

Spring/Summer 2022

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ART MUSEUM



*Trails West, Oil on Birch Panel, by Carol Hartman*

## ANNUAL WESTERN ART ROUNDUP

FEATURING

CAROL HARTMAN'S "MONTANA DIRT"

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# A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

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*Thank  
you!*

Ah! Spring is trying to green things up and warm the thermometer. We closed WAM in January to touch up the gallery with paint and do some deep cleaning. Many board members and volunteers lent a hand. We reopened on January 28 with the reception for the 43rd Annual Juried Exhibit. which included works from many local and Montana artists as well as artists across the country. In addition, 20 pieces were chosen to travel to different venues throughout eastern Montana during 2022.

On March 11 we held the opening for "Art from the Edge of the Prairie," featuring artists Cherie Roshau, Larry Maslowski, & Janelle Stoneking. The artists talked with visitors, answered questions about their work, and visitors commented this exhibition was beautiful to view and shared many stories.

The "Western Art Roundup," sponsored by Stockman Bank, is now on display at the gallery. This exhibition features Carol Hartman's show "Montana Dirt." The WAR leads us into the Quick Draw on May 21, which takes place during the Miles City Bucking Horse Sale. Approximately 20 artists at Riverside Park will do a 30-minute art experience with an auction to follow. On Sunday, May 22, WAM will hold its annual Brunch at the museum.

Other upcoming exhibits include Debra Keirce, Maria Bennett Hock, & Carrie Waller with their exhibition "The Big and the Small of It." These three gifted artists hail from the southeastern United States, and we welcome their work back to our studio! The opening preview is on June 10 from 4-7 pm. On June 11, Debra and Maria will hold classes in our workshop. Call the museum for more information and to sign up.

Our annual Art Auction opening reception will be on August 6, with the auction held on September 24. The opening for "Pop Cars" and "Song Art" is scheduled for October 7 from 4-7 pm. The last exhibit of the year begins November 18 from 4-7 pm and will feature the Holiday show and "Odds & Ends." More information can be found on our website at [wtrworks.org](http://wtrworks.org).

As always, I want to give a huge thank you to all volunteers who generously offer their gift of time each week. Some are here so often that they feel like part of the staff. The WAM volunteers help us in so many ways, and our load is always lighter because of their help. I also thank our working board of directors and foundation board. They help keep the museum running efficiently.

I am looking forward to the rest of the year. Visit often and bring friends and family with you!

Dixie Rieger  
Executive Director

## CUSTER COUNTY ART CENTER FOUNDATION

Custer County Art Center Foundation, Inc. was established in 1986. Its mission is to provide financial support to WaterWorks Art Museum. The Foundation accumulates assets through memberships, donations, gifts, bequests, and memorials. Assets are managed by Stockman Wealth Management. Foundation members and directors meet at least twice yearly to review how investments are performing. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Foundation is welcome to apply. Criteria are "service for a minimum of five years as a director of WaterWorks Art Museum, or a record of outstanding service to the purposes of such corporation," (as per Foundation bylaws). Please contact WAM or any Foundation member for more information.

Jean Lindley  
President  
Custer County Art Center Foundation

## MEMBERSHIP *perks!*

- Free admission
- Discounted classes
- Museum store discounts
- Invitations to special events
- Newsletters
- Voting privileges
- Bragging rights

**CALL  
OR VISIT  
WAM TO  
BECOME A  
MEMBER TODAY!**

*Donation  
needs*



## CLAY STUDIO

- Floor needs to be repaired
- Lights need to be replaced and energy efficient

# PREVIOUSLY AT WATERWORKS



1st Place: Pam Little, *Walking Here*



Director's Choice: Paul M. Murray, *The Last Dance*



People's Choice: Catherine Kimball, *Tongue River Spirits Awake*

**(LEFT):** The **43rd Annual Juried Exhibit "Color Your Dreams"** opened on January 28, with the first reception of 2022. Local, regional, and national artists submitted artwork. Each year this exhibition brings many different media and styles, and this year was no exception. The Juror, local artist Shelley Freese, had a challenging task selecting winners. The museum chose twenty pieces to travel to 8 counties in our region throughout 2022.

**(BELOW):** "Art From the Edge of the Prairie" featured Cherie Roshau, Larry Maslowski, and Janelle Stoneking. Their beautiful paintings told many stories. All three artists attended the opening reception, and visitors enjoyed chatting with them about their work.



# Thank You!

From donations & memberships, to buying items from the gift store and art from exhibits, to volunteering: everything you help us with is appreciated! Our sponsors are listed with their logos. Please thank them if you see them.

Other funders include the Montana Community Foundation, Allen Foundation, Ed and Jessica Stickney Foundation, and the Custer County Art Center Foundation. The Montana Arts Council helps WAM every year, and many others give their time and hard work. We appreciate you all so much!

 **Stockman Bank**



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Jerry Fischer, Donna Faber, and Lew Vadheim were recognized at the Western Art Roundup reception for their long-time commitment to supporting WAM's mission. Their generous contributions of talent, time and passion to our museum community has been indispensable, and we thank them for this work!



## WESTERN ART ROUNDUP



Artist Carol Hartman discusses her work for attendees at the opening reception of "Montana Dirt"

"The Western Art Roundup" (WAR) opening was held Friday, April 22, from 4-7 pm. Stockman Bank Miles City graciously sponsors the annual WAR exhibit and Quick Draw, and we are always grateful for their support. This year the Western Art Roundup features Carol Hartman from Red Lodge, MT and her exhibition entitled "Montana Dirt."

Preserving history's effect on the West inspires the expressiveness found in Carol Hartman's oil paintings. Throughout her life, she has cherished hearing stories from early Montana settlers. Bringing that past to life as it appears in this "moment in time" allows others to appreciate and honor their past. The taste, the touch, the sounds, the smells, and the sights of her surroundings, along with the rich history of the land and its people, form the basis of her large finger paintings on baltic birch.

Born and raised in Sidney, MT, she received formal art training from Montana State University Bozeman and California State University Fresno. After teaching at California State University Fresno and exhibiting nationally and internationally for many years, Hartman relocated back to Montana in 2009 to paint full time. Hartman has spent the last few years searching for the various unique sites depicting overland trails, homesteading, and river trails of people migrating west in America. Her camper trailer has been retrofitted as a "traveling art studio," allowing her to camp next to exciting, significant views, wake up early, and paint great sunlight shining on that landscape. So if you see a 5'x8' Cargo Trailer with "Painters on the Fly" written on it, traveling along the Missouri River and the Oregon Trail, it just might be her.

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# MUSEUM STORE

Support local artists! Everything in our museum store is made by artists that have exhibited in or supported our gallery.

**FINE ART  
JEWELRY  
CERAMICS  
BOOKS  
CARDS**



**SCULPTURE  
GLASS ART  
ORNAMENTS  
PRINTS  
AND MORE!**



# UPCOMING EXHIBITS & EVENTS

## QUICK DRAW

WaterWorks Art Museum will kick off its Bucking Horse Sale festivities on Saturday, May 21. Twenty artists will have 30 minutes to start and finish a painting, clay project, or a media of their choice. At approximately 10:30 am, following the parade, everyone should migrate to Riverside Park and watch the artists bring their pieces to life as quickly as possible. The vocals and musical talents of Morgan Seymour will keep you entertained during the Quick Draw and the Sunday Brunch. Zane Kittlemann will conduct a live auction of the finished pieces when all artists finish and frame their work.

## QUICK DRAW ARTISTS

### MILES CITY

Karan Charles, Vida Landa, Sharon Smith, Jo Swenson

### BILLINGS

Isabel Bonilla, Kelly Bourgeois, Allen Knows His Gun, Dawn Ness, Terri Porta

### MONTANA

Lorri Coulter (Brusett), Shayla Hagen (Ashland), Carol Hartman (Red Lodge), Belinda Higbee (Glendive), Cathryn Reitler McIntyre (Glasgow), Nate Olson (Jordan), Kate Settle-Ruland (Broadus), Tomi Simenson (Chinook), Trish Stevenson (Savage), Edee Weigel (Huntley)

### WYOMING & IDAHO

Sonja Caywood (Dayton, WY), Bonnie Griffith (Meridian ID), and Carol Lucas (Story, WY)

The auction is always a fast-moving event. We want our attendees to get to the Bucking Horse Sale on time!

We will be selling tickets for the Sunday Brunch, and for the gun raffle. Come out to the park and enjoy the music, artists in action, and the auction. See you there!



# UPCOMING EXHIBITS & EVENTS



## WAR BRUNCH

**SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022**  
**9:30 - 11:30 AM**

WAM invites everyone out for a hearty breakfast with incredible live music outside the museum. The Taco Truck will be catering, and the WAM board of directors will bake delicious pastries. Tickets are \$20. Proceeds help with educational outreach expenses. The Western Art Roundup exhibit is in the gallery for your viewing pleasure.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:  
406-234-0635 | 85 WATERPLANT RD.

## SHOOT THE MOON RIFLE RAFFLE!

### WIN 1 OF TWO RIFLES

The first is a 1964 Remington 600 Commemorative 6mm 222 rifle which celebrated 100 years of Montana being a territory and 75 years of Montana being a state. It was used sparingly when initially purchased but has not been used since. It has been well cared for and is in excellent condition, and the scope was mounted later. The estimated value is \$1000-\$1200. The generous donor of this gun wishes to remain anonymous.

The second rifle is a Savage model 99, a 243 caliber with a Horizon 4X32 scope.

Tickets are \$50 each. Only 250 tickets will be sold, giving you great odds of winning! Money raised will help WaterWorks Art Museum with kids' classes and exhibits. Thank you for your support!

To purchase your tickets, contact WAM at (406) 234-0635 or stop in at the Miles City Chamber of Commerce office located at 511 Pleasant.



## SILVERSMITHING WORKSHOP

with Sweet Pea Custom Silver's Megan Anderson

**Take home a statement ring you've made yourself!**

Learn how to make sterling silver stacking rings, practice soldering techniques, build a bezel on a ring, and set a stone in it. All materials are provided. You may bring a stone of your own or choose from stones included in the price.



**Saturday, May 28, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Participants: 6                      Age 14+

Cost: Members & Non-Members - \$200



## SKETCHING IN PENCIL AND PAINT

with Debra Keirce and Maria Bennett Hock

**No matter what medium you work in, it is important to recognize value shapes.** Deb Keirce will teach you how to recognize and draw a likeness from a photo, AND Maria will teach alla prima portraiture from a photo reference. This way of painting uses techniques that apply thick opaque brush strokes directly.

**Saturday June 11, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Cost: Members & Non-Members - \$95

This lecture packs in a ton of valuable information about GOLDEN Acrylic Paints, Gels, Mediums, and Grounds and how they can be used to feed your creativity. **Attendees leave with an array of free products, literature, and enthusiasm to explore the extensive potential of acrylic painting!**

## GOLDEN Lecture & Painting Demo

Monday, June 27, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

with GOLDEN Working Artist Nancy Seiler

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
OPEN  
STUDIO**

**5:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

We encourage artists, WAM students, and members to use our studio spaces to work on their own projects and commune with other creatives!

CLAY STUDIO:  
\$60/\$75 per year

GENERAL SPACE:  
\$50/\$75 per year

# KIDS CREATE SUMMER 2022

Call WAM at (406) 234-0635 to register



## JUNE 1 & 2: HEAT IT UP! SUMMER KICK-OFF (1:00-3:30PM)

We'll explore different ways melted crayons, wax, and other materials can be used to make art

Members \$30 | Non-Members \$40

## JUNE 6: PET PORTRAITS (1:00-3:30PM)

Bring a photo of your pet or choose your favorite animal to transform into colorful wall art

Members \$15 | Non-Members \$25

## JUNE 16 & 17: PAPIER! AT THE DISCO (1:00-3:30PM)

Create a funky disco ball using old CDs and papier mâché

Members \$30 | Non-Members \$40

## JUNE 21 & 22: FUN WITH FRIDA (1:00-3:30PM)

Learn about portrait artist Frida Kahlo and create your own colorful mixed-media Frida-inspired portraits

Members \$35 | Non-Members \$45

## JUNE 28, 29, 30: MINI LOG CABIN (1:00-3:30PM)

We'll use finds from nature and the mystery tchotchke bin to construct cozy mini log cabins

Members \$50 | Non-Members \$60

## JULY 6 & 7: TIE-DYE AND ICE (1:00-3:30PM)

Jazz up white shirts, scarves, & totes, or upcycle old stained clothing with various dyeing methods

Members \$50 | Non-Members \$60

## JULY 13 & 14: PRINTING TECHNIQUES (1:00-3:30PM)

Learn centuries- old printing techniques, many of which can be done with simple household items

Members \$40 | Non-Members \$50

## JULY 19 & 20: CLAY PROJECTS (1:00-3:30PM)

Sculpey, airdry, & more! We'll sculpt beads, bowls and other creations with various clays and materials

Members \$50 | Non-Members \$60

## JULY 21: STOMP ROCKETS (1:00-3:30PM)

We'll create air-powered rockets and test their flying and height capacity outside!

Members \$15 | Non-Members \$25

## JULY 26 & 27 : PAPIER MACHE MONSTERS (1:00-3:30PM)

We'll look at monsters through history before using recycled materials. & papier mache to create our own

Members \$40 | Non-Members \$50

## JULY 28: NO-HAND PAINTING (1:00-3:30PM)

Relays & races, BUT: no hands & lots of paint!

Members \$15 | Non-Members \$25

## AUGUST 9: SHOOT & PAINT (1:00-3:30PM)

Create masterpieces by painting with water guns

Members \$15 | Non-Members \$25

## AUGUST 16: QUIRKY CORK CHARACTERS (1:00-3:30PM)

Superheroes, animals, famous figures, and more, we'll create kinetic wine cork characters

Members \$15 | Non-Members \$25

**ALL CAMP CLASSES ARE AGES 8-18**

