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ART MUSEUM

JURIED EXHIBITION IS HERE!

42nd Juried Exhibition

Unbridled

Happiness

January 29, 2021

Friday, 4-7PM

through March 4

Thank you
for sponsoring
the Juried Show!



**William & Lorene
Nefsy Foundation**

The year 2021 brings us a new year, and with that, a new Juried exhibit. This year WAM's 42nd Annual Juried exhibit is titled "Unbridled Happiness." Artists will bring many media and subjects into the WAM gallery. Cash awards and the Director's Choice award will be part of the opening reception. Thanks to Stockman Bank and the Nefsy Foundation, after this exhibit concludes, 20-25 pieces

will be selected to be part of our traveling exhibition that journeys throughout eastern Montana for a year. This exhibit will open Friday, January 29, from 4-7 pm. The show will be in the gallery through March 7. Different people have different perspectives of what happiness is. This exhibit will lead viewers into conversations about what each artist is conveying through

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2021

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WAM VOLUNTEERS

WaterWorks Art Museum would not be what it is to the community without the wonderful volunteer base and Board of Directors that we have. Several of our volunteers work with us through the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program while others do so on an individual basis.

We send our sincere thanks to our volunteers:

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We would like to thank everyone who donates items and brings food to our exhibit receptions and events.

If you are interested in volunteering at the museum, call us at (406) 234-0635.

*H*appy New Year, WAM supporters!

January brings us hope of what 2021 will offer. We had many lows last year. All fundraisers were canceled except for the Art Auction, causing financial strains to the budget. The Benefit dinner, Quick Draw, Brunch, a concert by famed pianist George Winston, and many schools and summer art classes were canceled or scaled back with limited attendance.

There were also some highs! Thanks to Government help (both state and federal), members, donors, and artists, WAM was able to keep the doors open! The Art Auction was moved outside in the park, and attendance was strong. Feedback was positive, and everyone enjoyed the evening, the art, and the auctioneer.

2021 has a great lineup of exhibits waiting to be showcased in the gallery. *Unbridled Happiness* starts the year, followed by *Miniatures & Jerry David Cornelia's* duo exhibition. Also, in March, we will be holding our annual dinner. The theme will be the same as last year. Information will be sent out closer to the date.

WAM is hopeful that the Miles City Bucking Horse Sale will be held. The gallery will feature *Andy Watson*, who is the official photographer of the Professional Bull Riders Association. There will also be the *Student Juried Show* in gallery B. During the Bucking Horse Sale, we have hopes of holding the Quick Draw and Brunch.

We are hopeful that summer bring kids and adult classes to the museum. Summer also will bring another duo exhibit featuring *Tracy Linder & Veterans* (a tribute to the armed forces). We invite veterans or artists who paint or sculpt about the armed forces to join this exhibition. We close out summer with our Annual Art Auction in September. October will feature a *Quilt show*. The *Quilt show* only happens every three years, and we are excited that this is that year. And, finally, our *Holiday Show, Art Squared, and Art Redoux* will close out 2021. Please check out our website, Facebook page, and emails for updates and information.

Dixie Rieger, Executive Director

CUSTER COUNTY ART CENTER FOUNDATION

The Custer County Art Center Foundation, Inc. was established in 1986. Its mission is to provide financial support to WaterWorks Art Museum. The annual contribution has gradually increased as assets have increased, and is now at \$22,000.00. The Foundation accumulates assets through memberships, donations, gifts, bequests, and memorials.

Membership in the Foundation is being sought. The rather restrictive requirements to become a member have been removed, and now 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. Please contact any Foundation member for more information, or leave a message with any of our WAM staff.

As of August 11, 2020, the Foundation's assets were approximately \$767,000.00. Because of the financial fallout due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Foundation assets lost value after March, 2020, but have been increasing again in the past couple of months.

WAM was suffering severe financial distress earlier this year and the Foundation was able to help out with an emergency \$16,000.00 contribution in April, 2020.

The Foundation appreciates financial support from its members and the general public, as this ultimately benefits WaterWorks Art Museum. Please consider a donation today!

Jean Lindley, Chair

Buy a Brick Fundraiser

WaterWorks has been working on the Brick Repointing Project. The estimate for the project is \$30-\$35,000. WAM has qualified for the Revitalizing Montana's Rural Heritage Grant that will cover \$21,000. WAM needs to raise \$12,000. So far ticket sales have raised \$8,000. If we sell 400 more bricks, the project can begin! For each brick you buy, we will put your name in a drawing for some one of a kind items!! The drawing will be held the night of the Benefit Dinner, Saturday March 13.

1 brick: \$10
3 bricks: \$25

Have a chance to win original works of art!!



WAM has some donation requests. We can still use extra lights in the gallery, supplies for our Kids classes, spigots, repairs on the Raku kiln, pottery wheels, and silverware, specifically forks and spoons.

If you want to help, make a notation on your check that it is a donation for the workshop, gallery lights, or bricks. You can also donate through our website, www.wtrworks.org. We appreciate all contributions, and we thank you in advance.

MUSEUM STORE

The museum store has Gene Larson prints, ornaments you can display all year long, pottery, books, WAM engraved items, jewelry, leather, woodcarvings, walking sticks, cards, and so much more. Let us help you pick a perfect gift for any and all occasions. These sales not only help our museum but also help the artisans that make them.

2021 MEMBERSHIP

Annual Membership

WATERWORKS



ART MUSEUM

- Student (12-21yrs) \$20 Individual \$40
- Senior (65 & over) \$30 Family \$60

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WISH LIST

Gallery lights



Spigots



Metal Spoons & Forks



Raku Kiln



Electric pottery wheel



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Free Admission
- Discounted Classes
- Museum Store Discounts
- Invitations to Special Events
- Newsletters
- Voting Privileges

PREVIOUSLY

AT

WAM



photo by Darryl Mendoza

Keely Perkins
Art Auction Quick Finish Piece



photo by Darryl Mendoza



photo by Bonny Beth L Olson



photo by Wanda Ayers



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45TH ANNUAL ART AUCTION

Our 45th Annual Art Auction was held on September 26 at Hilleman Park outside the museum. Attendance was good, and Terry Moe from Badlands Auction & Appraisal kept everyone engaged and bidding with his banter throughout the evening. The highest bid was \$1000 for Jacob Klamm's welded steel *Beetle Juice chairs*. Second place high bid was Bonny Beth Olson's *Mr. Blue*, which sold for \$920. Keely Perkins delighted everyone with her quick finish piece. The Taco Truck and Road Runner Catering prepared the food.

NOT JUNK & WHO'S IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Not Junk & Who's in the Neighborhood followed the auction, and both exhibits were extremely popular. It was amazing to see what the artists repurposed and designed to become beautiful works of art. Many Miles City artists exhibited their work, with a few participating for the first time. We are always in awe of our local talent.

ART ON WEIRD THINGS, POTTERY, & HOLIDAY SALE

Closing out the year was another hit exhibition with *Art on Weird Things*. Artists were invited to use unusual items for their canvas, and they did not disappoint. Many different media and artist creativity left everyone enchanted and amazed. The gallery was also filled with pottery and holiday gifts to purchase for Christmas. Many items found new homes, and we are confident they made unique presents.

◀ Board Members Wanted ▶

WaterWorks Art Museum would love to add a few board members. If you believe in the mission and want to volunteer in your community art center, we have a spot for you. WAM is looking for those who are able and willing to serve on the board of directors. The board meets once a month and helps with exhibits and events. If you have a few hours to spare, we would love to hear from you. Please send a letter of interest explaining why you want to become a board member. You can send it to ccartcdirector@midrivers.com or mail it to Executive Director 85 Waterplant Road, Miles City, Montana 59301.

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IDEAS INTO
REALITY

Come join the
WaterWorks
team!



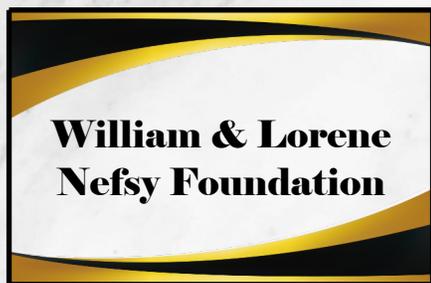
**Come see the
Juried Exhibition!**

**Opening Day January 29
through March 4**

WAM appreciates
your generous
contributions. Thank
you again for your
thoughtfulness,
generosity, and
continued support.



Stockman Bank



CURRENT EXHIBIT

42nd Juried Exhibition

Unbridled @ Happiness

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their art. All different types of art media, subject matter, and techniques are in this exhibition. Twenty-seven artists from across the United States will join together in the WAM galleries. Artists from California to New York and many states in between are graciously sending us their artwork to enjoy. Encaustics, oil, beeswax, photography, acrylic, watercolor, oil, ink drawing, collage, soft pastel, photogram, gunpowder, and mixed media will keep everyone intrigued. The juror for this show is Karan Charles. Karan lives in Miles City and often exhibits at the museum. We anxiously wait for her to view this exhibit and select each winner.



Juror -Karan Charles

Karan Charles was born and raised in Miles City, Montana, and has been painting for most of her adult life. She combines studio and plein air sessions to create images that explore the effects of light and color in scenes depicting landscapes, old buildings, wildlife, flowers, and dramatic sunrises, sunsets, and cloud formations. A self-taught artist whose work has been influenced by workshops with artists like Bernadine Fox, Jack Hines, Jessica Zemsky, Elliot Eaton, Marilyn Beth Hughes, Carol Navotne, and Mike Casper, Karan is a member of the Montana Watercolor Society whose work has been featured in numerous one-person and competitive shows. She regularly paints in the Miles City Bucking Horse Sale Quick Draw event, and donates and sells original artwork at fundraising banquets for organizations like Ducks Unlimited, Wild Turkey Federation, Pheasants Forever, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and the Miles Community College Rodeo Association.

"Because I have participated in numerous juried art shows over the past three decades, I understand and appreciate the challenges the artists face when submitting work in these competitions. I am honored and humbled to have been selected as judge for the 2021 Waterworks Juried Art Show, and excited to see the diversity and talent displayed by all the participating artists."

Participating Artists

Local Artists:

Lorna Days

Staci Ketchum

Catherine Kimball

Vida Landa

Linda Parks

Sharon Smith

Stan Wheeler

Bob Zadow

Carolyn Zimmerman

Area Artists:

Sharon Borla, Forsyth

Gavin Herzog, Bozeman

Pam Little, Hamilton

Kate Settle-Ruland, Broadus

Sheryl Silberman, Missoula

Regional & National Artists:

Dmitry Grudsky, Newark, CA

Leslie Ann Hauer, West Richland, WA

Carol Lucas, Story, WY

Tiantian Ma, Elmhurst, NY

Corinne McAuley, Surprise, AZ

Paul M Murray, Jamestown, RI

Brian Paulsen, Grand Forks, ND

Regina Quinn, Gilboa, NY

Julie Schnatz Rybeck, South

Glastonbury, CT

Sarah Shreves, San Diego, CA

Tobi Abrams, Arlington Heights, IL

Dixie Wilson, Queen Creek, AZ

Marina Zavalova, Idaho Falls ID



UPCOMING EXHIBITS & EVENTS

Don't Miss!

*Duo Exhibition
Miniatures
Teeny Tiny Talent*

*& featured artist
Jerry David
Cornelia*

*Opening Reception
March 12
through
April 15*

*Benefit Dinner
Mad Hatter Gala*

*Saturday
March 13*



Miniatures *Teeny Tiny Talent* is one of our anticipated exhibits that occurs every other year. WAM provides magnifying glasses so that no details of these small works of art will be overlooked. Artists participate from across the United States.

Jerry David Cornelia is a Sidney, Montana resident. Jerry is well known for his whimsical take on people and animals and paintings that tell fragments of stories, keeping the viewers wanting more. Jerry has artwork in the WAM permanent collection, and visitors comment on how much they love his art. We are sure these two shows will bring rave reviews.

Benefit Dinner **Mad Hatter Gala**

Saturday, March 13

The benefit dinner for 2020 was canceled, so we decided to keep the theme Mad Hatter Gala the same for this year's feast. The menu will stay the same, and hopefully, we can all meet in person on March 13 at the Sleep Inn to dine together. More information will be posted on our Facebook page as we get closer to the date. We will let everyone know what the plans all entail. We will also draw names for prizes to those who purchased Brick Tickets.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING WAM

With our deepest gratitude, we thank everyone supporting WAM!

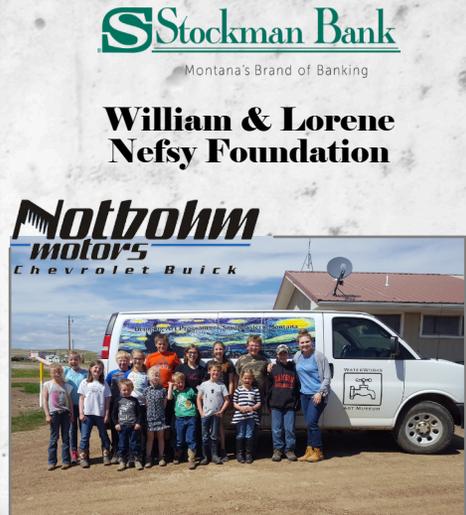
Stockman Bank and the Nefsy Foundation is sponsoring our annual Juried Exhibit that travels to eight counties for a year, showcasing the artists that entered this show.

Notbohm Motors help fund our outreach education program by providing a yearly stipend for expenses for this critical education outreach opportunity.

First Interstate Bank has sponsored our Annual Art Auction for many years. The Miles City Kiwanis, Miles City Star, KATL, KYUS, Star Printing, Chamber of Commerce, and MCII has also helped in many ways.

The LP&T Anderson foundation, the MT Community Foundation, the Nibs & Allen Foundation, the Ed and Jessica Stickney Foundation, the Montana Arts Council, and the Custer County Art Center Foundation donate yearly to make sure we remain viable and a go-to destination. Many others give their time and hard work that we appreciate so much.

WAM could not have made it through 2020 without your help. We thank Stockman Bank, the Nefsy Foundation, First Interstate Bank, First Interstate Bank Foundation, Notbohm Motors, Montana Arts Council, Allen Foundation, all members, artists, supporters, board members, and staff. We are grateful to the Montana Non-Profit Association for helping us find state and federal grants. You all helped keep our doors open, and we tip our hats to every one of you.



WINTER/SPRING KIDZ CLASSES

Hello Friends,

I hope you are excited to come out to the museum and start making more fun and exciting projects! The Paper Batik is a nice relaxing class, a good way to jump back into classes.

Plaster Carving will be a ton of fun!!! I can't wait to share my love of carving away plaster! We might even dive into watercolor as a surface coloring agent. It would be fun to explore those two mediums!

The Helpful Hive project will help students dive deep into their personal experiences and see how our community has come together to help one another. It's the perfect time to express how people in their lives have helped them through these crazy roller coaster days. And it's 3D, can't go wrong with 3D!

All the best,

Ms. BB

Bonny Beth L Olson

Education Director/Artist in Residence



February 20

Saturday | 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Instructor: Bonny Beth L Olson

Paper Batik

Students learn about the ancient art of batik and use crayons and tempera paint to make a paper version of the technique. It's messy so don't wear your favorite clothes! Aprons are provided.

Ages: 8+ | Limit: 5 | Members: \$10, Non-Members: \$15

March 27

Saturday | 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Instructor: Bonny Beth L Olson

Plaster Carving Wall Hanging

Here is a chance to participate in one of the most delicate fulfilling carving experiences in a traditional medium. Students will learn a new skill - the art of carving! They will create their own bas relief sculpture and have a better understanding of value, contrast, negative and positive space! We will look at patterns and styles of the Oceania wood carvings, African masks and sculpture carvings, and Malaysian wood carvings for inspiration!

Ages: 9+ | Limit: 5 | Members: \$20, Non-Members: \$35

April 10

Saturday | 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Instructor: Bonny Beth L Olson



Within the hive, honey bees each play a very important role. They all work together to make sure the hive is doing great! The same goes for us humans.

In our own communities, there are many different kinds of workers, all important in the success of a happy life. In this class, students will use an array of different mediums. They will be asked to consider the people who provide services and necessities for them to create inside content of the three-dimensional hexagon cells that represent their respective contribution. Cells will be connected to create a honeycomb-shaped display. I'm very excited to see how students use their imaginations to create their own Helpful Hive piece!

Ages: 8+ | Limit: 5 | Members: \$10, Non-Members: \$15

WINTER/SPRING ADULT CLASSES

February 23

Tuesday | 12:30 - 2:00 pm

Instructor: Nancy Sieler

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Learn about GOLDEN Acrylic paint and medium in this fun demo...and get **free** samples! Join Working Artist Nancy Sieler on Zoom for this Virtual Acrylic Lecture/Demo in the comfort of your own home. This lecture packs in a ton of valuable information about acrylics, guiding listeners through the basics while opening up new possibilities.

Adults | Limit: 99 | FREE

March 26

Friday | 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Instructor: Bonny Beth L Olson

Learn how to photograph your artwork and other items. Bring a notebook and come have some fun learning how to produce good quality images and share them with the digital world! Any donations are greatly appreciated!



Adults | Limit: 12 | FREE

7 Week Class

March/April - Dates to be announced

Instructor: Lew Vadhiem

Stained Glass

The instructor will go over the beginning steps of stained glass with a sample project. If desired, students will then explore more detailed and elaborate designs. All tools and techniques will be covered on the first day. The instructor will help students create their designs and have a completed piece by the end of class. Tools and most materials provided. All skill levels are welcome.

Adults | Limit: 4 | Members: \$100, Non-Members: \$150

7 week Class

January 27

February 3, 10, 17, 24

March 3, 10

Wednesdays | 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Instructor: Jerry Fischer

Wheel Throwing

This class will be a combination of students at varying skill levels. The instructor will cover techniques such as centering clay, forming cylinders, bowls, and plate forms. Glazing and surface treatment will also be covered. A cube (25 lbs) of clay is included with the class. More clay is available for purchase for an additional cost. A shelf and tools are provided.

Adults | Limit: 4 | Members: \$100, Non-Members: \$150



— Open Studio —

By appointment only. Please call ahead. Thank you.



2D Room & Ceramics Open Studio Wednesdays | 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Both studios are open to the public during this specified time in the week. No prepared instruction will be provided by the education director. Rather, this is a time for artists or participants who are taking classes at the WAM to continue learning and creating on their own while using the excellent studio space provided by the WAM.

Use of the WAM studio facilities and supplies are free to the public; however, the ceramic studio requires a fee. For more information about studio spaces and all other questions, please contact our Education Director, Bonny Beth L Olson.

UPCOMING EVENTS & EXHIBITS:

MARCH 12 *MINIATURES & JERRY DAVID CORNELIA*
Opening Reception
Friday, 4—7PM

MARCH 13 *BENEFIT DINNER*
MAD HATTER GALA
Saturday, 4—7PM

WINTER HOURS

OCTOBER, 1ST – APRIL 31ST
TUE. - SAT. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

SUMMER HOURS

MAY, 1ST – SEPTEMBER 30TH
TUE. - SAT. 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM



Fall 2020 Outreach Visit — Glazing outside!

Partial support for WaterWorks Art Museum comes from Montana Arts Council, Montana Cultural Trust, and National Endowment for the Arts.



**MONTANA
CULTURAL
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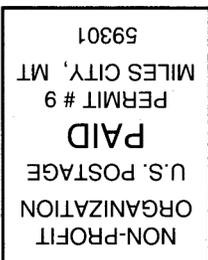


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