

MonDak Heritage Center

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Hours

Tuesday - Friday 10am - 4pm
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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

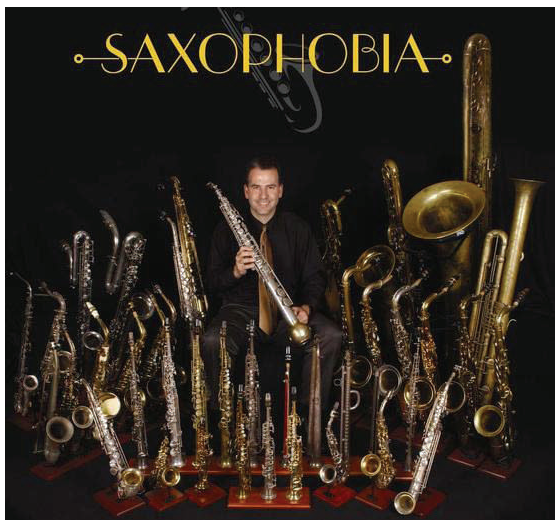
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Members Only Concert "Saxophobia"

November 11th
7pm

Saxophobia offers a rare and unique glimpse at some of the most unusual saxophones ever manufactured, and at the classic melodies associated with this extraordinary

musical instrument. See the soprano - the smallest sax in the world to the mammoth - a 6 1/2 foot contrabass sax and virtually everything in between! Set in a jazz-combo format, this show pays tribute to some of the great jazz legends who popularized the instrument and contributed to the development of America's indigenous art form. Join Saxophobia's Rob Verdi as he shares his passion for saxophone history. Sponsored in part by the Northeastern Arts Network.





“Sweat & Steel An Exhibition of Paintings” by David Swanson

December 1st – 30th

This exhibit will captivate audiences with its powerful

representation of the men and women in their steely environment who make the railroads run. Railroad workers are often overshadowed by our awe to the mechanical beauty of the engines that pull and push immense serpentine tonnages over vast expanse of the country. It is really they who bring life to the machines. “Sweat & Steel” puts flesh and bone to railroading. The exhibit combines oil paintings by David Swanson, music, poetry and literature with displays of railroading artifacts. David Swanson’s oil painting is in the tradition of the great American Realists.



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**

MonDak Christmas December 13th 1:30pm

This year’s Christmas celebration is sure to be a treat. We will be having entertainment on the main level, a great bake sale thanks to the generosity of our members, and a Dutch Auction with some great items. The day will be a great family time and a relaxing afternoon in the busiest month of the year. This year we will have a display of model railroad courtesy of Sidney Railroaders.



Celebrating Chocolate February 5th, 2011 at 7pm



It will soon be time for Celebrating Chocolate!

Last year was another successful event with everyone going home a little sweeter. Tickets will remain at \$20 for members and \$25 for non members with ticket sales starting January 18th for members and January 24th for general public. Memberships maybe purchased at the time of the ticket sale to receive the discounted price. Not only is chocolate delicious, but it also packed full of antioxidants and it doesn’t affect your cholesterol . What other “medicine” offers such excellent taste?

Sidney Centennial June 24 & 25, 2011

Sidney will be celebrating it 100th birthday next year. Watch for more information in the future.

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.

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.**

Board Meetings

The board meetings of the MonDak Historical Society are open to the public and typically held the 3rd Thursday of each month at the MonDak Heritage Center at 6:30pm.

“Josephine Hale: Paintings and Sketches by a Montana Pioneer Artist”

October 5th - November 30th

Miniature Art Show

November 15th - December 30th

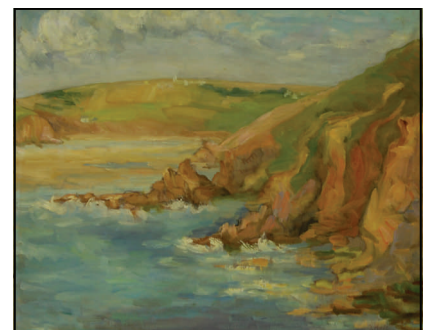
The Miniature Art Show is one of the best and most anticipated shows every year. The eye for detail and the ability to produce that vision on such a small scale is amazing. The show includes oil, watercolor, acrylic and mixed media. In years past this show has included art from all over the United States and throughout the world. The miniature art show is one of the most unique shows hosted by the MonDak and is only possible because of your membership. Thank you!



**1st place (2010):
“Outrider” by Charlie Tweed**

Josephine Hale (1878 - 1961) was one of Montana’s most extraordinary early 20th century painters, dividing her time between Great Falls and Paris in the 1920s and 1930s. Her life and art were shaped by two factors: a strong commitment to volunteerism and her love of travel.

She studied art at the Academy Delecluse in Paris, exhibiting in the prestigious Salon of 1934. Hale’s art reflects the best early 20th century academic art training available, translated into idyllic scenes of Glacier National Park and the Missouri River. Her paintings are a confluence of several influences and stylistic factors, including the rich tradition of plein air painting and French Academie training.



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- "Josephine Hale" MAGDA Exhibit Oct 5th - Nov 27th
- Miniature Art Show Nov 16th - Dec. 30th
- Members Only "Saxophobia" Nov 13th 7pm
- "Sweat & Steel" MAGDA Exhibit Dec 1st - 30th
- MonDak Christmas Dec 13th 1:30 - 4pm

President's Letter by Dave Branson, Board President

Security camera system matching challenge. The top board renovation priority is to install a quality security camera system in the Center, so we can be better stewards of our collections and facility. In the last several years, there have been many thefts of collection items from small town museums. In addition, some items have disappeared from our collections over the past few decades. Richland County has generously agreed to provide \$10,000 towards the security camera system if we can raise the remaining \$8000. Please consider a tax deductible donation for this important project.

Welcome to our three new board members. As part of our new agreement with Richland County, the County Commissioners appointed Amanda Siegfried as a County representative on the board. Amanda's family has actively supported the Center for many years. At the annual meeting in October, two new board members were elected, Karen Redlin and Zach Yockim, and our board vice-president Jerry Navratil was re-elected. Both Karen and Zach bring good skill sets and new perspectives to the board. We also want to thank two very active long term board members who decided to step off the board, Stefan Jaronski and Carrell Evans. Stefan served as vice-president for many years, while Carrell served as both board president and interim director during her two stints on the board.

Stage is nearly completed! Our stage that will be used for live performing arts events and special events is nearly completed and was used at Oktoberfest (a great success and lots of fun!). The stage was paid for by donations and the labor is being donated by our member Quinn Jones. We are just waiting for the surface layer to arrive. Our subwoofer and three other sound system items will arrive shortly and were also paid for by member donations! These two projects show the Center's commitment to live performing arts, but would not have happened without your financial support. Thank you!

Exterior rehabilitation project underway. A major exterior rehabilitation project is underway at the Center. The main goal of the project is to ensure that water does not enter the facility through nail holes, decaying wood or plywood and missing caulking – and as a result shorten the life of the building. The siding that was not replaced has been painted, all exposed wood will be covered by metal, the bricks have been waterproofed and a roof leak was fixed in the attached storage building. New exterior doors and a new garage door to allow safer freight deliveries will also be installed in the storage building.

Please consider a year-end gift to the Center- we need your help! Due to the loss of grant funding, we need your year-end tax deductible gifts in order to continue our current level of programming and preservation. We would also like to expand our education efforts – but that costs money as well. Although I encourage you to make a gift to our general fund, you can also designate your gift for any special project.

