

# Images



Metal Sculpture—  
Sue LaFountain

CTA - SILENT AUCTION - FUND RAISER  
ARTWALK MAY 6 - 5 TO 9

**It's hard to believe it's almost May and time for the  
BAA CTA Show during the Artwalk May 6.**

The set up will be similar to last year.

Artists will take their art work directly to

**CTA on Wednesday May 4th from 3 to 5.**

If that doesn't work for you, drop them off at

**Sandstone Gallery on May 4th from 10 to 5.**

Be sure and have your **artist label** filled out and  
attached to the back of your piece of art.

( **Note**—The price you put on your piece will be the **minimum bid**).

You may enter **2** pieces of art work and the entry fee will be \$5 for  
each piece. Fill out the registration form at either Sandstone or CTA  
when you enter your piece. The split will be 75% to the artist and  
25% to BAA. The show will not be judged for ribbons.

The show will hang until July 29. If your art sells during that time you  
will be asked to replace it if you can. If not another BAA members  
can put in a piece to fill that space. Art maybe picked up on Friday

July 29 from 1 to 5. Any questions call  
Lana Bittner at 259-7470 or Becky Burns at CTA.



## WRITERS

***Hello is anyone out there????***

*Participation in the writers group is dwindling  
and there are not enough active members to  
continue meeting .*

*Here are some ideas for some group discussions.*

*Are there members just interested in poetry? short stories ?  
writing family histories, genealogy??*

*If so maybe we can figure out a way to put you in touch  
with each other.*

*Hap Gilliland—406-652-7598*

Thank you to the Montana Watercolor Outfit for  
bringing a Great Workshop to Billings..

**\*\*\*\* 33 E-Mails came back  
So If your E-Mail has changed please let Madelein know...**

BILLINGS ARTS ASSOCIATION



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## The Future Of The Billings Arts Association



The BAA Steering Committee has used several surveys to help determine what members wanted from the organization. Questions included: Why did you join BAA? What type of activities would you like to see BAA organize? What type of workshops or speakers would you like scheduled? What type of small group would you like to participate in?

The number one reason for joining the organization was to meet local artists and to communicate with known successful artists. The most common responses to the question on type of activities were: workshops, potlucks, demonstrations, paint outs, and shows. Seventy six percent of the people who responded to the question of which small group they would like said, "painting outside", 52% also choose critiques as an important issue. Only nineteen percent of the respondents named juried shows with prizes as a primary concern while 9% listed showing art as their major wish. To better serve the members and to comply with their stated wishes the steering committee, along with a few dedicated members, have arranged a variety of events.

To comply with wishes for out door painting sessions several opportunities were offered. The first was wildly successful with a whopping count of 6 people in attendance. That of course included the organizers. A day trip to Klein, MT was scheduled and a camper to provide bathrooms and cooking was included in the package. No one came! Perhaps it was bad timing so it was rescheduled. One person came.

Speakers and demonstrations are what we really want so we scheduled John Pollock and Loren Entz, from our local talent pool. The audiences consisted of the artists' families and friends, the board and a few BAA members. We brought in nationally know artists Lian Zhen and Stan Miller offering free evening demonstrations and discussions. We were embarrassed by the turn outs even after calling all the members to remind them of the events. Ten dedicated people cannot sustain an organization of 150 members who have no involvement other than bringing artwork to shows which were not given high priority as a purpose for belonging to the group. BAA by-laws state that our purpose is exclusively charitable and educational. The organization cannot exist solely to provide exhibits for member's art.

My questions now are: Where do you want this organization to go? Are you willing to **actively** participate or has the organization outlived its usefulness? If you are not willing to attend functions, help organize, and participate in events perhaps the group should reorganize, rewrite their mission statement and become a small unit totally dedicated to youth educational projects.

Your honest input will be necessary to the future of BAA. Don't tell the board what you **think** they want to hear and don't make promises you have no intentions of keeping. Make a commitment or tell them it is time to leave the stage.

Madelein Bladow and supported by the BAA Steering Committee

### BILLINGS ARTS ASSOCIATION STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 11, 2011

The BAA Steering Committee Meeting was held on April 11, 2011 at Sandstone Gallery @ 2:30. Committee Members Present: Sue Hammersmark, Eva Morgenthaler, Madelein Bladow, Karen McBride & Lana Bittner. Jeannette Magstadt's name will be added to our Steering Committee, as Eva stated she would be interested.

Purpose: To discuss the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Silent Auction on Friday's Art Walk at CTA Engineers on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-9:00. Eva Morgenthaler, Co-Chair & Lana Bittner Chair have met several times to determine ways on expanding this auction.

Becky Burns, our Publicity Chairman reported that she has submitted press releases in a local publication, The Grindstone. Additional Information will be enclosed in newsletter on guidelines for the Auction.

Karen McBride will take over as Committee Chair for Calling Committee. Thanks to Mary Knapp, Lou Taylor, Sue LaFountain for their time on calling BAA members as reminders for shows, exhibits, demos, etc.

**Becky Burns sent emails to each Board Member on Sally McIntosh request for help from BAA members on Artwalk Galleries that need help on Artwalk night. Madelein suggested the best way to contact members would be through the calling committee. Madelein will stay in touch with Becky on results.**

The Future of the Billings Arts Assoc., letter was composed by Madelein ...and supported by the Steering Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45.  
By: Lana Bittner/Secretary

**Members – If you are interested in helping out at a gallery during the Artwalk – contact Becky at 697-2374**



Painting by Dori Eccles

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR BAA SCHEDULE FOR 2011

**MAY-6 ARTWALK**  
**CTA—SILENT AUCTION**  
( \*\*Art will stay until August.)  
**JUNE**  
46th Annual Art Show  
Cody Country Art League  
Entries by May 31. See info..

**JULY** —Art in the Beartooths-Red Lodge  
**AUG.**  
**SEPT.**  
**FALL SHOW GAINANS**  
(Expanded) NO DATE SET YET  
**OCT.—**  
**NOV. ELKS EXHIBIT**  
**DEC.**

### YAM

**Instructor—Dennis Kern**  
**Reflections—Digital Photography**  
**May 21 - 22 from 10:00 - 4:00**  
Develop design composition skills. Part of class will be held at a computer graphics lab. A supply list is available. Contact the YAM 256-6804



## BAA Member Thanks

A note of thanks to Phil Bell for sharing his expertise on photography by holding a clinic on March 22<sup>nd</sup> for a small group of BAA members. Thank you also to Linda Duncan for offering the Barbizan Art Gallery as the location. Member comments were very positive and thanks to all who attended.

Thanks to Dale Lundby for taking the time to design a new banner for BAA "Fine Arts Shows & Exhibits" –The banner is very colorful and will be displayed at our upcoming event, the Silent Auction on May 6<sup>th</sup> at CTA Engineers.

Thank you to our members who painted gourds. Our "Birdhouse Gourds" were a great success last Sept. at our Fall Festival of Art Show at Gainans.

Thanks to Nancy Archer, Lana Bittner, Sue Hammersmark & Louise Payovich for painting "Spring Birdhouses" for the benefit of our Images Art Grant.

## **Ben Steele Clyde Aspevig**



I hope you didn't miss the opening of Ben Steele's and Clyde Aspevig's exhibit and reception at the Western Heritage Center March 25. The exhibit honoring two of Montana Master painters will be up from March 25th to October 1. Clyde took painting classes from Ben at MSUB and they have become friends and admirers of each others work through the years. Clyde also gave a wonderful demonstration at MSUB on Saturday afternoon on the 26th. Well over 50 people attended the demonstration. Thank you Clyde for supporting the arts community in Billings.

A side note..... On the lower floor of the Western Heritage Center is a display of LeRoy Greens paintings. He was also one of the master painters in the Billings area.

## PAINTING FOR SALE

Dick Moulden has a large painting of the Rimrocks in the winter by Hall Diteman that he would like to sell. Anyone interested or if you know someone who might be interested —contact Dick at 656-5613..

## UPDATE

### Grants:

Madelein received a "Grant Request" from Ellen Craig, Castle Rock Middle School. Her request was \$250.00 for Art Frames for their Exhibition Space, plus hanging supplies, etc. The Board unanimously approved this grant request.

### UpDate :

Two 36 x 36 wall cases were constructed by Hank Hammersmark with materials from Ron Vestal and Becker Glass. They were delivered to Ellen at Castle Rock Middle School. Cost was \$150 for the two cases

### Spring Art Fest at the Moss Mansion

Madelein mentioned that Louise Payovich had given her info on the Moss Mansion "Spring Art Fest" that is scheduled June 4<sup>th</sup>. She wanted to know if BAA would be interested in having a booth, etc. Becky Burns will chair this event, and call Louise for her help.

### Update:

The Moss Mansion was not interested in a booth by an organization as they want to jury each artist into the show. Therefore we cancelled the application and each artists is on their own to exhibit at the Moss Mansion Art Fest..

### Stan Miller—Watercolor Workshop

Madelein continued the old business in mentioning that the Montana Watercolor Workshop will be hosting Stan Miller in April and he has agreed to put on a demo on one of the evenings he will be here. . The talk will start at 7:00 on April 5<sup>th</sup>, the subject matter and demo will be on 'watercolor ' with a discussion of "Egg Tempera".

### Update:

The Stan Miller Workshop had a full attendance and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. He was an interesting speaker and demonstrator and worked with all the attendees. In all it was an excellent review of color and composition and with new ways to look at your painting to make it more interesting to you and the viewer.

### Evening Demo - Update:

As you read in the letter to the members , We were very disappointed in the attendance for the evening demo. Most of those who attended were students in the class. There was of course an extra charge for Stan to give the evening talk. This was charged to BAA. Keep this in mind when speakers are scheduled as we always pay them a gratuity for speaking.

**CTA Silent Auction** – Lana will remain Chair and Eva Morgenthaler has agreed to co-chair this event, and will be on the May 6<sup>th</sup> Artwalk. A few ideas on how to expand with add'l publicity, pamphlets on featured artwork, etc. Ribbon Awards, had much discussion from the Board, and more info will be available to members at a future date.

**BAA Fall Show** – Gainans will be scheduled in Sept., No Date has been set at this time, but add'l info will be in next BAA newsletter.

Lana Bittner /Secretary

Leo Olson's Sculpture  
Mr. Frog



# Stan Millers Watercolor Class



Stan Miller's workshop demonstration Tuesday evening.



One of Stan Millers paintings



Delores Pryor - Lou Lynn



Janice Larson—Stan Miller-Randy Stout



Paul & LaVonne Rice- Gordon



Gerri Rowe - Sandi Nave



Linda Duncan



Gayle Burnett - Randy Stout - Stan Miller



Donna Moore - Susan Nelson



Bonnie Eldridge

# Information

## Cody Country Art League Juried Show.

Entries forms and Fees in by May 31. \$15 for each piece submitted. Maximum for 4 original works of art completed in the last 2 years.

For more information call 307-587-3597 or email [office@codycountryartleague.com](mailto:office@codycountryartleague.com)

## Carbon County Arts Guild ART IN THE BEARTOOTHES—July 9th

With signature artist Ben Steele  
his former students and friends

Our primary fundraiser this year will only feature 40 Silent Auction artists, along with a Live Auction, food libations and live music. Artwork should be at the Guild by July 1. Bidding will start on July 5th. The main auction and event is Saturday July 9th. Your choice of donation is 100% or 50%. Any questions call 406-446-1370..

## CALL FOR ACTION!!!!

At the present time there are workshops available for watercolor artists which bring in Nationally know art instructors. There are no regularly scheduled workshops for oil or pastel artists. The BAA is willing to help an interested group of members initiate regularly scheduled workshops catering to oil and pastel artists. This would require a minimum of 3 people to form a committee for the purpose of planning and arranging the workshops. If you would like to see this program develop, volunteer to start the planning committee. Contact any BAA steering committee member and tell them you are interested.

## SPEAKERS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

The board needs someone to schedule speakers and /or demonstrations. There are many local artists around Billings who would be willing to share their art and we just need a committee to organize this. Let a member of the board know if you would be on this committee.

## Deepest Sympathy

Our condolences go out to Fred Magers at the loss of his wife Lucille, Also to the family of Joyce Lee an active and recognized artist in the Billings area.



GOURDS—SPRING 2011



About 7 Gourds have been turned for the Spring show at Gainans. If any one else would like to do a gourd, pick it up at the Gainans Garden center.

## SUNRISE STUDIO AND ART GALLERY -

Hi All, We are hosting a Miniature Art Show for the Month of May. We will be accepting entries through the 30<sup>th</sup> of April. Images in 2-d will be 24 square inches or less. This does not include mat/frame. Keep framing conservative in size. All pieces need to be ready to hang or brought w/ miniature easels. 3-d entries will be no larger 2" w x 3" h x 2" d. **Entry fee is \$10 per piece.** There will be no commission taken from sales. Use any medium you choose! Your Artwork will be included in the May 6<sup>th</sup> Downtown Billings Artwalk! We would like to invite all participating artists to this fun evening and also **demonstrate miniature painting on our Patio.** You are welcome to sell whatever you paint that evening.

For More Info Call: Sunrise Studio and Art Gallery  
Lance Johnson/Dawn Ness 406-294-0199

SHOW YOUR PAINTINGS - Valley Health Care, Westpark Village and Health & Rehabilitation Community would like to showcase 4 or 5 artist this summer at each of these facilities. The events would be Sat. June 25<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8, Friday July 29<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 and Sunday August 14 from 4 to 6. Paintings will only be shown during this time but lots of publicity. If you are interested in participating in one of these events contact. Melissa Scianna at 652-4886 or 850-3287

## Portrait Class

Loren Entz will be teaching a portrait class on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 . Call him for more information 647-8333 - Also considering a one day portrait workshop. Let him know if you are interest.

## Carbon County Arts Guild & Depot Gallery Calendar of Events for MAY

May 1—31—*Scenes from a Car Window—Artwork by Nancy Buening*

May 1—31 - *Andy Andersen Retrospective Exhibit*  
May 7—*Artists' Reception for Nancy Buening 3 to 5*  
*Gallery talk at 4 p.m.*

May 14 - *Class—Palette Knife Painting with Leona Dillon*

May 21 - *Ben Steele Book Signing—"Tears in the Darkness" - 2 to 4—Hard Copies available*

Call the Guild for more information 446-1370



Painting by LaVonne Rice Gordon

Phil Bell's web page at  
[WWW.PHILBELLPHOTOGRAPHY.COM](http://WWW.PHILBELLPHOTOGRAPHY.COM)

**FRAMING BY FRED**

Fred Magers, a member of BAA will frame your Art Work at his Frame Studio at 1245 Rimrock Road. Contact him at 245-6733  
 \*\*\*Fred does an excellent job of framing usual and unusual pieces of art. Please give him a try.

The Frame Hut & Gallery  
 1430 Grand Ave. -Billings, MT 59102  
 406-245-9728  
 Open M-F 9-6, Sat. 10-5

The Frame Hut offers a 20% discount on custom framing and a 25% discount on ready made frames to artists framing their own work. The store carries a large selection of ready made frames in sizes from 8 X 10 to 30 X 40

Blown Glass Art by Internationally Known Artist Jean-Claude Novaro at the Sandstone Gallery.  
 On Loan - For Sale

**ATTACH ME !**

ATTACH ME TO THE BACK OF A PAINTING

Artist \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medium:  Oil/acrylic  water media  
 graphics  drawing/pastel  
 photography  mixed media  
 artisan crafts  Other  
 Price \_\_\_\_\_ com. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ART CLASSES**

OCTOBER -

WATERCOLOR/WATERMEDIA

Barbizan Art Center — Linda Duncan  
 14 North 29th St. Suite 101  
 Thursday—afternoon —1:00 to —3:30  
 Friday mornings—9:00 to —11:00  
 Wed eve - 6 to 8:30  
 Call for time & more information -  
 208-3064

WATERCOLOR

Lance Johnson

Sunrise Studio & Gallery  
 2923 Montana Ave  
 Mon. 1:30 to 4:30  
 Tue. - 5 to 8  
 Sat. - 10 to 1

Gallery—294-0199 - Home 245-6199

**ART CLASSES**

Hobby Lobby — 652-1987  
 Dick Moulden  
 Call for Times

PAINTING

John Armstrong

Q's Art Shop — 6th Ave. North  
 Phone 248-1102

OPEN—April 19  
 Tue - Wed — Thur — Fri  
 From 1 to 5

Call for Information on classes....

LIFE DRAWING

Thursday evenings from 5:45 to 7:50 in the education room. Bring your drawing materials and enjoy an evening with other artists.

Cost: \$5 to pay the model.

\$2 Entry fee for non members -  
 YAM Education Room



# AREA galleries and calendar.....

## DMG

Division Mortgage Group at 1320 Division St open 9 to 5 Monday through Friday. Over 100 works by local artist William Crain.... Many sculptures will also be on exhibit.



WEB PAGE [www.BillingsArtsAssociation.com](http://www.BillingsArtsAssociation.com) Our website is up and running. If you have not visited the site check it out.. Jeanne is ready to put your photos on the site if you have a digital camera and know how to send photos. I asked Jeanne what she would need to add your art to the site and following is her reply. If you are not a computer person or don't have a digital camera we will help you by taking photos for you at the next art show. **\*\*Artists on the site need to update their paintings.**

### Cody Country Art League

Cody has classes in Pastel, Drawing, Watercolors, Photography, decorative Furniture Painting, Woodcarving, and Pottery. Classes run for 6 weeks, cost is around \$120. If you are interested contact the Art League at 1-307-587-3597

Instructors are: Pat Schermerhorn, Pastels  
Melody Christensen, Drawing  
Shirley Barhaug, Watercolors  
Jaime Penuel, Photography  
Shirley Barhaug, Decorative Furniture Painting  
Woodcarving, Dennis Barhaug,  
Steve Schrepferman, Pottery

## CARBON COUNTY ARTS GUILD - 446-1370

Red Lodge, MT - Exec. Dir. Deborah Kline  
[www.carboncountydepotgallery.org](http://www.carboncountydepotgallery.org)

## CODY COUNTRY ART LEAGUE -

1-307-587-3597 Cody, Wyoming  
Website: [www.codyart.vcn.com](http://www.codyart.vcn.com)

## CUSTER COUNTY ART & HERITAGE CENTER

1- 406 -234-0635 Miles City, MT [ccaric@midrivers.com](mailto:ccaric@midrivers.com)

## CTA Atrium Gallery -248-7455

13 North 23rd Street

## DMG—Gallery—294-7207

1320 Division St

## FRAME HUT - 245-9728

1430 Grand Avenue

## HARRY KOYAMA FINE ART

2509 Montana Ave - 259-2261

## MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY - BILLINGS - 657-2324

*Northcutt Steele Gallery (Now Open)*

## Q's GALLERY AND ART SUPPLY - 248-1102

1511 6TH AVE. No.

## RIMROCK ART AND FRAME

1070 S. 24th Street, Billings, 652-3455

This fine frame shop offers 25% off the total order for artists framing their own work.

## SANDSTONE GALLERY - 256-5837 -

This is a cooperative gallery with 20 local artists.

2913 2nd Ave North - [sandstonegallery.org](http://sandstonegallery.org)

Director Leo Olson, Co-Director Sue Hammersmark

## SUNRISE STUDIO & GALLERY - Lance Johnson

2923 Montana - 294-0199

## TOUCAN GALLERY 2505 Montana Ave. - 252-0122

## TWO RIVERS GALLERY

226 McLeod St-PO Box 225-Big Timber MT 59011

## WHITEBIRD GALLERY

16 S. Woodard- Absarokee, Mt - 328-7777

Laura Lee Neva, owner—cell 406-322-4444

## YELLOWSTONE ART MUSEUM - 256-6804



Please enroll me as a member of the  
**BILLINGS ARTS ASSOCIATION**

My strongest interest is in:  photography  oil/acrylic  
watercolor  graphics/printmaking  drawing/pastel   
sculpture  mixed media  artisan crafts (pottery, fiber,  
jewelry, etc.) other \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*Dues: Individual \$20 - Family \$25 per year  
Student \$15*

- *Make your checks payable to the Billings Arts Association and send with this application to the BAA Treasurer:*
- *Eva Morganthaler—4200 Night Hawk Road*
- *Billings Montana 59106 - 259-4395*

### REMEMBER..

Dues can be paid any time to Eva Morganthaler treasure. Check the month your dues are due on the label of your newsletter.

**\*\*If your e-mail changes PLEASE let Eva know your NEW one, to keep the list up to date...Information about events between newsletters... is sent by e-mail**



# Billings Arts Association

Or Current Resident

\*Check label for date dues are due!

Billings Arts Association Officers  
2011  
[www.BillingsArtsAssociation.com](http://www.BillingsArtsAssociation.com)



## Leadership Committee

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