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Last Saturday In September!

Thank you to our Art Auction Sponsors: First Interstate Bank, Kiwanis Club of Miles City

WaterWorks Art Museum is proud to present the 46th annual Art Auction on September 25. First Interstate Bank sponsors this yearly fundraiser, and Kiwanis Miles City is helping with catalog costs. WAM is very excited about this exhibit. The auction will be held at WaterWorks Art Museum, which is located at 85 Waterplant Road. The Bison Bar no-host social starts at 5:00 pm, and the auction will begin at 6. Terry Moe, with Badlands Auction and Appraisal from Williston ND, will be handling the auctioneering duties. The silent auction items will close during the last 15 minutes of the sale. Each section will close five minutes apart, giving bidders time to put last-minute bids on the art. Fifty-six artists are supporting WAM by donating 35%, 50%, or 100% of the winning bid. Keely Perkins from Miles City and Lance Johnson, Elyssa Leininger, and Dawn Ness of Billings will be completing a quick finish piece starting at about five pm.

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— *Education Director*
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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:

Barb Albers
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Travis Stinson

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.

Newsletter Editing & Design by Bonny Beth L Olson

NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Summer is starting to wind down, and fall will soon be upon us. We are gearing up for our 46th Annual Art Auction sponsored by First Interstate Bank and Kiwanis Miles City. I hope you will put this event on your calendar, which will be held on September 25. This auction is a crucial fundraiser for our museum. If you cannot attend, please request an absentee bid sheet. The art is always excellent in both the silent and live auctions. We hope you invite many friends and family for this fun evening.

After the auction, the next exhibit will be *Quilted Wonders*. The opening reception for this show will be held Saturday, October 9, from 1-4 pm. The exhibit will run through November 11.

The last exhibit of the season is *Art Squared, Art Redoux, and Holiday small-size sale*. This exhibition includes various items during the Holiday season, allowing visitors to buy a unique Christmas gift. *Art Redoux* will enable you to donate a previously purchased piece of art that we will re-sell. In addition, there will be an assortment of gift-giving, one-of-a-kind items specially made to help fill your Christmas gift list. Plan to buy your Christmas presents at this time, because everyone loves a unique gift, and WAM would love to help you find that present for that special someone.

The Juried Exhibit opens in late January 2022. This exhibit has the theme *Color Your Dreams*. Anything goes, so let your imagination go wild. We have all had vivid dreams, wild dreams, calm dreams, dreams about life, etc. You will be able to find the prospectus on our website at www.wtrworks.org at a later date. If there are questions about the entry form, contact WAM to help you through the process. There will be monetary awards handed out. The entry deadline is early in December. If you are an artist or know of an artist who would like to participate in any upcoming exhibitions, don't hesitate to contact WAM.

Thank you for being supportive and helpful when needed and asked. I look forward to next year and hope everyone supports WAM's exhibits, events, classes, and needs, in the upcoming year.

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. Your contribution is a great way to memorialize a family member, friend, coworker, or someone else who means a lot, especially if that person was a supporter of WAM.

Assets are managed by Stockman Wealth Management. Foundation members and directors meet at least twice yearly to review how investments are performing.

Jean Lindley,
Chair

Donation Needs

If you are in the giving mood, WAM has some donation requests. We can still use extra lights in the gallery and supplies for our Kid's classes. If you want to help, you can send a check to 85 Waterplant Road or donate from our website, www.wtrworks.org. We appreciate all your contributions, and we thank you in advance.

Gallery lights

Spigots

Thank you!

Jake Klamm took down the old dangerous awnings and replaced them with his own design! You're welding and craftsmanship is impeccable!

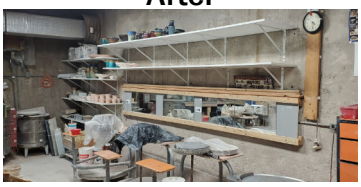
Before

After

Travis Stinson donated/installed a new hot water heater for the ceramic studio! As well as new shelving!

Before

After



Raku Kiln

Electric pottery wheel

Museum Store

Everything in our museum store is from artists that have exhibited in or support our gallery. We have T-shirts and Totes, and magnets that have our logo on them so that you can leave with a souvenir from one of the most incredible places in Miles City. In addition, there are cards, jewelry, pottery, glass, beads, wood, books, ornaments, and so much more. There is something to fit your need, no matter what the occasion. It has never been easier to find that special someone a unique gift. See what is in STORE for you at the museum store.

2021 Membership

Annual Membership

WATERWORKS ART MUSEUM

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

Want to give more?
Become a donating member by choosing a level below:

☐ Business	$100-$499	☐ Gold	$1000-$4999
☐ Silver	$500-$999	☐ Platinum	$5000 & up

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*Visit us at www.wtrworks.org to purchase your membership, donate, or learn more about future exhibits, classes and events!

Membership Benefits

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

Previously at WAM

photo by Bonny Beth L Olson

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photo by Dixie Rieger

photo by Wanda Ayers

Western Art Roundup & 2nd Student Juried Exhibitions

The Western Art Roundup exhibit opening held on April 23 brought PBR photographer Andy Watson to the gallery. Andy has been the official photographer for the PBR for 23 years. His shots were from various sites, including one aboard an aircraft carrier in Texas. His photography was crowd-pleasing, and the theme was perfect to lead into the Bucking Horse Sale.

2nd Student Juried Exhibit

The 2nd Student Juried Exhibit was also held at this time. Again, many students took part in this show, and the talent was excellent. The Juror, Ariel Grosfield was very impressed with all the student's work and had a hard time selecting winners. The works submitted were so creative, different and well thought out. We also appreciate Kiwanis and MCi2 for helping fund this student event.

Quick Draw, Sunday Brunch, & Pottery Sale

Mid-May brought visitors to town for the Bucking Horse Sale. These visitors came from many states for the event. The WAM Quick Draw in the park was well attended. The Sunday Brunch attracted many, and everyone enjoyed the pottery sale as well.

Tracy Linder & Veterans Exhibitions

Skin and Bones

The opening for Tracy Linder's *Skin and Bones* opened on June 11. This installation was crafted from many fabrics of the earth. Tracy uses cotton paper, leather resin, wild and domestic seeds, grasses, animal bones, beeswax coated objects, and crops intertwined into sculptures creating an elemental excavation of the land in Montana. Linder's artwork is an extension of living a life close to the ground. Through her work, she used a wide array of materials to explore the vulnerability and strength of her subjects, including animal collagen. Her life-sized bronze calves were stunning, and the exhibition was well received. If you did not get a chance to view her work, please find out where her next show is and go to it. It will be worth the trip

.Salute to Veterans

In conjunction with Tracy Linder's exhibit, WAM also held a *Salute to Veterans*. This show included memorabilia from veterans of some of the different branches of the military. Military uniforms, cards & letters, posters, pictures, medals, and more brought many military memories alive. We were honored to showcase some of these treasured memories that explained many of the events that occurred over many decades.

Volunteer Appreciation BBQ

July 14, 2021

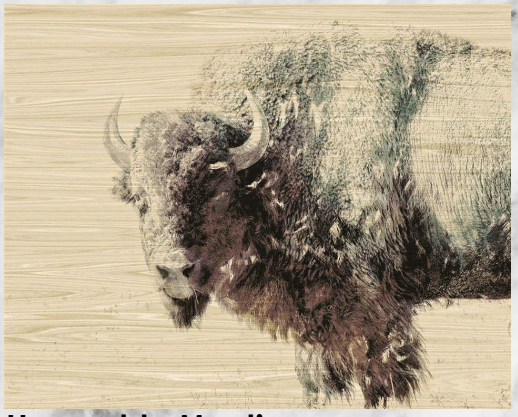
This year, our volunteer's BBQ was held on July 14 to show our appreciation to those who share their time and talents over the year. Many that come in once a week are signed up through RSVP. RSVP is the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program). They are always looking for new volunteers, so please consider signing up. Others help with various events and projects that take more bodies than our board and employees can provide. We thank everyone who has supported us throughout this last year. There are more than I can name. We have some excellent baked goods at our openings because of the many who step forward when asked. Photographers have volunteered to take pictures of events, which we use for publicity, your enjoyment, and grants. Our museum store is kept attractive and organized because of these helpers. Plants get watered, the permanent collection is cataloged, the building and grounds are kept up, events are held, visitors are welcomed, the artwork is packaged and shipped, and kids' classes have extra eyes and hands because you care enough to assist with our needs. The list goes on and on. Our day-to-day activities rely on those that continue to step forward when approached. Our hats are off to all of you.

Thank you for all your help!

People's Choice

Voting took place August 6th through August 20th Congratulations!

People's Choice
Elyssa Leininger,
November Air,
oil, 24"x24"



Honorable Mention
Greg Sullivan,
Bishee Spirit Buffalo,
print on wood, 16"x2" L22

Honorable Mention
Keely Perkins
Finding Peace in the Cosmos,
oil on board, 16" x20", L32

Current Exhibit

46th Annual Art Auction

August 6 through September 25

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WAM feels blessed that artists locally, regionally, and nationally show their support by participating in this fundraiser. These artists continue to be huge supporters of WAM, and many are donating 100% to this auction.

Proceeds help fund our Outreach Education Program that takes our van *The Van-Go* throughout 13 counties to the region's one-room schools, home school groups, elementary and secondary schools. WAM holds classes on-site for the Rocks after-school program, 4-H groups, and Scouting troops. We have also conducted education for preschools in the area.

WAM has both returning artists and new artists that want to be a part of this exciting event while supporting our mission. WAM funds all exhibits and programs through memberships, donations, fundraisers, and grants. Most people do not realize that a WAM membership is very reasonable, and members can receive discounts for classes, gift store purchases, and free entry into the gallery. Did you know that you can become a member for only $40 a year, and a family membership costs only $60? We thank all members as this money has a significant effect on WAM's success. It is easy to sign up or donate on our website.

This auction offers an exciting array of media. WAM will release more information about the Art Auction as the event nears. We invite you to view this exhibit, find that perfect piece, and then attend the auction on September 25; to make sure it goes home with you. We encourage the public to bring their friends, family, and relatives to join us for our 46th Annual Art Auction. We hope everyone purchases that perfect piece of art, which in turn supports the WaterWorks Art Museum and artists across the region. Remember, with absentee bid forms, you can still be a part of this auction no matter where you live. Call or email the museum or go to the website, www.wtrworks.org, for more information about the absentee bid forms and other information about exhibits or the auction itself. Call (406) 234-0635, like us on Facebook, or check out our website. WAM is handicap-accessible.

Participating Artists
46th Annual Art Auction

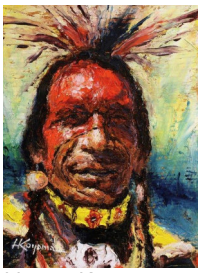
Local Artists:

Karan Charles
Jerry Fischer
Shannon Holmen
Staci Ketchum
C.A. Kimball
Jake Klamm
Vida Landa
Sherry Oster
Linda Parks
Keely Perkins
Sharon Smith
Travis Stinson
Erin Thormodsgard
Carolyn Zimmerman

Corinne McAuley,
MWhite Daisy's Garden,
glass, "14 x 14"
L40

Billings, MT Artists:

Mike Caskey
Kathy Davies
Lance Johnson
Harry Koyama
Elyssa Leininger
Karen McBride
Dawn Ness
Greg Sullivan
James Vincent
Dixie Wilson



Harry Koyama,
Montana Sioux,
oil, 8" x 6"
L30

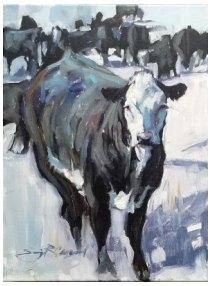
Montana Artists:

Sharon Borla – Forsyth
Dell Coldwell - Jordan
Lorri Coulter - Broadus
Therese Ely - Kalispell
Gaylene Fortner – Broadus
Shayla Hagen - Ashland
Connie Herberg - Shepard
Rex Luhman - Rosebud
Pam Little - Hamilton
Carmen Luna – Malta
Alan McNiel - Troy
Judy Michael – Malta
Kate Settle Ruland - Broadus
Sheryl Silberman - Missoula
Lana Smith - Broadus
Heather Snell - Poplar
Robert Spannring - Livingston
Bryan Tarter - Ashland
Jeff Walker - Fort Shaw
Gregory Wilhelmi – Roundup
Brenda Wolf - Great Falls

Mike Caskey,
Just Passing By,
oil, 14" x 18"
L27

Regional & National Artists:

Sonja Caywood - Dayton, WY
Daphne Clark - Williston, ND
Peter D'Ascoli - Minneapolis, MN
Cris Fulton - Bowman, ND
Bonnie Zahn Griffith - Meridian, ID
Susan Hedstrand – Rice, WA
Maria Bennett Hock – Cary, NC
Carol Lucas - Story, WY
Corinne McAuley – Surprise, AZ
Regina Quinn - Gilboa, NY
Marina Zavalova - Idaho Falls, ID



Sonja Caywood,
Winter Mama,
oil, 16" x12"
L42

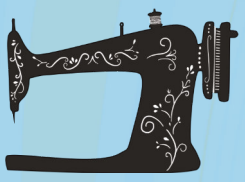
Jerry Fischer,
Sandstone,
pottery, 9.75" x 6" x 8", L56

Erin Thormodsgard,
Storm, mixed media,
13" x 20" x 6" , L02

Gaylene Fortner,
Home Tweet Home,
watercolor, 16" x 20" , L47

Bonnie Zahn Griffith,
South Fork January,
pastel, 23" x 29", L33

Upcoming Exhibits & Events



Quilted Wonders

October 9
through
November 11
Saturday, 1-4pm

Art Squared
6"x6" or 8"x8"
Art Redoux
Holiday small-size sale

November 19
through
December 31

Miles City Centennial Quilters
proudly presents
12th Festival of
Quilted Wonders
October 9 — November 11

Quilted Wonders will open on Saturday, October 9, from 1-4 pm. The quilt show is always highly anticipated throughout our community. Visitors love the variety, colors, and patterns used to create quilted masterpieces that always leave you in awe. The quilters in this exhibition are nothing short of amazing, so we look forward to what each of them has to offer. Quilted Wonders will run through November 11.

Art Squared, Art Redoux, Holiday small-size sale

November 19 — December 31

The last exhibit of the season is *Art Squared, Art Redoux, and Holiday small-size sale*. We welcome artists, Potters & Vendors to show off various items during the Holiday season, allowing visitors to buy a unique Christmas gift. If you need to make room in your house for new artwork, we will be holding an Art Redoux. You can donate a piece that will then be re-sold. There will be an assortment of gift-giving, one-of-a-kind items specially made to help fill your Christmas gift list. Plan to buy your Christmas presents at this time, because everyone loves a unique gift, and WAM would love to help you find that present for that special someone. Do you know friends or relatives that are not members? You could purchase a membership for the family or friend and give that as a present. We will write a note of thanks along with the membership card. As always, I encourage you to invite friends, relatives, and neighbors to visit the museum, enjoy the upcoming exhibits, check out the museum gift store, and take advantage of the classes we offer.

Thank you For Supporting WAM

With our deepest gratitude, we thank our sponsors.

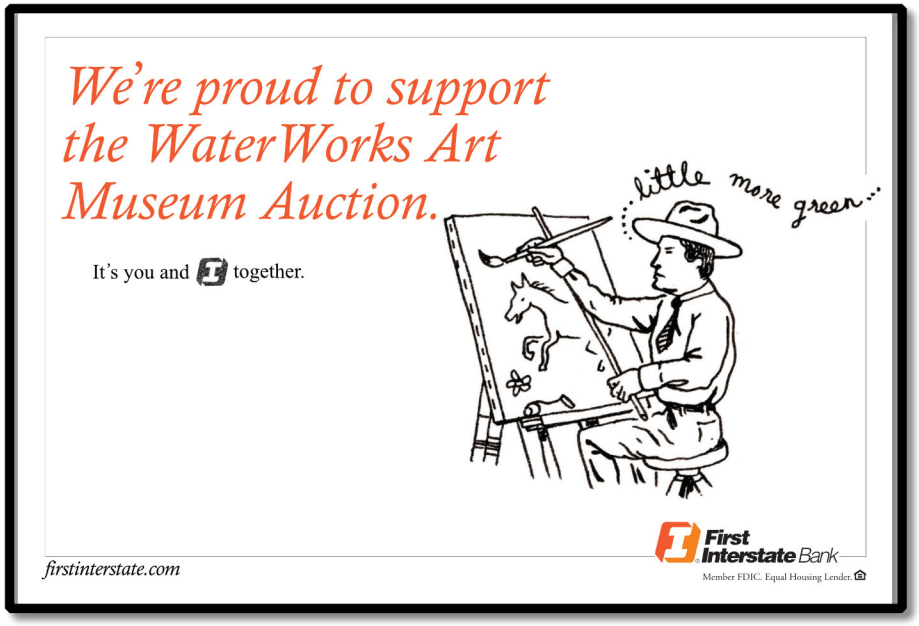
Stockman Bank sponsored our annual Juried Exhibit that then travels to seven counties for a year, showcasing the artists that entered this show.

Notbohm Motors helps 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 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 appreciates all the help. Thank you.



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Education

To my dearest Friends at WaterWorks,

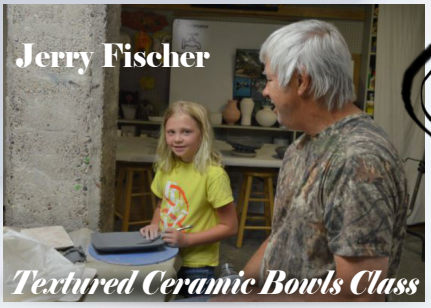
After three wonderful years as your friend and fellow artist, I write this letter to regretfully inform yall that I have resigned from my position as Education Director/Artist in Residence. I will miss working with each and every one of you.

I want to continue being involved when I can. To the staff, volunteers, my young artists, my Open Studio peeps, artists from near and far, as well as all the visitors of Waterworks, I thank you for sharing your time with me and allowing me to share my love of creativity yall.

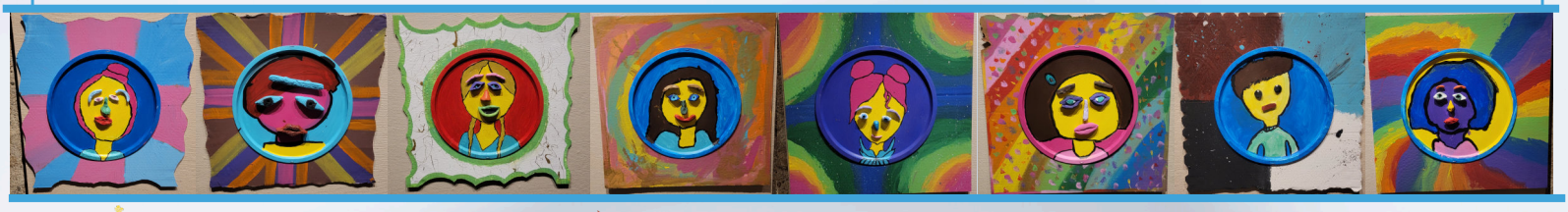
Many of you will always will hold a special place in my heart. The memories made are priceless! Isn't art a delight?! Art has an unique ability to bring people together. I appreciate the time shared with all of you! This is not a good bye, but a ~ see ya later.

Sincerely,
Ms. BB
Bonny Beth L Olson

Thank you to the following volunteers who helped teach a Summer Kidz Create Class:



Pizza Pan Portriats



Education

Summer Adult Botanical Plaster Wall Hanging

Inspired by Artist: Erika Divine

Summer Gelli Printmaking

— 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.

Upcoming Events & Exhibits:

September 25 — **46th Annual Art Auction**
Saturday (5pm Social - 6 pm Auction)

October 9 — *Quilted Wonders*
Opening Reception
Saturday, 1—4PM

November 19 — *Art Squared*
Art Redoux
Holiday Small-size Sale
Opening Reception
Friday, 4—7PM

Winter Hours
October. 1st – April 31st
Tue. - Sat. 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Summer Hours
May. 1st – September 30th
Tue. - Sat. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Summer Outreach — Temple Hills Baptist Church Camp
Paper Batik! Great group of kiddos!

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