

HOLTER

ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

AUGUST 2022

Current Exhibitions

Endemic
Jesse Blumenthal

Guns in America
Jeff Corwin

Mga Hunghong Sa Diwata
(Whispers of Spirits)
April Werle

ASCENT BANK GRANT RECIPIENTS

Jonathan Bashioum, Christa
Carleton, Mya Cluff, Carol
Hartman, & Danielle O'Malley

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 **HOLTER**
MUSEUM of ART

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OUR MISSION

The Holter Museum of Art inspires, connects, and heals our community through contemporary exhibitions and innovative arts programming.

OUR VALUES

The Holter Museum of Art has the capacity to encourage community representation through participation and access to exhibitions, arts programming, events, and partnerships in our community. The Holter acts as a conduit for the creative and innovative minds in our community, showing the impact arts and culture have on our values, opinions, health and wellbeing.

The Holter strives to provide access to lifelong arts learning opportunities that ignite creativity and encourage expression. Our programming opens unique and accessible pathways to learning about current issues and ideas, while also promoting collaboration and self-discovery.

A Word from the Director

Dear Holter members and friends,

It is hard to believe we have come to the end of another year here at the Holter! Like so many others, we faced our share of challenges, but have also had our share of success!

Some years back we set out to create a new vision for the Holter, and a new creativity center was at the center of the vision. The idea was to bring new audiences to the museum through programming, workshops and event rentals. As many of you know, the new E.L. Wiegand Creativity Center is now open, and doing what we hoped it would, generating needed revenue and welcoming many first-time visitors to the museum.

Raising the necessary funds needed to keep the Holter healthy is always a challenge, but this year we are all facing our toughest challenge yet; with rising gas prices, inflation at its highest level and a looming recession we must work harder than ever. We are all making sacrifices at this time, but we can't forget how important the arts are for our mental and physical well-being. Your support year in and year out keeps us going, so please do what you can do to help us reach our financial goals this year.

Thank you all for the love and support!!

- Chris Riccardo, Executive Director



Helena Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting & Grand Opening of the E. L. Wiegand Creativity Center at the Holter
Photo courtesy of the Helena Chamber of Commerce

2022 AT A GLANCE

310
Total members

24
Exhibiting artists

25
Volunteers

7,174
Visitors to the museum

2,684
**Participants in
programs/events**

9
Staff members

TOTAL INCOME:
\$518,829.77



Funding Sources:

- DONATIONS + MEMBERSHIP: 29%**
- PROGRAMMING: 23%**
- BENEFIT EVENTS: 22%**
- FOUNDATIONS + TRUSTS: 13%**
- OTHER: 6%**
- SPONSORSHIPS: 2%**

HOLTER EXHIBITIONS

We exhibited **6** group shows and **8** solo shows for a total of

14 engaging exhibits,

26 of which were Montana artists &
3 were national artists.

Our student shows featured **144** area kids through

Youth Electrum & the 4-H Photography Show

UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS:

- *Imagine This!:* Chip Clawson
- *Convergence:* Bev Beck Glueckert, Ellen Ornitz, & Susan Thomas
- *Transilience MT:* Rae Senarighi with community artists
- *Helena College Capstone*
- *Youth Electrum*
- *Across the Divide*
- *4H Photography Project*
- *The Odyssey:* Steve Glueckert

We acquired **26** new pieces to the Permanent Collection!

Photography: 27%

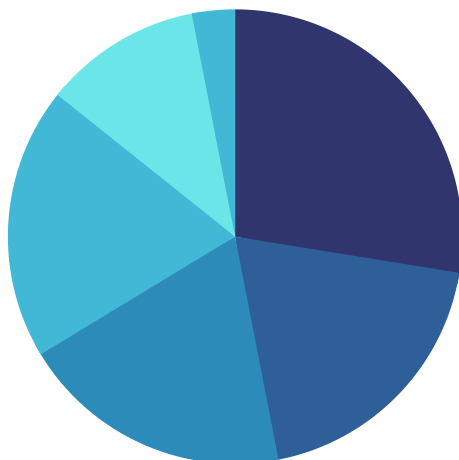
Originals from printmakers: 19%

Ceramic: 19%

Paintings: 19%

Textile: 11%

Sculpture: 3%



Jeff Corwin, *Guns in America #2*, 2014, ultrachrome print, copyright the artist



Stephen DeStaeble, *Black Angel*, 1996, monotype print, donated by Catherine Courtenaye & Gary Carson, copyright the artist

Because of a generous partnership with Ascent Bank, **5** local artists were able to receive seedling grants ranging from **\$500 - \$3,000** in the development of new projects, professional development, purchasing of equipment, or to serve as a method to scaffold the next level of artistry.

ASCENT BANK

HOLTER PROGRAMS

2,232 participants attended **5** different weekly programs throughout the year.

452 participants joined for recurring monthly and one-time specialty workshops.

We saw **3,020** students participate in a variety of activities throughout the school year.

1,800 K-5 students at Central School, Hawthorne Elementary, Bryant Elementary, and Kessler School received arts education through an 8-week Artists in Schools Residency program.

950+ 3rd graders from the Helena School District visited the museum for Field Trips led by Holter Docents.

325 area kids attended Summer Camp in 2021. The Holter was able to make accessible summer camp scholarships to **50** Helena families.

270 K-5 students toured the museum and shared in art making activities as part of the School District's summer-time Camp Ascension.

Through weekly group classes, the Holter Healing Arts Program served **520** patients in St. Peter's Health Behavioral Health Unit

Still recovering from the effects of COVID-19, we have a hold on the mobile Art Carts and Maker Stations in the hospital. However, we have been able to offer weekly classes in the St. Peter's Health Behavioral Health Unit.

The Holter held its second annual exhibition of patient artwork during the month of May, in celebration of Mental Health Awareness Month.

We continue our partnership with West Mont to assist with assembly and production of Personal Art Packs for use in St. Peter's Health and Shodair Residential Home.

We started off the year with the **Grand Opening of the E. L. Wiegand Creativity Center** - a fantastic day of interactive arts and crafts, music, and a live performance from speed painter, Evan Struck. The W programming continues to grow and be a space for interactive art and community interaction:

We have been able to build up our events opportunities, now offering **Yoga at the Museum, Wellness Wednesdays,** and **Open Mic Nights**



Highlights from Holter Programming



Mixed media piece from St. Peter's Health BHU patient, on display in the W during Mental Health Awareness month

BECOME A MEMBER

The membership support we saw in this fiscal year was amazing!

We saw a **\$15,000**

increase in funding compared to the previous fiscal year.

Your support through a Holter membership provides to the community:

- Free admission to the museum for everyone.
- Classes for artists of all ages and backgrounds.
- Museum field trips and art-making activities for area school children and youth.
- Inspiring and thought-provoking exhibitions from regional, national, and international artists.
- Preservation of noteworthy regional artwork in our Permanent Collection.

To make your membership go further, please consider becoming a monthly member. For as little as **\$5.00 a month**, you can receive all the same benefits as an annual membership, while providing continuous funding to the Holter throughout the entire year, ensuring we are able to strengthen and sustain our programs to make the arts accessible to more people.

Visit our website at

www.holtermuseum.org/membership

to upgrade your membership or switch to a monthly giving schedule. For any questions, please call or email Kelley Crevier at (406) 442-6400 or kelleyc@holtermuseum.org.

We thank our generous members, donors, volunteers, and community partners for their support of our mission to make the arts accessible to our community!

Walter Piehl, *Juice Man*, detail, 2011, acrylic on canvas, MAGDA traveling exhibition, copyright the artist

"The Holter Museum of Art is my favorite art venue. I am impressed with their dedication to art and to our Helena community. They do so much! Exhibits, events, artist talks, game nights, celebrations, classes, youth art programs, community partnerships. With the completion of the W Creativity Center, they provide a hub for many kinds of artists including poets and musicians. I am pleased to donate my money and time to this organization because I believe it is integral to our community."

- Virginia Niccolucci, local artist