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BILLINGS ARTS ASSOCIATION HISTORY CONCERNING THE YELLOWSTONE ART MUSEUM

It was over 45 years ago, according to Leo Olson that he, BAA President Quinn Ireson and Fine Arts Chairman Dee Gubser used a big old iron key to open the front bars of the Yellowstone County Jail and began the task of turning it into an Art Center.

Months previous to this Walt Woodcock had come to a BAA meeting and announced that the old jail was to be sold and that we should try to talk the county commissioners into making it an art center. Persuasion by Woodcock, Bob Fehlberg and especially by the late Mayor Willard Fraser and the promise of an army of volunteer labors convinced the commissioners of the viability.

At the next BAA meeting Quinn scheduled a work session and asked everyone to show up and pitch in. Saturday morning there was just the three of them. A few more showed up in the afternoon. About all that was accomplished that day was some chipping of many layers of paint, some obliteration of some of the worst graffiti and some general cussing concerning the hordes that were not there.

Over time the ranks of the volunteers swelled and it soon became apparent that professional craftsman, plumber, welders carpenters etc. were needed. John Self stepped in. He was instrumental in getting the journeyman craftsmen involved and virtually lived at the art center to be for the duration of the remodeling. BAA people, including the Fehlbergs, Ed Hakert, Ireson, Gubser and Olson put the finishing touches like paint, burlap and so on to the Center.

The first BAA Christmas show as held upstairs in the Art Center in 1965 when Leo Olson was President and a spring show was held on the lawn the next year. These annual shows continued until the Art Center was renamed the Yellowstone Art Museum. And yes there was a hook above the second landing of the main staircase. It's purpose was never ascertained. Leo Olson

I thought that new members to the Billings Arts Association might like to know a little history on how the Yellowstone Art Museum and the BAA were originally related— Enjoy. - Newsletter Editor

Clyde Aspevig Demo—MSUB

Clyde Aspevig will do an art demonstration at 1:30 PM at MSU B on Saturday, March 26th. There will be a joint exhibition of his artwork along with Ben Steele's at the Western Heritage Center .

Carbon County Arts Guild & Depot Gallery Rocky Mountain

Regional Juried Exhibition
April—2011

Prospectus Available at Sandstone Gallery
\$30 for 3 entries -

On CD only by March 8

No Photographs, computer generated artwork, prints, jewelry or crafts.

All pieces must be for sale.

Notification to artists—March 22

Juror—Denney NeVille

Winner of Best of Show at

'82 C.M. Russell Art Show

Contact—Arts Guild for more information

(406) 446-1370

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BAA SCHEDULE FOR 2011

JAN.
FEB.
MAR.- March 26 -demo Clyde Aspevig

APRIL—Watercolor Workshop 2-6
Stan Miller—demo—April 5 MSUB
Egg Tempera—7 pm—
— Juried Show Carbon County

MAY-6 ARTWALK
CTA—SILENT AUCTION
(*Art will stay till August.)

JUNE 4—Moss Mansion SpringFest
(watch for e-mail)

JULY
AUG.
SEPT. FALL SHOW GAINANS
(Expanded) NO DATE SET YET

OCT.—
NOV. ELKS EXHIBIT
DEC.

***We hope to schedule a speaker and possibly have a banquet or picnic— Will keep you posted...

BILLINGS ARTS ASSOCIATION



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Balance is \$5,337.54
including CD
Dec. 31, 2010

PAST EVENTS

BILLINGS ARTS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING & POTLUCK



CTA ARCHITECTS – November 18, 2010

Every one enjoyed a very good potluck dinner before the meeting. The food was delicious. Visiting with new members and friends made it special.

WELCOME:

The General Meeting opened with Lana welcoming BAA members (both long-time & new) for coming and thanking CTA for hosting and Becky Burns for helping coordinate event. The turnout was great with 31 in attendance and comments from some of our long-time members were “ they wanted to reconnect with BAA” ; “Liked the social aspect of events” and several new members indicated their interest in the shows, Silent Auction and Gainans.

MINUTES:

Lana read the minutes of the Oct. 27th meeting and gave handouts.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer’s Report by Eva Morganthaler reflected \$3,777.24 in checking account and a \$1,500.00 Certificate of Deposit at US Bank. She also gave handouts for those interested.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sue thanked everyone who supported our speakers & exhibits this past year – *Poor attendance was noted for some of these events.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Madelein reported that the Board voted to have only two Main Shows for ‘2011: CTA Silent Auction May 6th Artwalk; and Gainans Fall show.

Participation from members and interest from community were the reasons for the decision plus expanding and focusing our energies to these shows will result in good quality events. More discussion at our January ‘2011 meeting. Sue & Madelein also asked the membership what speakers and demonstration, etc. they would like to see.

Miscellaneous:

Madelein asked if any one had ideas on how to get teachers to apply for grants or should we look for ideas to give a gift to schools.

Sue mentioned that a Membership List was available for those that wanted one. Montana Watercolor Outfit will bring Stan Miller, from the Spokane area for a five-day workshop, April 2nd – April 6th – Madelein wanted to know if BAA would be willing to pay & schedule him to do a demo one evening. Mary Knapp made motioned to accept and Karen McBride 2nd the motion. Madelein brought up the idea of any members who would be interested in a start-up of workshops for oil & pastels. Becky Burns volunteered to work with these individuals.

Fred Magers, A BAA member does framing and wanted to remind members to contact him. More information in newsletter.

Sue introduced Dean & Madelein who presented a slide show of their trip to Egypt.....Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Lana Bittner



EGYPT

Madelein and Deans presentation on Egypt was great. They not only showed wonderful slides of their trip but also brought back art work and examples of head gear and clothing. The trip was very well organized and they were also able to do a short cruise on the Nile. The Travel Company that they travel with is the Overseas Adventure Tours (Grand Circle Travel) which accommodates small groups of tourists so you get a better feel and more personal feel for the country.





“BAA Fall Show Expansion” (Gainans) Final Accounting-Gourds

I met with Mick Gainan on Jan. 21, and had discussions regarding BAA expansion of our Fall Show in Sept. at Gainans Nursery & Greenhouse and also the final accounting of the sales on the “Birdhouse Gourds” and wanted to share some info with our members.

At the Oct. 27th Board Meeting, with a unanimous vote, BAA would schedule two major shows, CTA Silent Auction and our Fall Show at Gainans and put our energy and resources to these events and discussed ideas on how to expand each show.

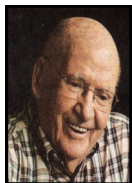
BAA would have more visibility if we extended the show to a week was one of the suggestions suggested by Mick Gainan, plus have an “Artist Reception” with Wine & Cheese and open to the public, additional publicity and mailings, music and Ribbon Awards. These ideas are just at a discussion stage, no date has been set, but will keep you informed with our Newsletters, emails, etc., when finalized.

Final Acctng - Gourd Birdhouses –

Monies rec'd from 2 day Sept. Show
\$411.00 (BAA Rec'd 100% Total Sales)
Monies rec'd Jan. 21, 2011
(Remaining Gourds)
\$ 97.50 (BAA Rec'd 50% Total Sales)

\$ 510.00 (Final Income from Gourds)

Lana Bittner



Ben Steele

If you missed the celebration of Bens 93rd Birthday at the Western Heritage Center on Nov. 17th You missed something special. The room was so crowded some couldn't get in. He gave a summary of his book with lots of seriousness and special humor. He was presented with flag from the Capital and the presenter gave a talk on what each fold of the flag represents. Coffee and Cake were served down stairs afterwards.

Happy Birthday Ben

Billings Arts Association Board Meeting – January 26, 2011

Attendance: Sue Hammersmark, Madelein Bladow, Mary Knapp, Eva Morganthaler, Lana Bittner

Meeting Purpose: This is the first Board Meeting for '2011 and the purpose of this meeting is to discuss old business from '2010 and also plan for speakers, and start a narrative on the expansion of our two main shows, CTA Silent Auction for the May 6th Artwalk and the BAA Fall Show in September with Gainans Nursery & Greenhouse.

Treasurer Report: Eva Morganthaler reported that \$3,837.54 is in Checking Account and other assets include a \$1,500.00 – Certificate of Deposit (She also gave handouts) As of the end of year we have \$787.54 in our Grant Monies.

Minutes: Lana handed out copies of the minutes of the BAA General Meeting and Potluck at CTA Architects on Nov. 18th, 2010.

Old Business: Lana met with Mick Gainan on Jan. 21th to receive the final accounting from the remaining gourds sold after our Fall Show – BAA will receive an add'l \$97.50 from these sales. More information on the details will be in our next newsletter.

Gainans wanted to know if BAA members would be interested in painting “Spring Birdhouses” for display. The percent received would be split 50/50% as was decided previously. Madelein will send out email with details.

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.

Madelein mentioned that Louise Payovich had given her info on the Moss Mansion “Spring Art Fest” that is scheduled June 4th. 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.

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. It was agreed that there should be a small charge of \$5.00 to attend. The talk will start at 7:00 on April 5th, the subject matter and demo will be on ‘watercolor’ with a discussion of “Egg Tempera”.

Sue would like to schedule speakers that would be interesting to BAA members and also find a location for a possible Spring Banquet, picnic, etc. More discussion at a future meeting.

CTA Silent Auction – Lana will remain Chair and Eva Morganthaler has agreed to co-chair this event, and will be on the May 6th 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

Exhibit at the Elks Club

The November art exhibit at the Elks club proved to be profitable for our Educational Grant Fund. The large art work donated by 7 artists was sold and \$300 was added to our Grant fund. An additional piece by an individual artist also sold. The Elks would like to have this exhibit continue as an annual event..

Information



Paintings by Stan Miller



**\$50 DEPOSIT DUE WHEN YOU REGISTER—
FILLING UP FAST—CALL LOU LYNN 259-6400 TO REGISTER.....**

**MONTANA WATERCOLOR OUTFIT -
APRIL 2—6 2011
STAN MILLER WATERCOLORIST FROM SPOKANE**

Stan will be doing both watercolor and egg tempera. This workshop includes a weekend to accommodate people who work full time and can not take a week off from work. Stan has been a professional painter in watercolor and egg tempera for more than 30 years. He is a signature member of the American Watercolor Society as well as AWS award winner and teaches workshops and classes in Spokane and throughout the US. .
BAA has asked Stan to give an evening demo on Tue April 5th at 7 o'clock The subject will be Watercolor and a discussion of egg tempera.

You may be asked to pay \$5 to attend. Cost is \$200 for demo. .

Call Madelein Bladow for more

ART WITHOUT BOUNDARIES

free Concerts

Feb. 25 - Private Concert - Philip Aaberg & Iise Mari Lee - Yellowstone Country Club

Feb 28 & Mar 1—Amy Knoles—Percussionist Babcock Theater

Mar. 26—Clyde Aspevig—Art Demo.—1:30 - MSUB

Clyde Aspevig and Ben Steele's paintings will be on display—Wester Heritage Center

April 11 & 12 - Wind Instrument Performer Darell Tunnicliff
652-1552

Carbon County Arts Guild—Red Lodge - 446-1370
Ranches, Wrangler & Chocolates - February 12, 2011

This is the annual chocolate fund-raising event! We're looking for art with a ranch or cowboy theme for the silent auction. Think Western kitsch, wearable art, or fine art/craft. Call to participate. Donation level is 50% or 100%. Art is due by Feb 4.



OR.. Think out of the box. Will probably accept art after Feb 4. Can check with Debra

Horse Trough
S. Hammersmark

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.

WRITERS

Four writers attended the last writers meeting at Lisa & Sierra Ross's home on January 15. Another meeting will be scheduled soon. Thank you Lisa and Sierra for hosting the meeting.

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.

Check out Phil Bell's web page at
WWW.PHILBELLPHOTOGRAPHY.COM

Information

Moss Mansion SpringFest Saturday, June 4

The Moss Mansion is hosting a Juried Art and Craft Show Saturday June 4. Becky Burns has agreed to look into the possibility of BAA hosting a booth or two at the SpringFest. Since Art work has to be juried into the event we are not sure exactly how this will work. Booths are \$85 for one and \$170 for two. Artists participating will be asked to contribute to the fee. Watch your e-mail for more information if the board thinks it will be possible for BAA members to participate.



PICK UP YOUR GOURD...

GOURDS—SPRING 2011



AT SANDSTONE

The BAA steering committee sends a bouquet of thanks to all the members who donated a gourd bird house to the fall show at Gainans. Sales from the bird houses allowed us to add a net total of \$510 to our Educational Grant Fund. Gainans is, again, proposing a spring sale of bird houses.

Lana will have gourds available beginning Saturday afternoon (Jan. 29th) at the Sandstone Gallery along with price listings and directions for preparing and cleaning gourds. We ask that you pick up gourds by Feb. 20th and have them ready for sale by the end of March. Your creativity and humor in designing the fall pieces were outstanding and that is apparent in the success of the sales. We hope that you will join in the fun one more time by donating your talent and a bird house to help further the proceeds for our Grant Fund. The BAA Educational Grant Fund has provided supplies to elementary students for a Valentine project, to secondary students designing a modern light show, made art books available to schools, assisted with sculpture projects for a traveling teacher and will provide display cases for a Junior High School this spring. Your efforts serve a great purpose. Thank you All for participating.

YELLOWSTONE ART MUSEUM ART AUCTION EXHIBIT JAN 28 TO MARCH 5TH AUCTION

STOP BY AND ENJOY THIS YEARS EXHIBIT

CODY COUNTRY ART LEAGUE 307-587-3597

CLASSES

FANCY FEATHER PAINTING

Lee Niziolec - Feb. 12— 10 to 12 - \$30
All supplies plus feather are provided

PALLETTE KNIFE

E Denney NeVille - Feb 19 - 1 to 3 -
\$50 members - \$60 non-members

Portrait Class

Loren Entz will be teaching a portrait class on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 . Call him for more information 647-8333

CUSTER COUNTY ANNUAL SOUTHEASTERN ART EXHIBIT "Congratulations"

Susan Nelson won Honorable Mention in the 32nd Custer County Annual Southeastern Art Exhibit in Miles City (Works On Paper) with her artwork piece "Homestead in Field of Wild Foliage" – Other BAA members who participated in this show were Bonnie Eldredge and Jolene Yellowrobe.

YELLOWSTONE ART MUSEUM CONSIGNMENTS

If you have a piece of art that you feel you would like to put in the YAM on consignment contact Jet Holoubek at the YAM on Sat. Sun or Tue. and he will fill you in on the procedure. They will be accepting art through a juried process so you will have to submit photographs, a CD or if small the art itself for acceptance. 256-6804

Check out the New Exhibits and the Vault...
at the YAM.....

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

ELLIOTT EATON STUDIO AND GALLERY
 645 No. 14th St
 259-2021
 Possible oil workshop Red Lodge Mar. 12
 Call Guild for info. 446-1370

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. _____
 Phone _____

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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
 Jeannie Southworth
 Call for Times

PAINTING

Les Lindell
 Q's Art Shop — 6th Ave. North
 Tuesday -5:45 to 8:45 - \$15 -
 Wednesday—5:45 to 8:45 - \$15
 Phone 248-1102 for more information

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 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

CODY COUNTRY ART LEAGUE -

1-307-587-3597 Cody, Wyoming
Website: www.codyart.vcn.com

CUSTER COUNTY ART & HERITAGE CENTER

1- 406 -234-0635 Miles City, MT ccaric@midrivers.com

CTA Atrium Gallery -

13 North 23rd Street

DMG—Gallery

1320 Division St

FRAME HUT

1430 Grand Avenue 245-9728

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

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

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

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*Check label for date dues are due!

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2011
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