – no hidden meanings but spontaneous and lyrical, with the interval between notes as essential as the notes themselves.



Featured Exhibits

“THE ODYSSEY OF MONTANA’S THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER” STEPHEN GLUECKERT

FEBRUARY 7—MARCH 30



To describe Meagher’s life-journey as an odyssey is not an exaggeration. Like the legendary Odysseus, he was blown by the winds of war and fate to the four corners of the earth. Art engages the heart as well as the mind and is one of the most effective ways to engross an audience, pique their interest, and increase their awareness of history. As you spend time with Stephen Glueckert’s expressive oil pastel drawings you will feel the danger, energy, and emotion of Meagher’s odyssey.



Glueckert’s 24 colorful vignettes are filled with the celestial, earthly, and man-made symbols that governed Meagher’s life: from his privileged upbringing in Ireland to his leadership in the Young Irelander Rebellion, to impressment and escape, to his time as a commander in the Civil War, to finally his mysterious death. Though Meagher’s time in Montana was short, he remains a source of Irish pride in our state and his story continues to capture the imaginations of Montanans of all types.



MDHC'S COMMUNITY ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

MARCH 16, 1-3 PM

Join us to learn about the history of the Irish in Montana and Francis Meagher from artist and historian Stephen Glueckert. Glueckert will perform Irish themed music, songs related to Meagher’s life, and melodies of Irish history in Montana during this interactive artist lecture and performance.

The day will also include a walk in ceramics workshop with spring related items for the entire family. As well as, soup and snack refreshments for people enjoy as they listen to Stephen Glueckert’s Hurday Gurdy instrumentals, guitar melodies, and original Irish tunes. This event is free, family friendly, and open to the community!



CLASSES WINTER SCHEDULE

GALANTINES WATERCOLOR CARDS

Learn watercolor techniques with Belinda O'Dell while making whimsical & fun Galantines Day cards.

February 3 @ 1 pm

Members: \$25 ; Not Yet Members: \$35



FLUFF A BEAR WORKSHOP

Bring the kids and create a unique fluffy spring animal! Workshop includes a fluffy animal with a custom t-shirt to take home. Other outfits are available for purchase as well.

February 24 @ 2 pm

Member: \$30

Not Yet Member: \$40



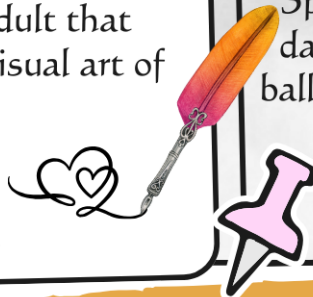
CALLIGRAPHY & HAND LETTERING

Join artist Belinda O'Dell in this hand lettering class for all skill levels! This class is for anyone high school through adult that would like to learn the visual art of calligraphy.

March 2 @ 2 pm

Members: \$25

Not Yet Members: \$35



DANCE NIGHT AT THE MONDAK

Spend the evening learning how to dance! Country swing, two step or ballroom whatever the group decides!

February 23 @ 7 pm

Members: \$10

Not Yet Members: \$15



SPRING CERAMICS WORKSHOP

Walk In ceramics class with new spring themed items to glaze. Just walk in, pick your piece and have fun glazing your creation! Pieces available on a first come first serve basis.

March 16, 1-3 pm \$15 per piece





News Briefs

CONGRATULATIONS!

MDHC members **Sylvia Osterman** 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 1st thru March 31st 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!

GIFT SHOP:

From STEAM toys, to books, to plushy animals, we have items for all ages! We also have new consigning artists and craftsman who are selling amazing things at the MDHC. When your looking for your next gift swing in for a unique gift or local history read.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

MDHC started a large-scale collections, exhibits update and organization project. This is a long term goal and will take many hours to complete. If you would like to help, please let us know. We also have many other volunteer opportunities: Saturday sitters, class instructors, 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.

AMERICANA WOMEN A NORTHEASTERN ARTS NETWORK CONCERT—MARCH 15 @ 7PM



From Dolly to Loretta, Shania to Tammy, the Carter Family to the Chicks, you'll be sure to be singing and clapping to The Americana Women! These Queens of Country and Folk are a group from New York City with sold out shows from coast to coast. Nominated for a regional broadwayworld.com Award their show stands out with incredible female singing musicians at the helm. Effortlessly switching from classic harmony to sizzling solos, these gals bring a fresh take to the country classics audiences will love.

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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- Jennifer Blekestad—*President*
- Karen Redlin—*Vice President*
- Kim Klasna—*Treasurer*
- Luella Schow—*Secretary*

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| Dawn Biebl | Paula Bostrom | Joe Bradley |
| Bob Burnison | *Candy Markwald | *Jonny Nelson |
| Duane Pust | Cassandra Kountz | *Amanda Seigfreid |
| Tammy Venne | * County appointed | |

BOARD MEETINGS:

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

MDHC STAFF:

- Nikki Bailey-Will—*Executive Director*
- Caitlynn Hasvold—*Administrative Assistant*

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 to be added to the email list.

FIND US ONLINE!

- Facebook: [facebook.com/MonDak Heritage Center](https://facebook.com/MonDakHeritageCenter)
- Website: mondakheritagecenter.org



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+

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City/State/Zip: _____

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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:

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Tuesday—Friday: 10am—4pm
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