

Schindler Exhibition Great Success!



Sidney fourth grade class tours the Schindler Exhibition.

Hosting the *Schindler Exhibition* was two things: 1) Challenging to do and 2) Highly successful. The MonDak Heritage Center Staff, Volunteers and Board of Directors are very grateful for both.

The staging of just the right kinds of auxiliary exhibits, the right scaling of the exhibits and the flow of the whole Exhibition took an extraordinary amount of team work and resourcefulness. Even with the stress and time pressures (the hard part), all involved worked with great enthusiasm and anticipation for the Exhibition.

On August 24, there were a few things that needed "tweaking," but generally The MDHC was ready for the opening on August 25. What the MDHC was NOT ready for was the huge response from the public! The opening reception had been publicized on the radio, TV and in the papers. Music (violin and piano) and refreshments were in place. There were over 200 visitors on opening night!

The influx of visitors did not slow down until the MDHC closed at 5:00 on September 23! The Staff had anticipated maybe 500 visitors and an additional 500 students over the month. There were **3,978** visitors which included over **2,000** students from **39** schools! The volunteers spent many additional hours reproducing programs and other papers offered to the public.

High praise came from all visitors. Most were quite moved and learned from their visit.

If asked whether the MDHC would do this again, the overwhelming answer from all participants would be YES! It was indeed an honor and a privilege to have the *Schindler Exhibition* in this region and in our facility. It was bittersweet for the Staff and Volunteers of the MonDak Heritage Center as the *Schindler Exhibition* closed September 23. The total experience and lessons learned from the Exhibition and the evolution of the whole event, will serve us well as we continue to improve and develop the MonDak Heritage Center into a truly educational and cultural center for the MonDak Region.

Thank you sponsors, members, volunteers and all visitors.

We want to thank all of the sponsors who helped to make the Schindler Exhibition a success:

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Gloria Heir won the vase donated by David Meehan of Busted Sod Pottery for our membership drive.

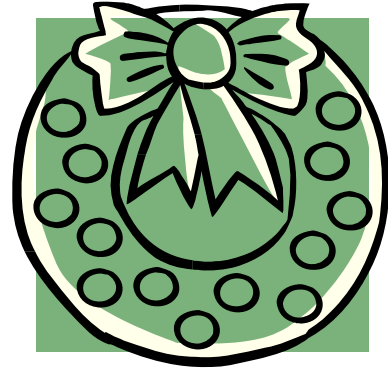
Thank you David for donating this gift and thank you everyone who renewed or became a new member. Encourage your family and friends to become members of the MonDak Heritage Center.

Give a *GIFT* that keeps on giving! How about a membership to the MonDak Heritage Center for Christmas or birthdays. It's a sure fit every time!



Bert Sawyer donates to the MonDak Heritage Center

Bert comes to visit the Center when he is in the area and on his last visit here he generously donated \$2,500.00. Currently we have purchased a computer and are assessing other essential equipment to use this generous gift for. Bert and his wife Marie were former Directors of the MonDak Heritage Center in the 1990's. Many people still remember and speak highly of the couple!



MonDak Christmas Celebration

Join us December 10, 1:30p.m. to 4p.m., for a wonderful afternoon of Entertainment, Dutch Auction, Bake Sale, Tree Contest and Friendship.

This is always a great time at the MonDak Heritage Center. Do you know a group that would like to enter our Tree Contest? Would you like to provide bake sale items or a Dutch Auction item? Please call Sandy or Leann at the Center.

FREE ADMISSION for this Christmas Celebration.

Upcoming Events

Art Shows/Exhibits

Trish Stevenson Center Gallery	October all month
Miniature Art Show Featuring Miniature Art from around the world.	November 15 till Dec 31
Hospice Art Show	November
Ethnic Christmas	December 10
Annual Quilt Show One of the favorites all year!	February 2007 all month
Youth Art Show	March 2007
The Good, The Bad & The Ugly	March 2007
College Art Show	April 2007

Featured Artists

According to the latest census, one out of every 78 workers in Montana is a working artist, making up an important part of the state's economy. Our Featured Artist program spotlights some of the working artists in our area. Please support our local and regional artists by taking some time to stop by and see their work.

October
Loretta Vitt

November
Hospice Art Show

December
Beth Cook

Just back from the MAGDA Conference in Chico Hot Springs

Sandy, Leann and Liz attended the MAGDA conference this last week and have booked some fabulous art shows for 2007 and 2008.

Coming June 2007, "Details from the Road." This two part exhibit is composed of "Roadside Attractions," which are black and white pinhole photographs of commonplace rural roadside objects, such as fences, and "Auto Parts," consisting of digital color images of abstract details from automobiles and trucks of Montana salvage yards.

Coming August of 2007 will be a photographic collection titled, "National Bicycle Touring Portraits Collection." This is a collection of photographs depicting a colorful cast of touring characters captured on film in or near Missoula. Each portrait tells the story of the person or persons that have toured the country on their bicycles.

Next newsletter we will detail the shows for 2008. So be watching for more information!

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“Calling all Volunteers”

The MonDak Heritage Center is in need of a troop, gaggle, brace, herd, bevy, team, pack or vale of volunteers for some very specialized projects. Needed are one or two committed volunteers to help sort, catalog and preserve the photo archives. Another two or three volunteers are needed to research the MDHC’s entire permanent art collection for the “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly Exhibition” in March. Several volunteers are needed for cataloging and preservation activities of the textile artifacts housed in the museum. Docents (trained volunteers) are always needed to man the front desk, especially on Saturdays. The MDHC also wants to train and use volunteers who would like to tell the history stories and act as tour guides in the Homesteader Museum.

Some of these volunteer activities can be done in the evenings. Contact Sandy Turner or Leann Pelvit, if you are interested in these or other possibilities for volunteer service at the MonDak Heritage Center. It’s a “happenin’ place.”
Join our volunteer team today!