

WATERWORKS

Exhibits-Memberships-Outreach-Workshops

The 48th annual
Art Auction
& Harvest Gala



Looks Cold Out Here, Mike Caskey, pastel

NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

A Message from the
Executive Director &
Board President

Previously at the WAM:
Art of the Motorcycle, Art
Auction Exhibition,
summer camp, and more

Upcoming Exhibits and
Events: The 48th Annual
Art Auction and The
Odyssey of Thomas F.
Meagher

Workshops for Adults
and Children

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A Note

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Members of the WAM Community,

With just three exhibitions left in 2023, I'm very proud to be sharing what our team has accomplished here at the museum in the last few months!

In June, we proudly exhibited *The Art of the Motorcycle* as we invited to WAM new friends and patrons from the local chapter of the Tenacious Dames motorcycle riding club. We were also fortunate enough to have our local B.A.S.T.A.R.D.S. motorcycle club do a fantastic poker run fundraiser that raised over \$1000 for our summer and fall youth education programming!

In addition to a series of stunning exhibitions, our new Education Director Rachelle Weyerbacher hit the ground running in early June with a series of Kids Create summer camp classes that have yielded great art and many young smiles. In addition to visiting Montana's rural schools, Rachelle is offering some Friday classes for kids in our local public schools who are in a 4-day school week this year.

We now find ourselves in the midst of the Art Auction season which always carries with it bountiful generosity from our artists, board members, staff, and you, our dedicated museum community. We hope you'll join us for an evening filled with live music, delicious food, great company, and, above all, fantastic artwork.

With 2024 just around the corner, we're excited to be preparing new ways to bring the arts to you whether you live here in Miles City or across the globe and everywhere in between!

Artistically Yours,
 Jenn Hall Tooke

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CUSTER COUNTY ART CENTER FOUNDATION

The Custer County Art Center Foundation, Inc. was established in 1986, with the goal of providing financial support to WaterWorks Art Museum. WAM usually requests support annually. The amount the Foundation has been able to give has increased as its assets have increased, and is currently at \$22,000.00. The Foundation accumulates assets through memberships, donations, gifts, bequests, memorials, etc. Foundation members and directors meet twice yearly. A Treasurer's report is available upon request.

The Foundation appreciates financial support from its members, WAM members and the general public, as this ultimately benefits WaterWorks Art Museum. Anyone who has served, or is currently serving on the WAM Board or who has a record of outstanding service to WAM is welcome to apply for membership in the Foundation. For more information, please leave a message at WAM, and one of the Directors will contact you.

Members of the Foundation are Jean Lindley, Kathy Schlepp, Linda Wiedeman, Mark Browning, Caren Coffee, Suzanne Hackett-Morgan, Patti LeCraft, Mike Stevenson, and Syd Sonneborn.

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*



WAM is always accepting of donations in the form of art supplies, but we are also grateful for monetary donations in any amount to support our education programs!

PREVIOUSLY AT WAM



TOP: WAM celebrated the 10th anniversary of Montana's Tenacious Dames riding club at our Art of the Motorcycle exhibition opening.

MIDDLE: Steve Muggli generously loaned his 1929 Indian motorcycle for viewing during the Art of the Motorcycle.

BOTTOM: The B.A.S.T.A.R.D.S. riding club held a poker run that raised over \$1000 for our kids' educational programs!

Art of the Motorcycle & the 48th Annual Art Auction Exhibition

In addition to a fantastic Art of the Motorcycle Exhibition, WaterWorks held the opening reception for the 48th Annual Art Exhibition on August 19th with over 70 attendees who enjoyed a first look at the work that will be auctioned during our Art Auction Harvest Gala on Saturday, September 30th.



PEOPLE'S CHOICE

KEELY PERKINS
White Buffalo (left)

HONORABLE MENTION:
LANCE JOHNSON
Calm Before the Storm (lower right)

HONORABLE MENTION:
KATHY DAVIES
Big Sky Sunset (lower left)



BELOW: A very well-attended Art Auction opening reception had viewers commenting on an exceptional collection of work.



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Summer at Waterworks!

Miles City spent the summer getting creative at WAM



1. Students in our Sun Painting class enjoyed experimenting with different materials on UV sensitive paper
2. In Printmaking Techniques, students explored relief printing and monotypes.
3. Jellyfish lights was one of our most popular classes in which the kids used paper mache and real string lights!
4. WAM traveled to Ekalaka with a fossil sculpting and painting class for their Annual Dino Shindig
5. Proud Kids Create students showed off their work at WAM and in the county fair!
6. WAM visited the Miles City Public library for a week of mosaic fun!

IN ALL, WAM HOSTED OVER 34 DAYS OF KIDS CREATE SUMMER CAMPS!

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ART MUSEUM

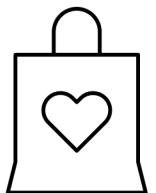
MUSEUM STORE

Support local artists! Everything in our museum store is made by artists that support WAM or exhibit in our gallery.

PLEASE NOTE: A 3% SERVICE FEE IS ADDED TO EACH CREDIT CARD SALE

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



WATERWORKS ART MUSEUM

The 48th annual

Art Auction Exhibition

Harvest Gala

September 30, 2023

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

TICKETS ARE \$20 AT THE DOOR
RSVP APPRECIATED BUT NOT REQUIRED

The WaterWorks Art Museum cordially invites you to join us for an evening of stunning art, music, a heavy hors d'oeuvres buffet, and cultural celebration!

Our auction features a diverse range of works from regional and national artists in various media including painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, and multi-media works. The proceeds from this event go towards supporting our arts education programs for rural students and underserved groups.

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SNEAK PEEK: AUCTION PIECES



Holly Cannon
Brutus
acrylic



Pam Little
On Higher Ground
digital painting



Mimi Grant
In the Breeze
oil



Mike Caskey
Waiting for Spring
oil

2023 AUCTION ARTISTS

MILES CITY, MT

- Karan Charles*
- Jerry Fischer*
- Marshall Haferkamp*
- Staci Ketchum
- C.A. Kimball*
- Jacob Klamm*
- Vida Landa*
- Keely Perkins*
- Travis Stinson*
- Jenn Hall Tooke*
- Carolyn Zimmerman*

BILLINGS, MT

- Mike Caskey*
- Kathy Davies*
- Jason Jam*
- Lance Johnson*
- Allen Knows His Gun
- Elyssa Leininger
- Sean McCotter*
- Dawn Ness*
- Greg Sullivan*
- James Vincent*

MONTANA

- Logan Claire Bloxham, Lewistown
- Sharon Borla, Forsyth*
- Lorri Coulter, Brusett*
- Chase DeForest, Livingston*
- Therese Ely, Kalispell*
- Mimi Grant, Great Falls*
- Shayla Hagen, Ashland*
- Pam Little, Hamilton*
- Alan McNeil, Troy
- Judy Michael, Malta
- Tom Mostad, Helena
- Sherry Oster, Montana City
- Gregory Wilhelmi, Roundup
- Tomi Simenson, Chinook
- Dana Zier, Bridger*
- Liz Chappie Zoller, Three Forks

OUT OF STATE

- Holly Cannon, Palm City, FL*
- Daphne Clark, Williston, ND
- Glenn Hoopman, Grapeview, WA
- Debra Keirce, Broadlands, VA*
- Fairy Todd, Gillette WY
- Sue Wall, New York, NY*
- Mary Quintas, New Salem, ND
- Marina Zavalova, Idaho Falls, ID*

*Special thanks to the artists donating 100% of their live or silent auction artwork

2023 AUCTIONEER: ZANE KITTLEMAN



UPCOMING EXHIBITS & EVENTS



AUG. 19 - SEPT. 30

48TH ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION



OCT. 6 - NOV. 9

THE ODYSSEY OF MONTANA'S THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER



NOV. 18 - DEC. 29

HOLIDAY EXHIBITION

THE ODYSSEY OF MONTANA'S THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER

By Stephen Glueckert and Sponsored by the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula and the Montana Art Gallery Director's Association

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:

His birth and privileged upbringing in Waterford City, Ireland in 1823. His leadership in the Young Irelander Rebellion of 1848. His imprisonment in Van Diemen's land and escape to the United States in 1852. As a commander on the bloody battlefields of the American Civil War. And finally, his mysterious and tragic death at Fort Benton, MT in the churning waters of the Missouri River in 1867.

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.



Wheel THROWING

Beginners welcome!

THURSDAYS SEPT. 21 - OCT. 26

5:30pm - 8:00pm

Call (406) 234-0635 to register 📞



This 6 week class is especially designed to include those who have never used the wheel or who are working on basic skills. The course includes wedging, centering clay, throwing basic bowl, plate, and cylinder forms, finishing, handles and glazing. No previous experience required and beginning potters receive substantial individual attention.

Members: \$150

Non-Members: \$175

Silversmithing SPINNER RING

Taught by Meagan Anderson of Sweet Pea Custom Silver

SATURDAY OCTOBER 7

Morning Session: 10am - 1:30pm

Afternoon Session: 2pm - 4:30pm

Call (406) 234-0635 to register 📞



In this 2.5 hour session, you will be introduced to the basics of working with silver in both hot and cooled states. Get familiar with smithing tools and techniques as you learn basic silversmithing skills hands-on using a small jeweler's torch and specialty tools provided. After this class, you will be able to take home your very own silver spinner ring made entirely by you!

Members: \$150

Non-Members: \$175

Halloween-themed STAINED GLASS

Beginners welcome!

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14 & 21

10am - 2pm

Call (406) 234-0635 to register 📞



Learn how to master essential tools, cut glass safely, follow and create patterns, copper foil, grind glass shapes, solder, and more! This class is perfect for beginners and experienced students alike! By the end, not only will you have amazing stained glass pieces to display in your home, but also the skills to begin creating stained glass on your own.

Members: \$125

Non-Members: \$150

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:	GENERAL SPACE:
\$60/\$75 per year	\$50/\$75 per year
(member/non-member)	

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!



Youth outreach is funded in part by the Montana Arts Council, an agency of the State Government; and by the National Endowment for the Arts.

WAM is also funded in part by coal severance taxes paid based upon coal mined in Montana and deposited in Montana's cultural and aesthetic projects trust fund.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND EXHIBITS:

SEPT. 30 **48th Annual Art Auction**
Social at 5pm, bidding begins at 6pm

OCT. 6 - **The Odyssey of Montana's**
NOV. 9 **Thomas Francis Meagher by**
 Stephen Glueckert

NOV. 17 - **Holiday Exhibition**
DEC. 28

WINTER HOURS

Oct. 1st - April 30th
Tue. - Sat. 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

SUMMER HOURS

May 1st - Sept. 30th
Tue. - Sat. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm



September Storm, Elyssa Leininger, oil

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