

MonDak Heritage Center

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Hours

Tuesday - Friday 10am - 4pm
Thursday evening 4pm - 7pm
Saturdays 1pm - 4pm



Please check if your Membership needs to be renewed. You will find the expiration date on the mailing label.

Where Art & History Meet

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MonDak Historical and Arts Society/ MonDak Heritage Center Annual Meeting September 19th 2:30pm

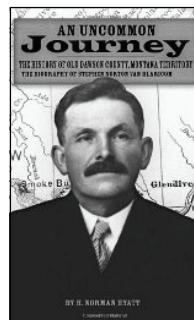
Please join us September 19th at 2:30pm for this year's annual meeting. The annual meeting was moved from March to September due to the adjustment of our fiscal year to correspond with Richland County's fiscal year. Find out what is happening in the upcoming year, a recap of the past year and vote for new members of our Board of Directors. Directors whose terms expire this year are: Gerald Navratil, Stefan Jaronski, and Carrell Evans. If you would like to join the Board of Directors please contact a current board member, Dave Branson, Board President or Benjamin L. Clark, Executive Director.

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An Uncommon Journey: The History of Old Dawson County, Montana Territory

by

H. Norman Hyatt
Book Signing
July 31st 7pm



Based on the memoir of
Stephen Norton Van

Blaricom, *An Uncommon Journey* details the origins of old Dawson County, Montana, in the late 1800s.

This is the story of many of the long-forgotten first settlers of old Dawson County and how they met the challenges of a country that was then primitive and remote at its best and deadly at its worst. For all of them it was, indeed, An



MAGDA Traveling Exhibit **“Stockton: A Retrospective”**

June 15th - Aug 7th

Bill Stockton, (1921 - 2002), was a prolific artist, metal

and bronze sculptor, writer and wool clothing designer. His signature medium, the colorful cattle marker, is symbolic of his iconoclastic nature. Stockton studied art in Paris under the GI Bill then returned to Montana to his sleep ranch with his French wife Elvia. Fiercely independent, Stockton created without concern for marketability or commercial acceptance. Stockton, dubbed ‘avant garde’ artist of the rugged terrain of central Montana, evolved from abstract expressionist to stark minimalist in his 50 years of painting.



Walter Reller **“Bodmer Revisited”**

July 7th - Sept. 4th

Reller’s work was recently featured alongside the art of Karl Bodmer who painted and sketched around Ft. Union in the 1830s. Reller followed in Bodmer’s footsteps finding the original locations Bodmer sketched from, sketching and painting the same locations again, only over 160 years later.

Reller, a Montana artist originally from the Bozeman area, holds an art degree from Montana State University. While working in China for three years he studied traditional Chinese painting techniques. Now he resides in the northeast Montana town of Scobey. While Walter primarily works in the painted mediums of oil, watercolor and acrylic, he also produces ceramic works and block prints. This fascinating exhibit will be enjoyed by history buffs and lovers of the fine arts alike.



Octoberfest

October 9th 7pm

Andre’ Floyd with David Griffith will perform thanks in part to the Northeastern Arts Network.

Octoberfest beer from the Bayern

Brewery in Missoula and brats from M3 Meats will be available for sampling.

Tickets will go on sale September 13th at the MonDak. Last year tickets sold out in just a few days. Get yours early!

Sponsors for this years event are Blue Rock Beverages and M3 Meats.

Summer Ranger Series **Last one for Summer 2010** **August 19th 7pm**

Passing the Baton of History - Soldiers at Fort Union by Ranger Randy Kane

For almost six decades, 1807-1864, the bi-cultural Indian/white society of the Fur Trade was the norm on the Upper Missouri. Soldiers at Fort Union marked the beginning of the shift to dominance of the white culture. Come learn

Email Notifications

We now offer email notification to keep you informed and also to cut costs. Last year it cost approximately \$7 per member for mailings. This cost comes directly out of your membership dollars. When you choose email updates, our cost is minimal, leaving more of your membership funds for additional programming. Your email address will never be given out or sold to anyone. It will never be listed on mass email headings either. We value your privacy too! Please share your email address with us to help us use your membership dollars where they do the most good. Postcards and newsletters will still be mailed to those who do not use email. **Let us know at mdhc@richland.org**

Invite a Friend to become a Member

Memberships and tax-deductible donations help make exhibitions, special events and shows possible. Please encourage your friends to become members.

- Membership dollars are primarily used for programming and collections preservation.
- CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL FOR YOUR EXPIRATION DATE

We occasionally publish our membership list in our newsletter and display it on our donor wall. If you wish your name to be excluded, please let us know.

The board meetings of the MonDak Historical Society are open to the public and typically held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the MonDak Heritage Center.

Your membership counts

	Basic	Supporter
Senior	\$15	\$30
Senior Couple	\$25	\$50
Individual	\$20	\$40
Family	\$35	\$70
Business	\$50	\$100
Sustainer	\$100 to \$249	
Sponsor	\$250 to \$499	
Patron of the Arts	\$500 to \$999	
Benefactor	\$1000 to \$2499	
Director's Circle	\$2500 and up	

Consider increasing your membership above the basic level, because even an extra \$20 helps. **All support is tax deductible.**



Treasure State Remnants

“Montana’s Ghost Town Heritage”

August 10th - October 30th

Photographer, Lee Silliman has photographed Montana ghost towns and other historical relics since 1991. His tool of choice is the classic 8 x 10 view camera loaded with black and white film - a medium which flourished during the nineteenth century. Lee’s photographic eye has ranged over many of the Treasure State’s abandoned mining camps and other remains of former economic activity. In his own darkroom and frame shop, he crafts the latent silver images into artwork celebrating the lives of our forebears.



Casting Shadows: Spooks, Specters, and Spirited Places

September 17th 7pm

History and the supernatural harmonize in a tapestry woven of ghostly encounters and things that go bump in the Big Sky night. Historian, storyteller, and award-winning author Ellen Baumler brings Montana's historic landscapes to life with a thought-provoking journey into the darker places of Montana's memories. Ghostly miners picking at riches deep in the earth, a spectral child that delights tourists and whispers in the walls of the historic Deer Lodge prison illustrate how the past sometimes haunts the present. Based on well-researched incidents of the unexplained collected from Montanans across the state, the stories will fascinate audiences of all ages. Brought to you by the Humanities Montana Speakers Bureau.

- Walter Reller Photography July 6th - September 4th
- Norman Hyatt book signing July 31 7pm
- "Casting Shadows" presentation September 17th 7pm
- Annual Meeting September 19th 7pm
- Octoberfest, Oct. 9th.

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President's Letter by Dave Branson, Board President

Our new director Benjamin is settling into his job and we are excited to have him on board. Check out the newsletter to see the events coming up at the Center. We are also looking to add some music events over the next few months. I also want to thank our AmeriCorps VISTA Jay Witte for his great work at the Center over the past year.

Octoberfest is October 9th! For those of you lucky enough to get tickets last year before they sold out – you know this was a really fun event. This is a joint fundraiser by MDHC and the Northeastern Arts Network to help bring free or subsidized live performing arts to our area, through events such as Music at the MonDak. If you want live music to continue – please buy a ticket. We have a great blues band this year - along with authentic German beer from Bayern Brewing in Missoula! Buy your ticket early – it will sell out. Tickets go on sale September 13th. See additional information on the music on page two.

Are you interested in serving on the board of directors? We are looking for prospective board members who are excited about our mission for terms starting this fall. Contact me at 489-0463 or dhbranson@yahoo.com for more information and a job description. We also have a questionnaire for you to fill out. Our annual membership meeting to elect board members is September 19th. Please try to attend.

We urgently need your financial support or volunteer time! Between July and the end of September we are losing 1 full time and 1 half-time staff member that were both funded through grants (our VISTA and collections manager). This creates a staffing crisis. To continue the level of programming and preservation we currently provide – we need to hire additional part time staff members. Please consider increasing your membership support level (such as increasing from a basic membership to supporter), making a one-time donation, or starting an automatic quarterly or monthly donation to the Center. Also consider volunteering at the Center, which is equivalent to a large monetary donation. We can match your interests with a job. We can use help in many different areas, including desk sitters. How important is the Center to you?

Please consider joining me in switching to email communications to save time and money. Approximately \$7 of your membership cost currently goes for printing, postage and personnel time to send out mailings! Signing up for electronic communications means more of your membership dollars will be used to provide programming and preserve area history – which is even more important in light of our limited staffing. See page two for additional information. We are also now on Facebook and Twitter!

A Word from the new Executive Director:

I'm thrilled to be Sidney. Everyone has been so welcoming and warm! The MonDak Heritage Center is a very special place. Our board of directors have set a solid foundation that we will build on for years to come. Richland County's involvement is both appropriate and necessary. We wouldn't have such a solid start without their support! Former coordinator Sandy Turner has also been extremely helpful during my transition, and will continue to be involved as we go forward. Thank you all for your encouragement and welcome. I'm excited for the future of the MonDak Heritage Center, and I know we're going to do some very exciting things. Let's get to work! --Benjamin L. Clark