

HOLTER



ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020

Museum Facts

THE INS AND OUTS OF THE HOLTER MUSEUM OF ART

Current Exhibitions

The Fence in The Hole and Other Dualities:
works by Arthur Gonzalez,
When The West Was Won: Recent work by
Gordon McConnell,
Bypassed: Watercolors by Helen Rietz &
Helena Pop Art : Works by David Goodson

Intrepid Fellowship recipient

*Julynn Wildman: interdisciplinary artist,
dancer and short film maker, working and
living in Helena, Montana.*

Social Media Outreach

Instagram Followers: 1,725
Facebook Followers: 4,142
Follow us on social media @holtermuseum

SEPTEMBER 2020



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ON THE COVER: STINKEYE: ARTHUR GONZALEZ, CERAMIC, WOOD, MIXED MEDIA, 2015



Holter Members,

I would like to start by saying I hope you and your families are all well. These are certainly unprecedented times, and like so many of us the Holter has had to adapt to our “new normal”. The word “museum” by definition is, a **building** or **place** where works of art, scientific specimens, or other objects of permanent value are kept and displayed. We visit museums to look for inspiration when we are feeling down, or we just need a breath of fresh air. Museums offer a quiet place to rest and relax so that you forget about all of life’s demands, at least for a while. Not having the ability to open our doors to our community has been frustrating, but the staff at the Holter adapted quickly and found new and exciting ways to bring art outside of the museum. Virtual exhibition tours, online exhibitions, artist studio visits, online education, and continued healing arts programming are just a few of the staff’s responses to the shutdown. As we begin to reopen and look to the future all of us at the museum are committed to continue to build on the successes of the past few years. As you read through this report I hope you are as proud as I am about what we have been able to accomplish this year. Of course, none of this would be possible without your support. We all face uncertainty in the months to come, and I think you will agree with me that art and its healing power will become more important than ever.

- **Chris Riccardo, Executive Director**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Deb Halliday, Nicki Goettel, Russ Cargo, Corey Palmer, Amy Christensen, Chris Noel, Sara Groves, Kimberly Cook, Tony Perpignano, Tyler Armstrong, Ginny Abbott & Keith L. Meyer

MUSEUM STAFF

Sarah Fehlig, Kelley Crevier, Anna Lund, Jules Schoebel, Sondra Hines, David Spencer, Rosemary Howell & Nicole Keintz



HOLTER HEALING ARTS

- We now have Personal Art Packs available in every department at St. Peter's Health.
- We set up 9 Maker Stations in waiting rooms throughout the hospital.
- For Nurse's Week in May, we set up 25 Maker Stations in all of the nurse's lounges throughout the hospital and several St. Peter's clinics.
- We added an Art Cart and Therapeutic Art Programming in the Behavioral Health Unit at St. Peter's Health. Art classes are offered twice a week for the geriatric patients and adults patients.
- We partnered with the Emergency Department at St. Peter's Health to paint a mural on the windows of the ER, creating a more welcoming and cheerful space. A new mural will be painted quarterly.
- We delivered 40 Personal Art Packs to the clients at Florence Crittendon Home.
- We received a grant from the Helena Area Community Foundation to create 250 Personal Art Packs which we distributed in our community through Food Share, The Friendship Center, God's Love and various school districts.
- We created a partnership with West Mont to assist with the assembly and production of the Personal Art Packs.



EDUCATION

- We are proud of the Holter's Afterschool Teen Arts Council this year. They have spent 10 months working with artist and educator Janaina Viera Marques on an ambitious public art project. The project consists of four murals that are to be painted in the crosswalks at Lawrence and Last Chance Gulch. The teens and Janaina have defined imagery that shines a light on the value youth bring to our community. The group has presented their project to local business owners and city leadership and is working to garner both financial support for the project and enthusiasm for public art projects that are youth focused and youth led. Many thanks to Montana Arts Council and the Holter Museum docents for providing grant support making this project possible. The ATAC teens have persevered through the challenges of Covid 19 and are scheduled to paint the four murals on September 26th & 27th, 7:00 am - 7:00 pm.
- With Covid 19 protocols in place, the Holter Museum was alive with fun and creativity this summer. Kids made puppets, paintings, delicious dishes, and films. Along with old favorites like Legomation Brickfilm and Passport on a Plate we upped our game with a very exciting new program and partnership: Adventures in Cardboard! With our Adventures in Cardboard artists, they created shields and swords, armor, and stories to play out epic battles and learn teamwork, communication, perseverance and sculpting with cardboard. Our visiting artists were masters of their crafts and we are thrilled to continue this partnership into the future with a planned game day this fall and more workshops and classes. Many thanks to the Holter Museum Docents for their contribution toward bring Adventures in Cardboard to Helena. Watch our social media and website for updates of the exciting happenings in Holter Education.
- Holter Education is currently working on programming designed to support creative learning for pre-k-12 students, teachers, adults, family learning pods, and community members of all ages that allows groups to come together in person and via distance learning. We are striving to create lively experiences that facilitate arts learning, community engagement all with safety in mind.





Julynn Wildman : Spider Home, Performance Still and Installation - mirror, paper and projection, June 2014

SUMMER CAMP TESTIMONIAL

"I can't say enough about how great our experiences were at the Holter summer camps. The Holter did an amazing job providing exciting experiences for our kids while keeping them safe. They were a shining example of how kids will adapt to the new safety requirements and how we can continue to be together if we take the necessary precautions. Summer camp at the Holter eased my fears and anxiety about sending the kids back to school, demonstrating that kids will adapt to wearing masks and staying socially distant, even when it's 95 degrees (especially when they are engaged by the dynamic counselors who made every aspect of camp fun)."

Kim Patterson, parent

EXHIBITIONS

We have utilized this year's unexpected twists and turns to adapt to our situation and create new virtual content of all of our exhibitions. The challenge to stay visible during quarantine produced our #Alonetogether Virtual Exhibit, our #quarantineandcreate video series and was the catalyst in developing virtual video tours of all of our exhibitions, with Richie Melby Media. We have displayed works from Jodi Lightner, 46 Contemporary Lakota Artists (Takuwe), Helena College, The MAC Artist Innovation Award Recipients, The Archie Bray Foundation, Gordon McConnell, Helen Rietz, Arthur Gonzalez and David Goodson.

FUTURE EXHIBITIONS

- Linda McCray, *The Spiritual in Abstract*
- Colors, Kelly Bourgeois
- Across The Divide: Art Faculty of UM & MSU
- Soojin Choi, *Solo exhibition*
- Quilt National
- Extraction: Art on the Edge of the Abyss
- And Many More!

MUSEUM STORE

The Holter Gift Shop re-imagines and defines itself. We are including new and unique displays that reflect museum's exhibitions and vision. Cathy Weber's contribution of a bench display is a great example of how we are creating partnerships with our artists. We continue to brand our gift shop with unique merchandise with artists like Sarah Angst and Kevin League. We have also added an online gift shop for your shopping convenience!

VOLUNTEER ACKNOWLEDGMENT

A BIG thank you from the Holter family to our amazing volunteers who have helped us in these uncertain times. We built partnerships with PAL students in an amazing work study program. We would like to thank all our hard-working interns who dedicated many hours of time this year as well.

We thank our members for their support of our mission to provide meaningful learning opportunities for our community!

MEMBERSHIP



How do You Benefit from Your Holter Membership?

For as little at \$5.00 monthly, You not only ensure that the Holter can continue to heal our community through art, while also enjoying outstanding exhibitions, educational classes, and discounts including:

- Free Admission at 880+ museums across North America
 - Perks and discounts at local participating businesses
 - 10% discount on works from artists in the Museum Store
 - Special member pricing on all Holter art classes and workshops
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A huge Holter thank you to our Holter Membership Sponsors! We thank you for your amazing support and partnership!



The Hawthorn Bottle Shop & Tasting Room is a comfortable, unpretentious venue for people to relax, sip, and celebrate downtown Helena. They truly value community and connectivity. Bring your membership card to donate \$1 of your drink to the Holter!

Bert & Ernie's has been a staple of the Helena community and partner with numerous local businesses and nonprofits, knowing that these types of partnerships benefit everyone involved.



Show your membership card to get 50% off any appetizer at Bert & Ernie's and 10% off Tapas at Sommeliers.



Queen City Framing & Art Supplies has been an amazing support of the arts in the Helena community. Their knowledgeable staff has created a tailored experience to meet the needs of their customers. Stop in to say hi and get creative! You get 10% off all art supplies with your Holter membership card!

"Jim and I have supported the Holter at the Ambassador-level for many years. We do so because we know the hardest money for nonprofits to raise is what they need to keep the lights on. The funds supporting exhibits and education programs are just as needed, but we simply want to help the Holter keep its doors open to the general public.



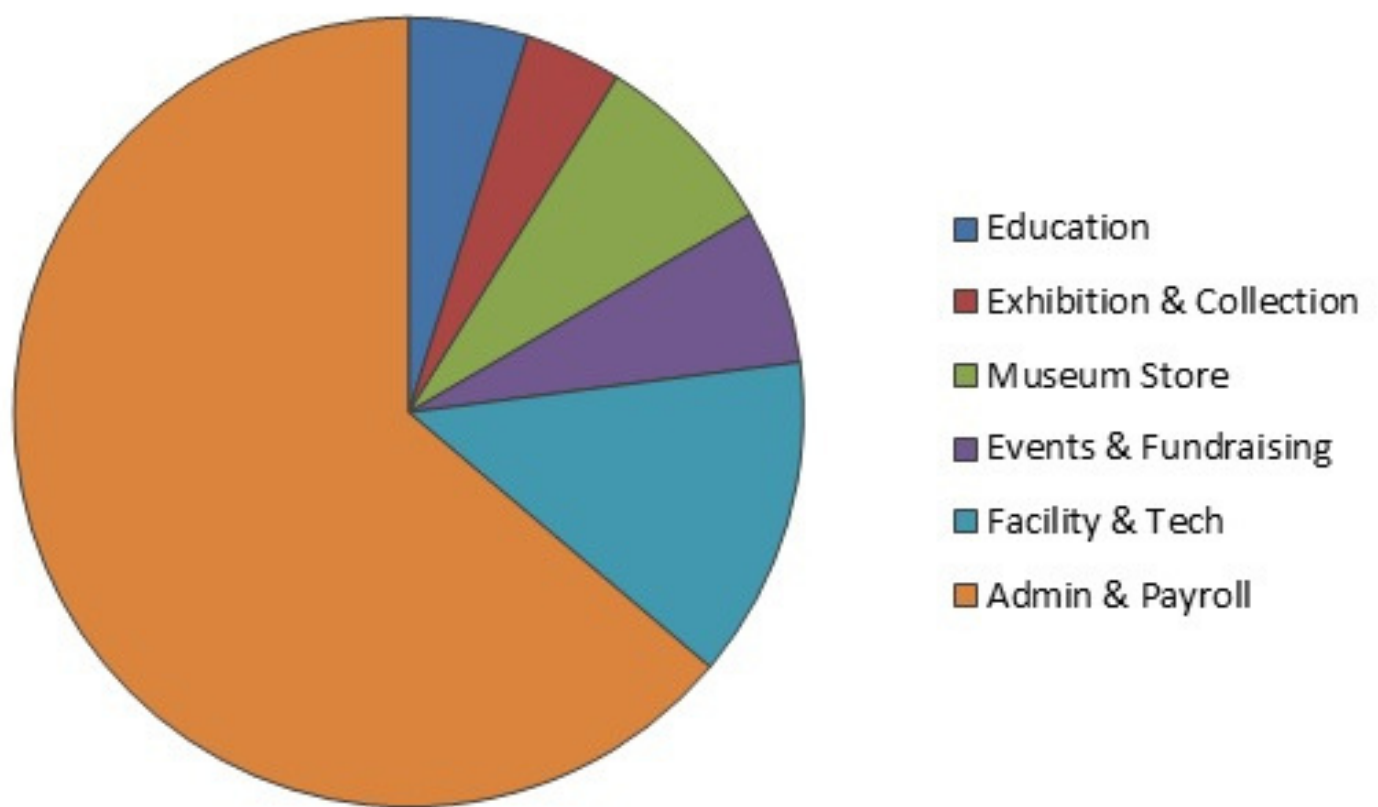
It's a treasure for our Helena community and enriches our lives with opportunities to enjoy and experience art. We hope others will join the Ambassador Program to do the same."

– Jim & Cindy Utterback, Ambassador level members

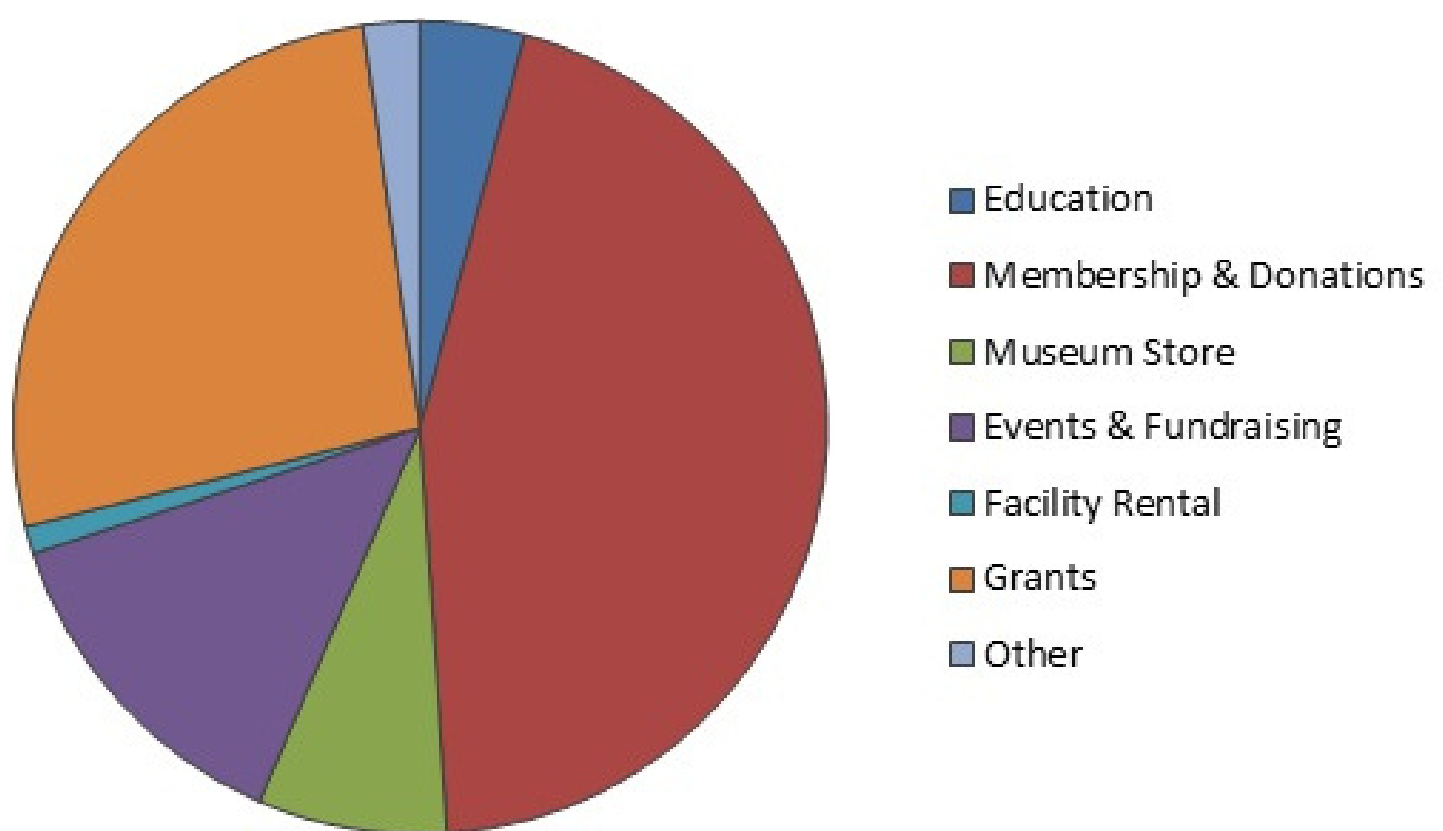
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FINANCIAL REPORT

EXPENSES



INCOME



Total Expenses
FY19-20 \$488,908

Total Income
FY19-20 \$538,071

Education \$23,869
Exhibits & Collection:
\$19,422
Museum Store \$38,058
Events & Fundraising:
\$30,903
Facility & Tech \$64,545
Admin & Payroll \$312,111

Education \$22,295
Membership & Donations:
\$241,046
Museum Store \$40,503
Events & Fundraising \$72,810
Facility Rental \$5,884
Grants \$143,450
Other \$12,083

NET INCOME \$49,163