



HOCKADAY MUSEUM *of* ART

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Media Guide

MUSEUM OVERVIEW

The Hockaday Museum of Art displays the art and culture of Montana with an emphasis on the artists of Glacier National Park. The Museum maintains a permanent collection and offers rotating exhibits by nationally renowned and emerging artists, in addition to a permanent exhibit of Glacier National Park art and culture. A Discovery Gallery provides hands-on activities for children that change along with the rotating exhibits.

MUSEUM HISTORY

In 1967, the Flathead Branch of the Montana Institute of the Arts explored the need for a community art center in the Flathead Valley. Area residents responded enthusiastically, and on February 10, 1969, the Flathead Valley Art Association opened the Hockaday Center for the Arts as a community art center in the Carnegie Library building.

The founders of the art center were Ed Bailey, Corrine Lundgren, Anne McLeod, Greta Sliter, and Janet and William Bierrum. Original board members included Gary Christensen, Wallace Roberts, Lillian Tubb, and Neil Hunter.

The art center was named for Lakeside artist Hugh Hockaday (1892-1968), who had moved to the Flathead Valley after a successful career as a commercial artist, and who passed away during the conversion of the Carnegie library to an art center. In 1998, the Hockaday Center changed its name to the Hockaday Museum of Art to reflect its new focus as a museum.

BUILDING HISTORY

The Hockaday Museum is housed in a turn-of-the-century Carnegie Library Building that is listed in the National Registry of Historic Places. The more than 100-year-old building, now handicapped accessible, has undergone significant renovations to create a sophisticated museum setting while retaining the building's historic beauty.

PERMANENT COLLECTION

The Museum's growing permanent collection focuses on the art and artists of Montana. Featured in the permanent collection are works by Bud Helbig, Ace Powell, O.C. Seltzer, Russell Chatham, Jeanne Hamilton, Hugh Hockaday, David Shaner, Thomas English, Bob Scriver, Gary Schildt, Tom Saubert, Frank Hagel, Mark Ogle, and others.

CROWN OF THE CONTINENT: GLACIER NATIONAL PARK GALLERY

This permanent exhibition captures the nostalgia and grandeur of Glacier National Park that today still attracts so many artists seeking to portray its greatness. It features works by significant Glacier Park authors, photographers, and painters as well as Park collectibles, including vintage maps and hand-tinted photographs. While artists change from time to time, the exhibit always features the art and culture of Glacier National Park.

The current installation exhibits works from the Museum's permanent collection as well as some long-term loans. Artists include Winold Reiss, Ralph Earl DeCamp, Joe Scheurle, Fred Kiser, T.J. Hileman, Roland Reed, John Clarke, Thomas English, Joe Abbrescia, along with James Willard Schultz, George Bird Grinnell, Mary Roberts Rinehart and many others.

EDUCATION

The Museum offers a variety of art classes and workshops for children and adults, taught by the Museum's Education Coordinator as well as special guest instructors. The Museum also offers special education programs, lectures and demonstrations related to the exhibits.

ARTIST RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

In 2003, the Bob Marshall Foundation, Flathead National Forest, Hockaday Museum of Art and Swan Ecosystem Center joined forces to create the Artist-Wilderness-Connection project, an annual artist-in-residence program that connects artists with the Flathead National Forest, the Hockaday Museum of Art and area communities. The program consists of an artist residency, forest experience, and community extension. The artist-in-residence program benefits the artists, offering a remote setting to focus on their art, and benefits the public through the presentations the artists offer.

ARTS IN THE PARK

Arts in the Park, now in its 38th year, is the largest art and music festival in Northwest Montana. With over 100 fine artists and craftsmen, wonderful foods, and great entertainment, this juried art show is a benefit for the Museum and a favorite for browsing and buying jewelry, photography, paintings, and pottery. This festival is held the fourth weekend in July each year in Kalispell's Depot Park.

BENEFIT AUCTION OF MINIATURES

This invitational exhibit culminates in a silent auction of miniatures (works 9 x 12 or smaller) in a variety of mediums by some of the finest artists from Montana and the West to benefit the Hockaday Museum. Each year, the Museum asks patrons to vote for the Purchase Award, which is purchased by the Museum for its permanent collection. Purchase Award winning artists include R.E. Pierce, Frank Hagel, Joe Abbrescia and Mark Ogle. The 5th Annual Benefit Auction of Miniatures will be held Friday, May 19, 2006.

OFF THE WALL GIFT GALLERY

The Museum's Off the Wall Gift Gallery features unique pottery, jewelry, cards, and artwork created by the diverse and talented artists of the Flathead Valley. It also offers a wide selection of books on the art, history, and culture of Montana, as well as exhibition posters, catalogs, cards, t-shirts, and more. The Museum also has an gift gallery for on-line shopping at www.hockadaymuseum.org/catalog/. All proceeds benefit the Museum's exhibit and education programs.

SPECIAL ADMISSION DAYS

On the second Thursday of each month, the Museum offers free admission and refreshments for seniors. The third Saturday of each month is Student Saturday, with free admission for all students. Corporate Days give all employees of Business Members free admission on the first Friday and Saturday of each month.

HOURS

The Hockaday Museum is open year-round. The Museum's winter hours (September through May) are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Summer hours (June to August) are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

ADMISSION

Admission to the Museum is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$2 for students, and \$1 for youth, with free admission for Museum members.

LOCATION

The Museum is located in historic downtown Kalispell at 302 Second Avenue East.

For more information, call 406-755-5268 or visit www.hockadaymuseum.org.