

RAVALLI COUNTY MUSEUM *at the* OLD COURT HOUSE



AUGUST

FROM THE BENCH

2011

Grand Opening Winner

Kathleen Sheard's one woman show of Wildlife Glass Fine art, the first exhibit presented in the newly restored courtroom was an unrivaled success.

The Passion, the Perseverance = the Process has the gallery full to bursting with groupings of her wild life in art pieces. Each vignette depicts a piece of the process, as you wander through the selection you get a feel for the intense effort and discerning eye that goes into the conception, creation and execution of every work of art.

Kathleen is a world renowned artist that now resides in the Bitter Root Valley. Her global travels take her away every so often to study and immerse herself in a particular genre of wildlife. When she finds her way back to the Valley she has the inspiration; has drawn the most exquisite artists renderings, has a design in mind for the form this creature will take, and how to begin to shape its life in glass.

The attendance for this unique display was remarkable and Ms. Sheard was equal to

the task of enlightening the crowd as to her technique and sharing the experience of her micro-mosaic kiln fused glass. With Kathleen by their side our guests for the evening learned how, with painstaking precision, she creates and fuses life like renderings of wildlife animals, a lifelong passion for Kathleen.

Kathleen is also an instructor and enjoys teaching and demonstrating her art to the public. The Museum is pleased to be able to continue with our educational programming and offers a dozen opportunities for the general public to come and interact with the artist, see her at the work table engaged in creating a new work of art named "Cycle of Life". Check our website for dates and times.

Apple Day is October 1st!

Hailed as the Biggest Bake Sale Under the Big Sky, this historic event is the perfect place to enjoy the brisk air, choose from any number of delectable handmade treats and get a jump start on your Christmas shopping. If you have an art, craft or product / service to offer the general public, it is also a perfect place for you to sell

your wares to thousands of people. If you have an interest in becoming a vendor at one of the biggest events of the year, the applications can be found on our website at www.bryhsmuseum.org

We are actively looking for volunteers to help with preparation and execution of this event. Tasks that you could help with include preparing and baking pies for our bake sale, manning a Museum food booth or making apple butter and caramel sauce.

This is a fun opportunity to enjoy one of our most cherished community events!

For more information, or to sign up as a volunteer, please contact Elizabeth Ettenger, by email at eettenger@qwestoffice.net, or by calling the Museum at 406-363-3338.



Thursday, August 11, 6-8pm

FREE Screening of the movie, Princess Ka'uiulani

A movie to compliment our current exhibit, A Voyage to Health. Princess Ka'uiulani was one of the last in the royal family to rule Hawaii before the annexation of Hawaii into the United States. The movie chronicles the last few years of the monarchy and shows the political struggle and triumphs of the Princess on behalf of her people. Popcorn and beverages will be for sale.

Thursday, August 25, 6pm

Hula Dancing Lessons, with Tara Leilani - The "Kumu Hula" (kumu means source of knowledge)

Hula dancing is a complex art form, and there are many hand motions used to represent the words in a song or chant. Learn this ancient physical art on the front lawn of the Museum, in the cool shade of the maple trees.

Thursday, September 8, 6-7:30pm

Lecture with E.B. Eiselein (Speaks Lightning): Montana's Indian Wars

While it is a common misconception to envision nineteenth century Montana as a land of constant warfare between the American military and the various Indian tribes, the number of military actions were relatively few. This presentation will explore the cultural backgrounds of three of these actions: the 1869 Heavy Runner Massacre, the 1876 Battle of the Little Bighorn, and the 1877 Nez Perce War. The presentation will not focus on military strategies, but rather on the cultural conflicts which led to these incidents. Co-sponsored by Humanities Montana. Free event

Monday, September 12, 6pm A collaborative effort with the Daly Mansion (Held at the Mansion)

Lecture with Patty Dean:
The Splendor of an English Country House

What makes a country house - a country house? What can the country house tell us about society, technology and economics? This presentation explores the architecture, furnishings and landscapes at seven English country houses dating from the Elizabethan era to the mid-1980s. Patty Dean, a curator and public historian, was the Attingham Summer School's 2006 Dowager Duchess of Devonshire Scholar for the Royal Oak Trust, the American organization that supports the National Trust in Britain. Sponsored by Humanities Montana. Free event.

Saturday, September 24, 9am-1pm

Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day
Free day at the Museum with special family activities.

October 1 9am-3pm

32nd Annual Apple Day

Hailed as the Biggest Bake Sale Under the Big Sky, the Annual McIntosh Apple Day Festival is not one to be missed! Enjoy arts, crafts, food & produce from our local Hamilton Farmers Market as well as new vendors from outside the area. The highlight of the day is our signature Bake Sale. Hand-picked, locally grown Apples lovingly crafted into made-from-scratch Apple pies, Buffalo Chili, Caramel Apples and our famous Apple Butter. Purchase raffle tickets to get the chance to win from over 100 raffle items, donated by the vendors. Sign up for the silent auction and enjoy live entertainment.

Early October - Date and Time TBA

Exhibit: Taking Stock - A Study of Historic Agricultural Buildings in the Gallatin Valley

This drawing project was directed by Maire O'Neill, associate professor in the School of Architecture from 2004 to 2009. The exhibit presents extant historic buildings on early farmsteads in the Gallatin Valley, which are rendered in pen and ink in precise plan, section, and elevation drawings. These simple drawings are elegant and inspiring... architectural art.

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A Hawaiian Experience, at Ravalli County Museum

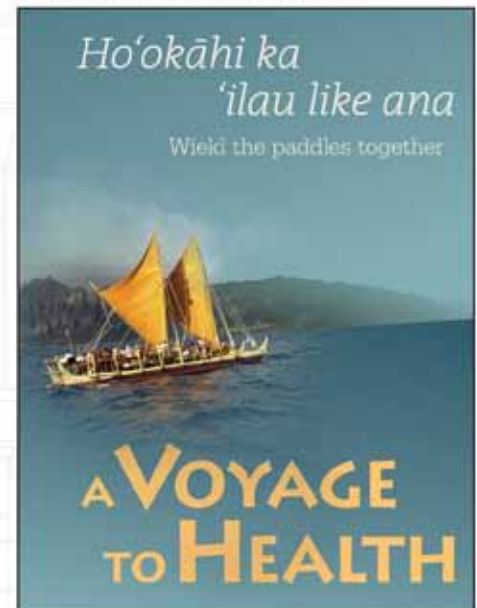
In the 1830's Britain and France forced Hawaii into allowing them extensive economic privileges. During that time, leaders in Washington grew concerned that Hawaii would eventually become part of a European empire. In 1893 the United States annexed and began an occupation of Hawaii at the urging of President William McKinley. In 1941, the United States government declared martial law in Hawaii and took over the island for bombing exercises. Over the years, sacred sites were damaged and unexploded ordnance were scattered across the land. Overgrazing by feral goats further decimated the uninhabited areas.

In January 1976, native Hawaiians began a campaign against the bombing and military exercises. The ongoing campaign served as an unexpected catalyst of a native Hawaiian cultural renaissance. In an effort to improve the health of the native Hawaiian culture, a revival of voyaging, or "wayfinding," the art of navigation without a compass, began.

Through voyaging, native Hawaiians are mastering the knowledge and skills of their ancestors. By restoring this heritage, a new generation seeks to heal the people. Visit the Ravalli County Museum at the Old Courthouse during the month of August and see the exhibit, "A Voyage to Health," which chronicles the movement led by native Hawaiian's to recapture their culture. On August 11th, the Museum will be hosting a free screening of the movie, Princess Ka'uiulani, to compliment the exhibit. Princess Ka'uiulani was one of the last in the royal family to rule Hawaii before the annexation of Hawaii into the United States. The movie chronicles the last few years of the monarchy and shows the political struggle and triumphs of the Princess on behalf of her people. Popcorn and beverages will be for sale.

To further enhance the experience, Tara Leilani, a Hula teacher, or the "kumu hula" (kumu means source of knowledge) will be offering hula lessons on the front lawn of the Museum.

Join us in this educational adventure and learn something new - from a culture rich with passion and wisdom.
This exhibit is sponsored by NIH



Summer Lecture Series Sure to Entertain and Surprise

Beat the summertime heat at the Museum! Come and engage with the mysteries of the past, while being both entertained and enlightened by the lectures we have in store!

On September 8th, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., we will be hosting E.B. Eiselein on the topic



of Montana's Indian Wars. Focusing on the cultural conflicts that catalyzed battles between Native American peoples and Montana settlers, Eiselein's unique take on this pivotal part of Montana's history may surprise you.

Historian Patty Dean will be lecturing on the topic of the Splendor of the English Country House at the historic Marcus Daly Mansion on September 12th at 6:00 p.m. Tours of the mansion will follow this enlightening discussion on the topic of economics, culture and society and their impact on English Country architecture.

We are looking forward to the series of lectures that are coming shortly to the Museum! We hope to see you there!

For more information, check our website at www.brhsmuseum.org

Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
10:00am - 4:00pm
Thursday 10:00am - 8:00pm FREE Day!
Saturday 9:00am - 1:00pm

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Pub Night for the Museum: Newcomers Club Pulls off Fundraiser to Benefit RCM

The staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors of the Museum would like to say a big thank you to the ladies of the Bitterroot Women Newcomers Club!

Pub Night for the Museum, a fundraising event that was organized by the women of the Newcomers Club, was a huge success. The tremendous amount of the hard work, dedication, and passion that the Newcomers invested in the event is truly appreciated.

The Museum has gratefully accepted a grand total of \$2,664.00 from Pub Night for the Museum.

In addition to being a successful fundraiser, Pub Night on July 10th was an enjoyable evening for all who attended. Thank you again to the Newcomers Club!

RAFFLE

Courtesy of Mikesell's Fine Jewelry, Provisions & From River to Ridge Magazine.

Raffle Tickets: 2 for \$3, 10 for \$10 and 100 for \$50
Each ticket has equal odds of winning.

The Drawing will be held December 1, 2011 at the Museum.
Tickets are available at Mikesell's Fine Jewelry, Provisions, the Museum
(all in Hamilton) or online at www.FromRiverToRidge.com.



Valued at
\$1,440

Montana Sapphire Ring