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Augusta Elk High School students attend MAI



Montana Art Interscholastic (MAI) is facilitated by the Montana Art Education Association (MAEA) and is a unique opportunity for Montana high school students.

GFH Art Department hosted approximately 165 students and 29 chaperones from 19 schools from around the state March 31st and April 1st. Students participated in 18 different workshops, as well as a facilitated critique of their work and a Wearable Art Challenge Friday night. After our grand promenade of wearable art and DJ facilitated dance by Tyson Habien 13 of the 19 schools

participated in the largest sleepover in GF that weekend with approximately 121 of the participants and their chaperones sleeping in campus. A few additional GFH staff slept over as well to keep our chaperone to student ratio better than 1 to 5 in all spaces.

The auditorium was used for a keynote presentation on Friday by artist Corky Clairmont, which was open to the public. The counseling area was used as a space to stow overnight gear and the main office conference room was used as a hospitality room for chaperones and presenters. On the mezzanine level of the HUB, dis-

trict Pro Panels as well as panels from GFC-MSU and the Art Association of Montana were used to display student work in 15 clusters for critique and viewing. Dinner on Friday as well as breakfast and lunch Saturday were catered for by Maria's restaurant.

Students paid a \$55 fee to participate, but the event was also supported by a grant from the Montana Art Council as well as the Out West Art Show group. Their generous financial support was greatly appreciated. In addition, many artists from OWAS as well as professors from MSU and UIM facilitated workshops at the event. We also had local artists from The Square and around the community presenting.

Without their generosity and support this event could not have happened. Great Falls High Art Department is very grateful for all those that contributed to make it a great event and our district and site-based leadership for allowing us to host.

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Latigo & Lace Artist Showcase



This issue's artist is Elaine Snyder. Elaine is a master tailor from Kalispell, Montana, who started learning to sew in 4H in school. She continued her education at

Ohio State University, earning a degree in clothing design and textiles. In 1972, she began her career as an assistant buyer for Lord & Taylor in New

York City, where she learned invaluable lessons working one on one with customers.

After two years in the big city, Elaine decided to head west and stopped in the Flathead Valley in the fall of 1974. Not long after, she had a request from a friend for a buckskin shirt. To get a feel for leather, she made some small things, then sewed a cowboy shirt out of cotton for a fit pattern for her friend. She then cut into the buckskin and sewed up the shirt. Little did she know that she had just launched her life's passion.

Elaine has sewn and tailored clothing from a large assortment of buckskin, such as deer, elk, moose, bison and antelope, teach-

- Karen McIlwain

ing herself new techniques along the way. She puts authentic details into every piece and makes each item totally unique.

In 2009 she was one of the first 11 artists inducted into Montana's Circle of American Masters. The Montana Arts Council program recognizes folk and traditional artists for their body of work preserving Montana's cultural heritage.

Her work has been seen at the Jay Contway and Friends Art Show held in Great Falls during the C.M. Russell art auction week, at Montana House in Glacier Park, Kindred Spirits Gift Gallery at the airport, and you can find several of her purses and bags at Latigo and Lace in Augusta.

- Holly Herring

Library News

April Library After School Program
Thursday April 20
2023 Earth Day Theme
Community Center 4 pm
Lewis & Clark Library
Bookmobile Visit!

Augusta School Friday
April 21 1:30 pm
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Classified Ads

Large Garage sale March 14th, 15th, and 16th from 8 - 5 at 502 Main St. Augusta. Many items including Living room and bedroom furniture, dishes, power and hand tools, women's clothing, home


décor, bedding, canning, gardening, Holiday décor including multiple Christmas village scenes, Red hatter items, Danbury mint collections, Thomas Kincaid and Avon items.

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