

Anaconda Wildlife Art Expo

Downtown Anaconda

September 27, 28 & 29, 2024



2024 Anaconda Wildlife Art Expo Info



Venues

- A** Smelter City Brewing Main & Commercial
- B** The Bighorn 114 Main
- C** Copper Village Museum & Art Center 401 East Commercial
- D** The Revolver 221 East Park
- E** Beautiful Life 221 East Park
- F** Pintler Physical Therapy 110 Main
- G** AWARE Administration Building 205 E. Park
- H** The Montana Park & Main
- I** Thrifty Drug 201 East Park
- J** Northern Hall Tap Room 111 Main
- K** Hickory House Inn 218 East Park

The Anaconda Wildlife Art Expo will be on Sept. 27-29 at venues downtown (see map and key)

- Friday, Sept. 27: Art Walk from 4-6 p.m.; Artists' Reception at Copper Village from 7-9 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 28: Artists at their venues from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wild Game Feed at the Elks Lodge at 6 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 29: Artists at their venues from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Free activities at Durston Park all weekend.



Angela Souther Smith (The Revolver)

Angela Souther Smith of Anaconda will be displaying her acrylic, charcoal and pastel artwork at The Revolver during the Anaconda Wildlife Art Expo.

"I'm a western and wildlife artist from Anaconda, Montana. Even as a child, I've had an obsession and deep connection with wild things and wild places. This fascination led me to a career in natural resources that has spanned over two decades and continues

today," Angela said. "My passion for the outdoors drives my artwork which is heavily inspired by western lifestyle, mountains, water, fish and wildlife. Besides making art, I spend my free time pursuing interests that keep me outdoors and immersed in natural

places." Angela creates art using multiple mediums and surfaces, chosen based on size, subject, mood, brilliance and the amount of detail she hopes to convey. Find Angela on Facebook at Angela Smith Wildlife Art for more information.

On the Cover...

Some of the local artists scheduled to be in this weekend's Anaconda Wildlife Art Expo: Front: Susan Malee, Suzy Combs, Carly Moodry. Back: JoAnne Welch, Cheryl Eamon, James Rosien, Susi Stroud

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Amy Lowe (Beautiful Life)

"Dentist by day, jewelry maker when I get the inspiration," says Amy Lowe of Anaconda, Montana, whose jewelry will be displayed at Beautiful Life Boutique.

"My rustic asymmetrical jewelry style and making started 30 years ago and escalated when my husband gave me a gift of silversmithing almost 10 years ago. It has fueled my very large jewelry addiction, also allowing me to share my love of pretty things with friends

and beyond," Amy said. "All my jewelry is pretty much one-of-a-kind. No two stones or pairs of stones are alike. It is all made with precious metals and natural stones and beads curated throughout my adult life."

Amy creates pieces that are to be worn while adventuring and living life.

"The biggest complement I receive is 'I never take it off,' so enjoy, and I hope something speaks to you," she said.



Brent Given (The Montana)

Brent Given of Castle Rock, Colorado will be displaying his bronze limited-edition sculptures at The Montana. Brent is an Anaconda native and wildlife sculptor. We are honored to have him as part of the Anaconda Wildlife Art Expo again this year.

"Growing up in rural Southwest Montana provided unlimited access to outdoor activities and a front row seat to some of North America's most

spectacular wildlife," said Brent. "A creative mind and a sharp eye for detail, Brent captures rare moments in time that spark imaginations, conjure memories, providing elegance to any room."

You can find a gallery of Brent's work on his website <https://brentgiven.com/> and on Facebook at Brent Given-Artist.

Better yet, come see him and his work in person in The Montana at the Wildlife Art Expo.

What's your club up to?

Send us information about what your club is doing and the projects the club is involved with. Drop the information off or send it to the Anaconda Leader at 121 Main St. in Anaconda or email it to: leadernews@anacondaleader.com. Please include contact information, including a name and phone number for verification. Pictures can be picked up after publication. For more information, call 563-5283.



Carly Moodry (Copper Village)

Carly Moodry of Anaconda, Montana will be displaying her photography at Copper Village Museum and Art Center.

We are excited to have Carly join us for this year's Anaconda

Wildlife Art Expo. Carly is a fantastic young photographer who will be located at Copper Village Museum and Art Center during the Expo.

For more information, find her on Facebook at CarlyJo's Photography.



Cheryl Eamon (Copper Village)

Cheryl Eamon of Anaconda, Montana will be displaying her acrylic artwork at Copper Village Museum and Art Center.

We are very excited to have Cheryl joining us for the Anaconda Wildlife Art Expo this year. Cheryl is an amazing artist and supporter of the arts in and around Anaconda. She resides in Anaconda and has been making art for 54 years.

Before her retirement she served as the Director of

Rehabilitation at the Montana State Hospital for 30 years. During her time there she taught many art classes to her patients and was inspired by many of the people she met during her career.

After her retirement she has taught classes for both adults and children, including a class for the homeless in Butte. She makes time to paint every day.

Cheryl will be located in the Copper Village Museum and Art Center during the Expo. To learn



Cynthia Fisher (The Montana)

Cynthia Fisher, a world renowned wildlife artist, will be displaying her oil, acrylic and mixed media artwork at The Montana.

Cynthia works in oils, acrylics, scratchboard, pencil, fused glass, bronze, and mixed media. Everything she depicts is original, usually something she

has witnessed, or an idea of what she would like to see. She counts many of the finest animal lovers and big game enthusiasts as clients. There isn't an animal on earth she cannot paint!

Come visit her at The Montana during the Expo! Visit her website: www.fisherart.com.



Darcy Presiloski (The Montana)

Darcy Presiloski will be travelling from Calgary, Canada to join us for the Art Expo where she will be displaying her Western and wildlife paintings at The Montana.

Her paintings include oils, pastels, graphite and charcoal renderings of

western art including wildlife, cowboys, rodeo and landscapes.

You can find more information about Darcy and see more of her art on her website <http://www.darcypresiloski.com/> and at The Montana during the Anaconda Wildlife Art Expo.

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leadernews@anacondaleader.com

Daren Wilding (The Bighorn)

We are excited to introduce Daren Wilding, an oil painter based in Willard, Utah with over 15 art awards from across the west. He will be displaying his oil paintings on canvas at The Bighorn Bottle Shop and Wine Bar.

Daren graduated from Ricks College with an Associate's Degree in Illustration after

which he received his Bachelor's degree from Idaho State University in 1992.

Daren's paintings are a reflection of his love for nature and especially nature in the west. He spends hours painting and photographing scenes he wants to paint. His research and love of the subject is evident in the accuracy and feeling



of each painting.

Meet Daren at the Bighorn for the Anaconda Wildlife Art

Expo, and learn more about his work on his website: <https://www.darenwilding.com/>.



Elyssa Leininger (Copper Village)

We are very excited to introduce Elyssa Leininger, an award-winning western and wildlife oil painter born and raised in Billings, whose artwork will be on display at Copper Village Museum and Art Center.

Elyssa's website, <https://www.elyssaleiningerart.com>, describes her style and process: "As a colorist, Elyssa implements color psychology into her works to evoke specific emotions within the

audience, thus influencing their moods. Her work has been described as 'Montana Baroque,' as she utilizes vivid colors and high contrast to create dramatic works portraying the American West. Through her work, Elyssa hopes to captivate and inspire all those who catch a glimpse of her vibrant imagination."

See Elyssa's work at Copper Village Museum and Art Center during the Wildlife Art Expo.



Eric Van Tatenhove (The Revolver)

Eric Van Tatenhove of Anaconda, Montana is a local, exceptionally talented wood craftsman who will be displaying his furniture at The Revolver during the Art Expo.

Eric has been a carpenter most of his life and started crafting furniture about 20 years ago. We are excited to showcase his work at the Expo and hope you will visit him at The Revolver!

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Jim Buti & Janet Moczar-Buti – Featured Artists (The Revolver)

We are thrilled to introduce Jim Buti and Janet Moczar-Buti of Libby, Montana, as our featured artists for this year's Anaconda Wildlife Art Expo! They will be displaying their oil paintings at The Revolver.

Jim and Janet are husband and wife, painting individually on some pieces and collaborating on others. Their mission is "to convey the importance of conserving our fragile



planet and the animals we share it with."

To learn more about Jim and Janet's work, visit their website: <https://www.visionaryartworks.net/> and meet them at person in The Revolver for the Expo.



Fred Boyer (The Montana)

We are honored to have Fred Boyer Bronze join our show again during the Anaconda Wildlife Art Expo, where he will be displaying his sculptures at The Montana.

Fred is a founding member of the Expo and continues to be instrumental in the show's success. Fred's passion for wildlife and art converge into a sculpting career that is world renowned. He's a huge supporter of fellow artists and a champion for conservation and public lands.

"A Montana native, Fred Boyer's bronze wildlife sculptures have won awards and recognition worldwide. A living legend sculptor, Boyer's work depicts nature frozen for a moment in time, portraying life in the wild as simple and ruthless, majestic and pure. His works can be seen at many galleries and shows around the world."

You can find Fred Boyer on Facebook and through his website: www.fredboyer.com, and be sure to visit Fred at The Montana.

Haley Velin – Featured Youth Artist (Copper Village)

Haley Velin of Anaconda, Montana is the Art Expo's featured youth artist, who will be displaying her artwork at Copper Village Museum and Art Center.

Haley is 14 years old and lives on a yak ranch near Anaconda. She has been taking art lessons since she was 6 years old and continues to study a variety of techniques and

styles. While oil pastels are a current favorite, Haley enjoys learning to work with new mediums, including creating 3 dimensional works of found object art. When she is not working on an art project, Haley enjoys spending her free time outdoors and with her animals.

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JoAnne Magnan Welch (Pintler Physical Therapy)

JoAnne Magnan Welch of Anaconda is returning to the Anaconda Wildlife Art Expo, displaying her watercolor, oil and acrylic paintings at Pintler Physical Therapy.

JoAnne writes: "I am a Montana gal, exploring the landscapes that I reach by hiking, horseback or Jeep. I want to share with others my perception of the enchantment and splendor that I find in Montana's mountains and meadows, a

spiritual wonderland of richness in the vast tapestry of the wilderness." Awards include the Liquitex Color Map Challenge, a national competition where she took four place in American Artist magazine, as well as juried into national shows (National Oil and Acrylic Painters, International Society of Acrylic Painters), taking Best of Show and People's Choice awards.

Meet JoAnne and see her art at Pintler Physical Therapy.



James S. Rosien (Hickory House Inn)

Best known as the editor of the Anaconda Leader, James S. Rosien will be at the Hickory House Inn, where he will be displaying his

"hyperreal" digital photo art – photos he alters in Adobe Photoshop to emulate the look of paintings, which he then has printed on metal.

Jody Parsons (Northern Hall Tap Room)

Jody Parsons, a talented wildlife and landscape photographer based in Hamilton, Montana, will be displaying her works at the Northern Hall Tap Room.

Jody describes her work: "I truly feel God is leading me in this direction to share His creations with those

that may not have the opportunity or time to experience them on a regular basis."

To see more of Jody's beautiful photography, visit her website: <https://www.jodyparsons.com/f133263927>. Meet her in person during the Anaconda Wildlife Art Expo at the Northern Hall Tap Room.



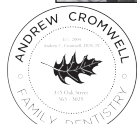
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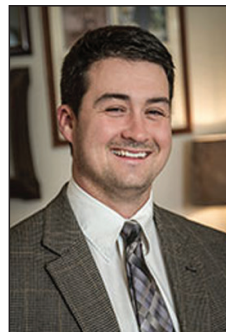


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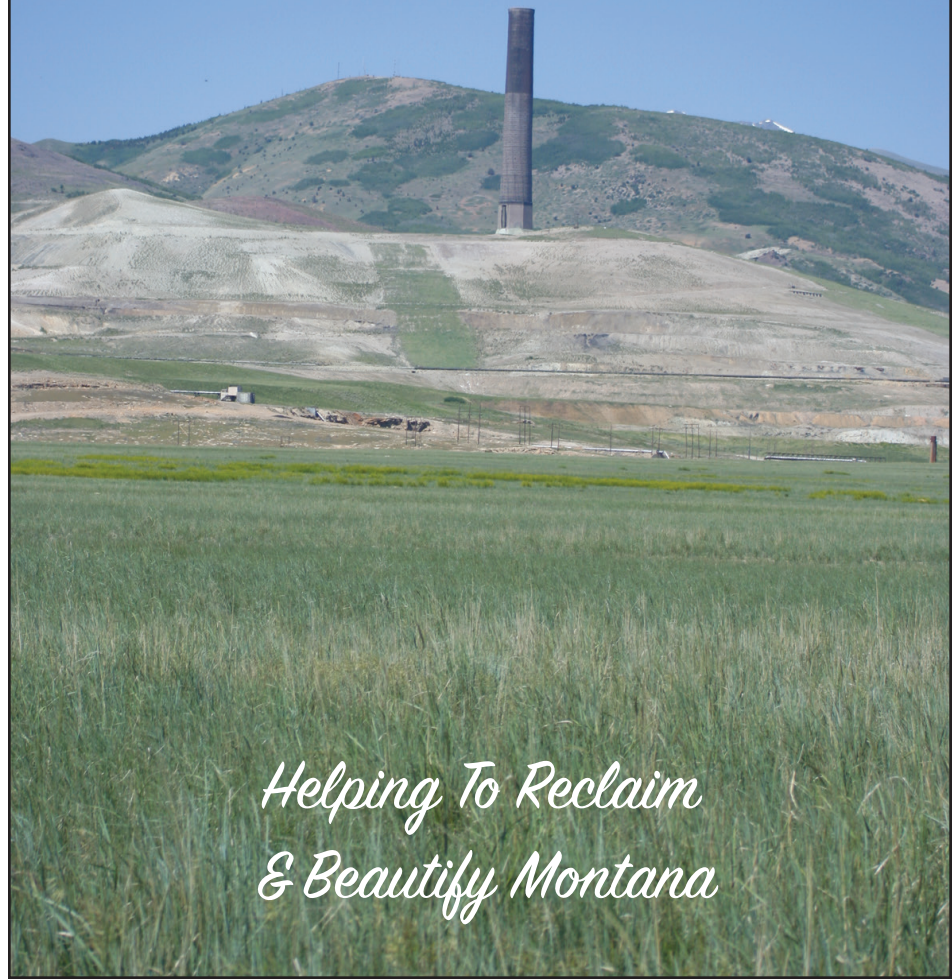
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Karen Savory (The Revolver)

Karen Savory of Hamilton, Montana will be displaying her mixed media artwork at the Revolver.

An appreciation of both nature and art have been a part of Karen's life. Growing up along the Niagara River in Western NY, she could never get

enough of either. She would beg her dad to take her camping and fishing with the boys and then beg her mom to let her "help" with sewing and painting projects. Don't miss the opportunity to meet Karen at our Wildlife Art Expo at the Revolver.

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Kelly Price (The Montana)

Kelly Price of Victor, Montana is a talented fine artist and potter who will be joining us for the Anaconda Wildlife Art Expo at The Montana.

Kelly graduated with honors from Northwest Nazarene University in 1982 with a BA degree in Fine Arts. A year later she began attending Utah State University where she earned a Masters Degree in Fine

Arts with a focus on Ceramic Arts. Kelly has taught children and adult classes in pottery, sculpture, drawing and acrylic and oil painting. She has maintained a pottery studio throughout the years and now resides in Victor, Montana.

Learn more about Kelly on her website, <https://kellypricepottery.com/>, or on Facebook at Kelly Price Pottery.



Lee Steadman (Smelter City Brewing)

Lee Steadman of McKean, Pennsylvania will be displaying his watercolors at Smelter City Brewing.

Lee is an award-winning artist, curator, and educator based in the Northwest corner of Pennsylvania. His love for watercolor paintings and the outdoors shines through in his work. Growing up on a farm influenced Lee's artistic focus, leading him to specialize in capturing the beauty of nature and rural life through his

watercolor paintings.

Lee will be showcasing his work at at Smelter City Brewing, where visitors can explore his unique approach to watercolor and his deep connection to the natural world.



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Leisa Lewis (The Montana)

Leisa Lewis is an amazing artist from Corvallis, Montana working with hot beeswax and watercolor to create a unique and abstract style who will be displaying her works at The Montana.

In describing her art and process, Leisa says: "I work with my hands... melting beeswax and damar resin together. Mixing these two mediums allows me to express different ideas. The wax hardens over a finished Batik, preserving it and adding texture. I work with my head... imagining and sketching

an idea that will tell a story. The words turn into objects and the color combinations not only work together but excite the eye. I work with my heart... carefully painting layers of hot beeswax onto delicate rice paper and then adding watercolor washes between those boundaries. At the end of this process the entire piece is covered with beeswax. Underneath values have been preserved and above it's almost unrecognizable. When the wax is ironed off it's like a gift." We're very excited to have Leisa



join us at The Montana. You can see more of her work on Facebook Leisa Lewis Art and on her website, www.leisalewisart.com

Lea Frye (AWARE)

We are honored to have photographer Lea Frye of Lea.F Images joining us for the Anaconda Wildlife Art Expo, where she will be displaying her wildlife photography at AWARE.

Lea is a Helena-based photographer whose love for wildlife shows in every photo. "My strong connection to nature and wildlife is the integral component of my art, one that brings heart and soul to my images. Each encounter is special and different, a few minutes in time forever engraved in my memory, the kind of moments I seek and



cherish as a wildlife photographer. Through my camera's eye I capture these moments where I connect with my subjects in their natural habitat, bringing to life rare moments with images that best portray the personality, passion and struggle behind

each wild animal's existence."

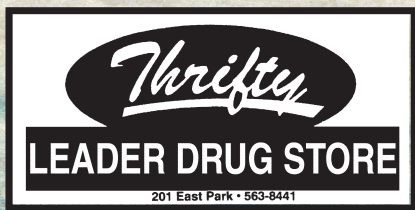
You can see Lea's work on her website leaf-images.com, although her photos are best seen in person. Meet Lea and see her work on metal prints at AWARE during the Wildlife Expo.

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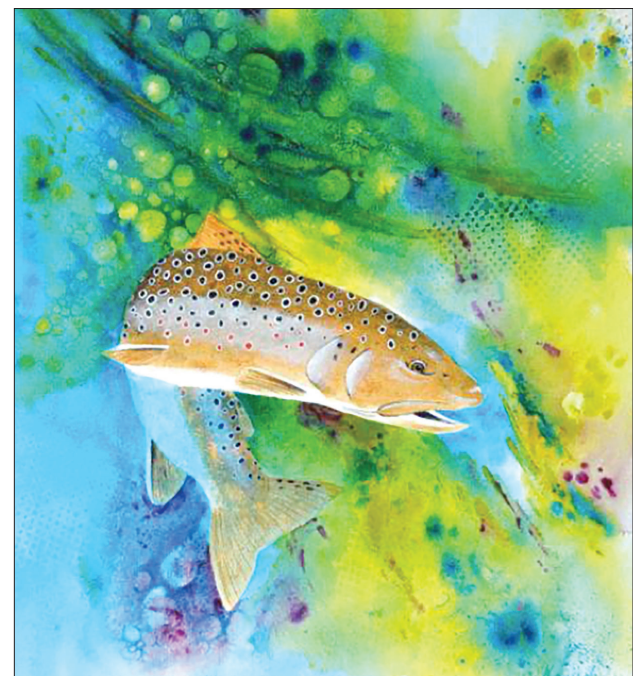


Loren Kovich (The Montana)

Loren Kovich of Helena, Montana will be displaying his watercolors and acrylics at The Montana.

Loren has been a full time Montana artist since 1978. He graduated with an art degree from Montana State and works in both acrylics and watercolors. Loren's acrylics are loose and abstract, while his watercolors are more realistic. We're so lucky to have Loren join us again this year.

When speaking about what inspires his work, he says: "All of the ideas or inspirations for my paintings come from the Montana landscape or its animals. How can you live here and not be fascinated with what we have? I fly-



fish a lot so that's where the inspiration comes from for my semi-abstract work. And I am especially intrigued with water, our rivers, creeks, and streams."

You can meet Loren and see his work in person at The Montana during the Anaconda Wildlife Art Expo or on Facebook at Loren Kovich.



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Larry Copenhaver (Northern Hall Tap Room)

Larry Copenhaver of Helena, Montana will be displaying his scratchboard, colored ink and watercolor artwork at the Northern Hall Tap Room.

Larry is a Montana artist with a degree in Wildlife and Fish Sciences. His educational background is evident in

his accurate and detailed wildlife drawings. He often uses pen and ink and scratchboard to showcase his subjects.

You can find Larry's work in his Facebook page at Wildarts LTD and meet him in person at the Northern Hall Tap Room during the Anaconda Wildlife Art Expo.

Marilynn Dwyer Mason (Northern Hall Tap Room)

We are excited to have Dwyer Mason Art joining us for the Anaconda Wildlife Art Expo. See Marilyn Dwyer Mason's charming wildlife art in person at the Northern Hall Tap Room.

More about Marilyn's work: "Influenced by the work of Philip Goodwin, John Singer Sargeant and Oliver Kemp, her paintings of outdoor adventures depict the nostalgia of the first half of the 20th century. Painting

from her own vivid imagination, Marilyn evokes an atmosphere that colorfully captures the beauty of the American West and a rich sporting heritage. Dwyer Mason Art maintains her studio in Butte Montana, where she created her now iconic Mason Bear Series, as well as countless other stunning original art."

For more information, visit the Dwyer Mason Art website: <https://dwyermasonart.com/>.

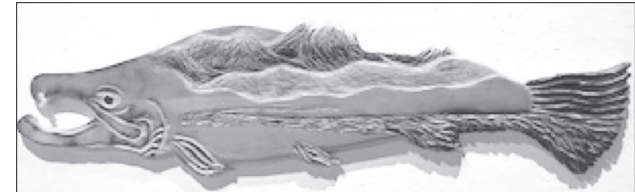


Luke Steadman (Smelter City Brewing)

Luke Steadman of Anaconda, Montana will be displaying his chainsaw carvings at Smelter City Brewing.

Luke is Anaconda's resident brewmaster and chainsaw artist. His

carvings celebrate the great outdoors where he spends most of his time. His sculptures are made with basic elements like chain, sand, and fire. As an avid fisherman each carving represents



a fish, and a memory gained on the water.

Don't miss Luke's amazing work displayed at Smelter City Brewing

during the Wildlife Art Expo.

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Luke Carlson (Smelter City Brewing)

Luke Carlson of Anaconda will be showing his woodwork at Smelter City Brewing during the Anaconda Wildlife Art Expo.



Myrn Barrett (Pintler Physical Therapy)

Myrn Barrett, an oil and acrylics painter of Stevensville, will be at Pintler Physical Therapy during the Anaconda Wildlife Art Expo.



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Mitchell McClosky (The Montana)

We are excited to introduce Mitchell McClosky, a fantastic oil painter based out of Jackson, Wyoming, who will be displaying his artwork at The Montana.

Mitchell was born in 1994 in Kirkland, Washington and earned his Bachelor of Illustrative Art at Walla Walla University. His oil paintings portray powerful and heartwarming wildlife scenes, reflecting his deep connection with the natural world and the Creator of all things. Mitchell describes his

work: "My art is driven by my desire to share my love for God and appreciation for life. I love painting with oils, using expressive brushwork and knifework to capture the spirit and personality of my subjects." Mitchell has exhibited at various prestigious shows, including the Art Fair Jackson Hole in Jackson and the Legends West Art Show in Great Falls.

See his work in person during the Art Expo at The Montana. Learn more about Mitchell on his website, <https://www.mitchellmcclosky.com/>



Molly Sims (Northern Hall Tap Room)

Molly Sims is a talented oil painter from Spokane, Washington who will be joining us for the Anaconda Wildlife Art Expo, where she will have her artwork on display at the Northern Hall Tap Room.

Molly describes her work: "I am inspired by the beauty of the natural world. I strive to help my viewer connect with nature and see how beautiful and precious it is." She goes on to say, "My style is classical

realism. I want my subjects to feel lifelike, so my viewer can connect with an animal's spirit to see the beauty and innocence that I see. I like to have a single focus and sometimes keep my backgrounds looser."

Learn more about Molly and her paintings by visiting her website, <https://www.mollysimsart.com/>, and seeing her work in person at the Expo in the Northern Hall Tap Room.



Norma Lee Pfaff (The Montana)

Norma Pfaff is a Montana painter who works out of her studio in the Bitterroot and we are blessed to have her return to the Anaconda Wildlife Art Expo this year, where she will be displaying her Western and wildlife oil paintings at The Montana.

Norma says about her art process, "As I develop a painting, I strive to communicate the story of my subject through color, texture and light, hoping to cause the viewer to pause and contemplate the conversation. I've painted with several

different mediums, but my favorite is oil. I only use professional grades as they have more pigment in them, so they are richer and more vibrant. I do enjoy pastels for painting songbirds, and I play around with different art forms, but I'm happiest when I'm up to my elbows in paint."

You can see Norma's work in person at The Montana during the Expo. View her art on Facebook at @Norma Lee Pfaff Fine Art and on her website, www.normaleepfaff.com

Roger Wyant (Smelter City Brewing)

Roger Wyant of Anaconda, Montana will be displaying his wildlife charcoal and acrylics at Smelter City Brewing.

Roger is a self-taught artist born and raised in Anaconda whose deep love for the outdoors is reflected in his artwork. Whether hunting or fishing with his family, Roger finds inspiration in the natural world around him. A versatile artist, he explores various forms of art but is best known for his compelling wildlife pieces. While he works with a range of mediums, charcoal remains his favorite for its ability to capture the depth and emotion



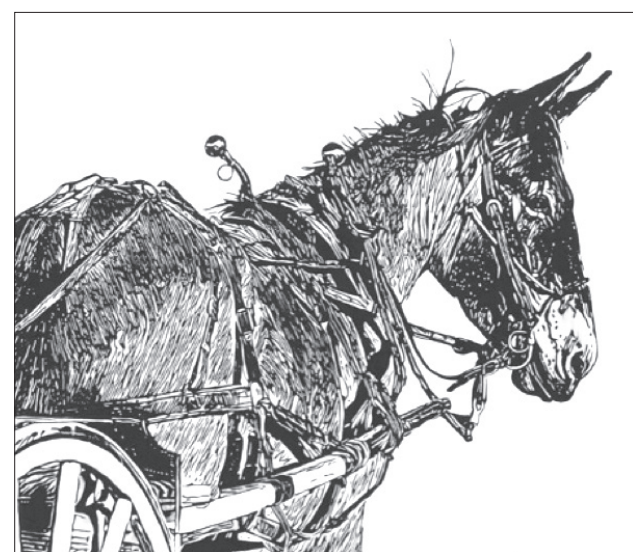
of his subjects. In addition to his wildlife art, Roger is an accomplished muralist, bringing his visions to life on a larger scale.

Roger will be at Smelter City Brewing, where attendees can experience his unique take on wildlife art and his passion for nature.

Wendy Holsapple (The Montana)

Wendy Holsapple, an artist and printmaker living in the Bitterroot, will display her prints at The Montana.

Wendy's linocut prints are incredible and we're so lucky to have this media represented in the Expo. Wendy says about her work: "Growing up in the farm country of the Midwest, I spent endless hours outdoors filling sketchbooks with images of the natural world. My present-day sketches provide the basis for the design of simple prints that evoke quiet moments and my intimate connection with animals. My designs originate not only from my



connection to my own canines & equines, but also from captivating tales of kindred creatures. My prints intend to portray a moment, if only fleeting in the animal's life."

Please come see Wendy in person at the

Anaconda Wildlife Art Expo at The Montana. You can also view more of her work on her website at www.laughing-mule.com and on Facebook at Wendy Holsapple. Click the photos to learn more about Wendy's process.



Parker McDonald (Northern Hall Tap Room)

Parker McDonald, a Colorado-born sculptor, is another artist who will be joining us for the Anaconda Wildlife Art Expo where he will display his sculptures at the Northern Hall Tap Room.

Parker welds steel to create unique sculptures and larger than life public art installations. He describes his work: "I love what I'm able to do with

a welder. Working cold welded steel is a challenge, but it's also immediate, and spontaneous and has a unique personality. The more familiar I become with steel's personality, the softer it becomes."

Learn more about Parker's process on his website, <https://www.parkermcdonald.net/>, and visit him in person at the Expo in the Northern Hall Tap Room.



Steve Wilson (Beautiful Life)

We are pleased to have Steve Wilson of Corvallis, Montana joining us for the Anaconda Wildlife Art Expo, where he will be displaying his oil paintings at Beautiful Life Boutique.

Steve is a talented oil painter who specializes in rocky mountain landscape and nature paintings. "Each serene location brings out the inner allure of the

landscape, from soft sunsets to towering mountains, autumnal trees, and sprawling forests. Steve paints stunning original pieces and also offers giclee archival pigment print reproductions," Steve said.

Learn more about Steve on his website, <https://stevewilsonart.com/>, or visit him in person during the Expo at Beautiful Life Boutique.



Richard Flager (Northern Hall Tap Room)

We are excited to introduce Richard Flager, a talented Montana-born artist from Alder who will be joining us for the Anaconda Wildlife Art Expo, displaying his oil paintings and stone sculptures at the Northern Hall Tap Room.

Richard describes his work: "I began sculpting when I was 23 and have been at it ever since. I work with soapstone (talc), and alabaster;

my work is smooth and appealing to touch, which is inherent of stone. My pieces are probably equally represented in the abstract and realism arenas."

Richard makes fantastic oil paintings in addition to stone sculpture. Learn more about him here: <https://fineartamerica.com/profiles/richard-flager> and visit him in person during the Expo at the Northern Hall Tap Room.



Susi Stroud (The Montana)

We're thrilled to have Anaconda photographer Susi Stroud joining us for the Expo again this year as she will be displaying her works at The Montana.

Susi's continuing love for photography is obvious in her work, she goes nowhere without her camera! On her Viewbug page she says, "I am a self-taught photographer,

love to travel and seeing animals in their natural habitat. With my camera at my side, I keep my favorite memories/images forever."

You can see more of her work online at <https://www.viewbug.com/member/susistroud#/SusiStroud/photos>. Meet her in person during the Anaconda Wildlife Art Expo at The Montana.



Ryan Jolley (Thrifty Drug)

Ryan Jolley is a talented artist from Corvallis, Montana who will display his oil landscapes at Thrifty Drug at this year's Wildlife Art Expo.

Ryan had the following to say: "Art has a way of molding, shaping, and moving one; the artist no less than the viewer. I am continually surprised and delighted at how a painting takes a direction that I wasn't planning and ends in a place that I couldn't have foreseen. For that reason, I hesitate to call it 'my art'. I would prefer to say, 'the Art that comes to and through me'. I work in oils with pallet knives and brushes. I love the

effects I can achieve with a knife but am also learning better how to blend and achieve results with a brush. I live in one of the most beautiful places in the world, in the Bitterroot Valley of western Montana, with my wife and five children. I am a 7th generation native to this area, and oil painting has been a part of my family for generations as well. I feel these influences have been a gift to me, and I am obligated to use these gifts to share the beauty of this world to all who choose to see."

See Ryan's art at Thrifty Drug during the Anaconda Wildlife Art Expo.



Susan Malee (AWARE)

Susan Malee is a talented landscape artist local to Anaconda who will be displaying her watercolors at AWARE.

Susan works with various media, including watercolor and acrylics, often

painting on unique surfaces like old, forgotten furniture.

Learn more about Susan on Facebook at Susan Malee Art or meet her in person at the Anaconda Wildlife Art Expo at AWARE.



Trevor Swanson (AWARE)

We are honored to have Trevor Swanson, an oil painter from Phoenix, Arizona, joining us once again for the Anaconda Wildlife Art Expo, where he will display his works at AWARE.

Trevor comes from a family legacy of artists and is one of the most accomplished wildlife artists in the country. Trevor works mostly with oils on canvas and on metal. He continues to push the boundaries of his medium. "Anyone

who has encountered a wolf eye-to-eye in the wilderness can tell you it's exhilarating," says Trevor. "Nothing compares to the grandeur of an eagle perched high atop a snow-covered mountain, a sinewy leopard creeping like a shadow across a dry desert,

or a magnificent bear effortlessly running across a muddy sandbar. These are the sights and sensations that inspire the most powerful images in my work."

You can see Trevor's gallery online through his website www.trevorswanson.com but his work should really be seen in person. Visit Trevor in the AWARE building during the Art Expo.



Steve Kerr (Copper Village)

We're excited to have Steve Kerr of Billings, Montana returning to Copper Village Museum and Art Center for this year's Art Expo.

Steve explores multiple mediums and is incredibly creative with what he paints on – whether it be traditional canvas, paper, an antler, or a saw blade. Steve says: "I become engaged in paintings that remind me of rich experiences or

special places that have touched my soul. I'm learning that my artwork seems to touch a lot of other people's hearts too. I find myself producing a lot of art about wildlife, native Americans, Montana scenery, old cars, and whimsy."

You can see his art on Facebook at Steve Kerr - Artist, or come to Copper Village during the Art Expo to meet Steve and see his work in person.



Vickie Edwards (The Bighorn)

Vickie Edwards of Charlo, Montana is another talented artist who will be joining us for the Wildlife Art Expo at The Bighorn Bottle Shop and Wine Bar.

Vickie uses oil paint and cold wax to create "glorious colors, textures and patinas." She describes her process: "I build up as many as 20 layers of color with palette knives, trowels, squeegees, brayers with

added wax medium, sand or other texturizing materials. I then dig back into previous layers with pottery shaping tools, dental tools, razors, steel wool. This reveals layers and I become an archaeologist of my own painting!"

Learn more about Vickie at her website, <https://www.vickieedwardsart.com/>, and come to the Expo to meet her at The Bighorn.

Suzy Combs (Hickory House Inn)

Suzy Combs of Anaconda, Montana will be displaying her acrylic and soft pastel art at the Hickory House Inn for this year's Art Expo.

Suzy has been painting for three decades and loves sharing the journey of painting animals and hosting paint parties. The view from her home are landscapes of rocky, mountainous formations populated with bighorn sheep. The rams walk with confidence, carrying their horns marred with battle scars. Underneath that power is also a sense of peace that she shares with her wildlife paintings. Wildlife continually inspires her to paint and keep practicing. She strives to show the animals' positive traits to reflect what we can use for harmony in our own lives. Visit Suzy at the Hickory House Inn.



Valeria Yost (Copper Village)

Valeria Yost from Princeton, Idaho is a talented western and wildlife artist who will display her works at Copper Village Museum and Art Center.

Valeria's biography reads: "Self-taught, she has carefully chosen various workshops to improve her artistic skills. Valeria believes her best training has come from studying nature by spending hours in the woods and getting to know her subjects intimately. Horseback riding, hiking, and backpacking into remote areas, Valeria takes photographs and does field studies that provide information for her strongly contrasted and brightly colored paintings. Working predominately in acrylic, she takes a great deal of care to depict her subjects and their habitats accurately."

Learn more about Valeria's work here: <https://wildwings.com/collections/valeria-yost> or meet her in person at Copper Village.



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