



The Yellowstone Art Museum exhibits, interprets, collects, and preserves art, with an emphasis on Montana and surrounding regions, for the enrichment, education, inspiration, and enjoyment of all.

VISION STATEMENT

Be an extraordinary cultural destination for creative exchange.

CORE VALUES

We value **ART**.

We value imagination and the passionate education of enthusiastic and curious minds of all ages.

We value a diverse community that cherishes its memories and aspires to an exceptional future.

We value a place to live that is enhanced through engaging art of uncompromising quality.

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executive director's report for the year 2015-2016

It is always a rewarding exercise to reflect back on the exhibitions, programs, and events that mark every year at the Yellowstone Art Museum. The past year was one for an unusually high level of achievement. Not least among the accomplishments that we proudly trumpet was achieving national accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums, a long-sought accolade. We are also pleased to note that every single temporary exhibition was curated in-house by our own talented staff. We introduced a new art-related special event—Masquerade Party—which sold out in this, its first year, and we secured funding to pursue some much-needed restoration work on our historic jail building. Details of these and other programs and activities throughout the year follow.

The Yellowstone Art Museum has been greatly aided during the past few years by the revenues available from our growing endowment. It is not possible to overstate the value and importance of this kind of stable support. With public support lower the national average, comparatively few private foundations funding the arts in Montana, and a sparse state population, fundraising for an arts organization presents its challenges. Knowing all of these factors, it is again with a combination of humble gratitude and great pride that we thank the donors, supporters, volunteers, artists, tourists, and others who have made it possible for the YAM to achieve many fine goals and end another fiscal year in solid financial shape. Our mission is to serve our audiences, and it is our audiences who make it possible for us to do it.

A highlight of the year was the launch of the Montana Masters exhibition series, funded in part by a multi-year grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). IMLS has helped us in the past—notably with the founding of our art outreach program in its current guise—and we could not be more pleased that the peer reviewers who read our application saw the value of our new program to train a new interpretive lens on a diverse group of the state's mature artists. In 2015-2016, the first three exhibitions in this series opened focused on Willem Volkersz, Isabelle Johnson, and Harold Schlotzhauer. The series will continue for a minimum of two more fiscal years. Other exhibitions throughout the year seized on opportunities to host special loans, a crowd-sourcing experiment called Art in Action (an unqualified success), a select exhibition of the fine nature photography of Michael Sample, and small cameo exhibitions featuring work by our artists-in-residence. The YAM continues to host some of the largest and most



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The YAM earned national accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums, which was publicly announced at Art Auction 48 on March 5, 2016. This honor is awarded to fewer than 3% of American museums.



select art-related special events, including Art Auction (its 48th year) and Summerfair (its 37th year), still the models for similar events across the region. For these and other programs, about 40,000 people either crossed our threshold or took advantage of outreach offerings.

Through a combination of private and public support, the YAM ended the year well, addressing some long-deferred building needs and growing our array of exhibitions, education, adult programs, and events. We owe a debt of gratitude to our supporters, be they major grantors or Dollar Day visitors, and we renew our pledge to you, our audience, to continue to find new ways to pique your curiosity and meet our mission to enrich, educate, inspire, and provide enjoyment for everyone.

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exhibitions in 2015-2016

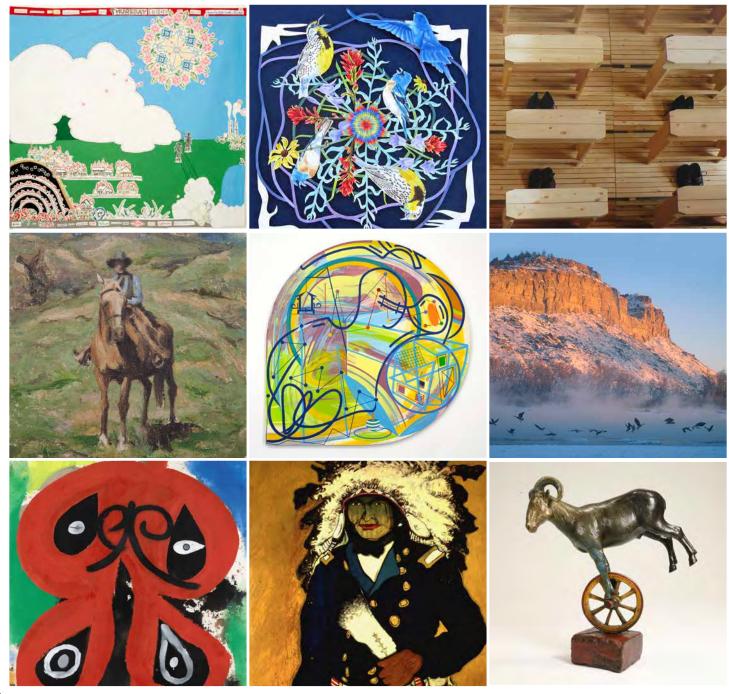
Every exhibition opened in 2015-2016 was curated by Senior Curator Bob Durden or Associate Curator Liz Harding, with the support of the curatorial department staff. It was a noteworthy achievement resulting in the fine exhibitions detailed below. The YAM was again fortunate to have the opportunity to host masterpieces by private lenders as well work created specifically by regional artists to exhibit for the first time at the YAM. The YAM's own permanent collection also served as a wellspring of curatorial ideas.

Exhibition Season Sponsors



David Orser and Ossie Abrams

With the continuing annual support of U.S. Bank and new exhibition season sponsors David Orser and Ossie Abrams, the museum debuted five larger temporary exhibitions and one smaller scale exhibition, while continuing to host exhibitions that had opened in the prior fiscal year. We continued to tell the story of art in Montana as illustrated by our permanent collection in Boundless Visions. The YAM also continued to make selected exhibitions developed by us available to travel to other museums throughout the country.



exhibiting the permanent collection



Boundless Visions

Ongoing

Featuring works from the permanent collections, this exhibition tells the story of art in Montana within a framework of themes with particular relevance to our area: land, human connections through time and space, tenacity, and experiment. The story is enriched by loans from artists and private individuals. We continue to encourage visitors to play favorites and participate in our Adopt-an-Artwork program, which permits anyone to show their support for works in the permanent collection while contributing to their long-term care.

For the ongoing support of this exhibition, we thank: David Orser and Ossie Abrams

temporary exhibitions



Vantage Point: An Episodic Tale by Maggy Hiltner

September 15, 2015-November 8, 2015

Incorporating embroidery she finds at antique shops, this Red Lodge, Montana, artist draws upon classic 1950s and 1960s imagery to evoke a sense of nostalgia, taking the cozy imagery in more serious and unexpected directions. Upon closer inspection, the seemingly idealized landscape in Vantage Point conveyed a deeper story and addressed environmental concerns. This exhibition took place during Hiltner's time as the YAM's artist-in-residence.

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Persistent Memories: Narrative Sculptures by Willem Volkersz

October 8, 2015–January 3, 2016

First in the YAM's Montana Masters series, this exhibition combined installations and sculptural works centered on Volkersz's response to Dutch World War II experience and his personal connection to the fates of children who went to his grade school. Additional work referenced his experiences as an avid traveler and immigrant. The exhibition was curated by Bob Durden and accompanied by a catalog, and the artist gave engaging public presentations over the course of the exhibition.

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"A Lonely Business": Isabelle Johnson's Montana

November 3, 2015-January 3, 2016

Second in the Montana Masters series, this exhibition of Johnson's work was the latest and largest of five exhibitions of her work that have been offered since the earliest years of the Yellowstone Art Center's operation; it was the first since Johnson's death in 1992. Drawn exclusively from the YAM's extensive permanent collection of Johnson's work, the exhibition included 64 works of art and 28 archival items. Curated by Bob Durden, the exhibition revealed the course of Johnson's career and the scope of her mature work. The exhibition was coordinated in conjunction with publication of a book of the same name that came out earlier (July 2015); the book was funded by the Tippet Rise Fund of the Sidney E. Frank Foundation.

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Art Auction 48

January 21, 2016 - March 5, 2016

See page 13 for a full description of Art Auction 48.





The Falcon's Eye: Nature Photographs by Michael Sample

March 24, 2016-August 21, 2016

Thirty-five newly produced digital prints represented a tiny selection of the vast output of beloved nature photographer Michael Sample. An additional selection of about eighty images was on view on a looping video. Curated by Liz Harding, the exhibition was a cross-section of Sample's work across his career from majestic national park vistas to intimate trailside details. Included with the exhibition was a gallery brochure with an essay by Michael's son Ryan and an introduction by Bob Durden. This exhibition was coordinated to travel statewide on a tour that will begin in 2017.

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Harold Schlotzhauer: The Shape of Motion

March 24, 2016-July 3, 2016

This large exhibition of 144 objects served as a retrospective of Schlotzhauer's far-ranging career to date. It included works in all media from early prints and drawings to paintings, prints, sculptures, skateboards, surfboards, snowboards, kites, and mixed media works. This exhibition—a riot of color and form—examined Schlotzhauer's many eclectic sources of inspiration and the unifying theme of motion captured that is evident in all of his work. The exhibition was curated by Bob Durden and had an accompanying catalog with an essay by Elizabeth Guheen. Schlotzhauer gave a gallery talk in May to a large and appreciative audience. The YAM coordinated a skateboard deck design competition for adults and children on during the month of May with winners announced at the Billings skate park on June 26, 2016.

The YAM is grateful to our Business Members whose category of support contributes to the YAM's temporary exhibition program: Hilltop Inn and Riversage Billings Inn.

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Primal Urges

May 6, 2016-September 4, 2016

Prompted by a large loan of objects from an anonymous lender, this exhibition included four life-sized bronzes (three sculptures by Aristide Maillols and one by Alexander Archipenko), paintings by Fernand Léger, Paul Signac, Joan Miró, André Lhote, George Clausen, Toyen, and Lawrence Alma-Tadema. Around a figural theme relating to elemental, basic pursuits, Bob Durden curated an exhibition that also include work from the permanent collection by Rudy Autio, Robert DeWeese, Troy Dalton, Jaune Quick-to-See Smith, Robert Royhl, and Kathryn Schmidt.

EXHIBITION SPONSORS

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the permanent collection

The Yellowstone Art Museum's permanent collections continued to grow through the generosity of donors. Donors may offer works of art or the funds to acquire works of art. The YAM added twenty-four works to the permanent collections from eleven individuals and families. Some of these works were from a large gift received in 2005 from Joseph and Holly Poindexter to augment the existing Poindexter Collection; this review process began in 2013-2014 and continued in 2015-2016.

ACCESSIONS TO THE PERMANENT COLLECTION

2015.005	Harold Schlotzhauer, Stop Gap, 1983, acrylic and vinyl on canvas, gift of the Winegardner family
2015.006.001	Freeman Butts, Journal (70 pages), 1966-1967, graphite on paper, donated by the children of Freeman and Daisy Butts
2015.006.002	Freeman Butts, Journal (23 pages), 1975, graphite on paper, donated by the children of Freeman and Daisy Butts
2015.006.003	Freeman Butts, Journal (48 pages), 1965-1973, graphite on paper, donated by the children of Freeman and Daisy Butts
2015.007.001	Sonia Gechtoff, Untitled, graphite on paper, 1958, Poindexter Collection
2015.007.002	Sonia Gechtoff, The Voyage, oil on canvas, 1960, Poindexter Collection
2016.001.001	Duffy, Untitled (#14), collage, 1959, Poindexter Collection
2016.001.002	Duffy, Untitled (#15), collage, pen and marker, 1958, Poindexter Collection
2016.001.003	Duffy, Untitled (#16), collage on paper, 1958, Poindexter Collection
2016.001.004	Gene Hedge, #6, collage, 1959, Poindexter Collection
2016.001.005	Dorothy Heller, Untitled, watercolor on paper, 1954, Poindexter Collection
2016.001.006	Dorothy Heller, Untitled, watercolor on paper, 1954, Poindexter Collection
2016.002	Kevin Red Star, Hopi Snake Dancer (Priest), acrylic on canvas, circa 1975, gift of Ken and Ann Shesne
2016.003	Willem Volkersz, Childhood (Lost), mixed media, 2010, gift of the artist
2016.004.001	Jean Albus, Fertile Ground, ink on photographic paper, 2014, museum purchase with funds from an anonymous donor
2016.004.002	Neal Ambrose-Smith, The Maybe Wheel, print, 2014, museum purchase with funds from an anonymous donor
2016.004.003	Jerry Iverson, Darwin's Tree, mixed media on fiberboard, 2011, museum purchase with funds from an anonymous donor
2016.005	Marcia Selsor, Thrown Vessel, saggar-fired porcelain, 2016, museum purchase with funds from an anonymous donor
2016.006	Catherine Courtenaye, Phraseology, oil on canvas, 2007, gift of Gary B. Carson
2016.007.001	Bill Stockton, Brush, oil on paper, 1994, gift of Karen Kallay in memory of Jean Baucus
2016.007.002	Bill Stockton, The Green Hillside, oil on paper, 1994, gift of Karen Kallay in memory of Jean Baucus
2016.008.001	Edith Freeman, Along Cottonwood Creek (A/P), woodblock print, 1979, gift of Todd Preston in memory of Tim and Joni
	Preston
2016.008.002	Edith Freeman, Along Cottonwood Creek, woodblock, 1979, gift of Todd Preston in memory of Tim and Joni Preston
2016.009	Theodore Waddell, Winter Sheep Drawing #12, mixed media on paper, 1990, gift of Ed and Jessica Stickney

DEACCESSIONS

None



LOANS TO AND FROM THE YAM

Incoming loans or permanent collection works exhibited in temporary exhibitions

- Boundless Visions, 97 objects from the permanent collection, four objects from four lenders.
- 48th Annual Art Auction, 179 objects
- Twenty-two objects were borrowed from several anonymous lenders.
- One object was borrowed for Vantage Point: An Episodic Tale by Maggy Rozycki Hiltner from the artist.
- Eighteen objects were borrowed for *Persistent Memories: Narrative Sculptures by Willem Volkersz*, from the artist. One object was included from the permanent collection.
- One hundred eight objects were borrowed for *Harold Schlotzhauer: The Shape of Motion*, from the artist. Thirty-six objects were included from the permanent collection.

The total number of objects borrowed for temporary exhibitions in 2015-2016 was 108, plus the works in the annual Art Auction.

Total number of objects from the permanent collection featured in exhibitions in 2015-2016 was 134.

THE YAM'S EXHIBITIONS ON THE ROAD

- One painting by Robert De Niro, Sr., lent to the University of Buffalo, Buffalo, New York.
- Thirty works of art from the Montana Collection were lent to Hilliard University, Lafayette, Louisiana.
- Five objects from the YAM's Community Collection were lent to the Yellowstone County Courthouse, Billings, Montana.
- Fifteen object from the YAM's Community Collection was lent to the GSA for the federal courthouse, Billings, Montana.
- "A Lonely Business": Isabelle Johnson's Montana, sixteen objects from the permanent collection* traveled to the Charles M. Bair Family Museum, Martinsdale, Montana.
- Hallowed Absurdities: Work by Theodore Waddell, thirty objects from one lender, traveled to the Mulvane Art Museum,
 Topeka, Kansas.

LONG-TERM INCOMING LOANS

Fourteen works were renewed on long-term loan from seven private individuals and organizations.



Robert De Niro, Sr., House in Buffalo Park, 1971-1975, oil on board, 30 x 36 inches. Gift of Elinor Poindexter, 1990.078.



Theodore Waddell, A Salt Weapon, 2013, mixed media. Included in traveling exhibition Hallowed Absurdities: Work by Theodore Waddell.

educational programming for children, families, and the community

"Thank you for showing me cool art work ... I love what I saw in the Museum. Like the paintings photographs and the sculptures. The beading was the one I like the most. I love the things that we made. The Bag, Painting plus oil pastels and the Will James. I appreciate you being my guide + the art. I didn't know that art was such a cool thing to do. Now I love to do art anytime, anywhere. The Art Museum was a wonderful place to be." Your friend, Kyonna

"Thank you so much for guiding our group from Highgate Senior Living through the Isabelle Johnson Collection. You did a great job describing her work and inviting responses from our group. Thank you for treating some of Billings's most vulnerable seniors with dignity and respect. Everyone left with a smile." Shirlee Philips and Marge Schultz

This was an exciting and commitment-laden year for the education department. Exhibitions as diverse as Harold Schlotzhauer: The Shape of Motion to Primal Urges, The Falcon's Eye: Nature Photographs by Michael Sample, and Persistent Memories: Narrative Sculptures by Willem Volkersz gave the education department a wide range of art to present to children. We had great participation from kids as a whole for our skateboard design competition and exhibition (in conjunction with the Schlotzhauer exhibition) on the Donna Forbes Wall. The year combined pretty weighty stuff and lots of fun—a great mix for learning. The privilege of sharing these explorations never grows old!

In August, a group of professionals from the art education community sponsored by the Montana Arts Council began the grueling work of establishing new arts standards for education for the state of Montana. This came on the heels of a two-year national review and, ultimately, the establishment of new education standards at the federal level. Within the arts, the standards moved from general content standards across all artistic disciplines to five distinct artistic disciplines: visual arts, media arts, dance, theater, and music. Our first meeting in Great Falls included experts from across Montana. Office of Public Instruction Superintendent Denise Juneau appointed a sixteen-member committee to consider recommendations presented to them by educators and artists from across the state. Denise Juneau states that "It's a big shift for arts education standards, but I think a good one and a necessary one." ... "Indian Education for All will be integrated right into the language of the standards, which I think is really important." We continued this work across the state from our desks until these standards were adopted by the Montana Office of Instruction in the spring of 2016. Full implementation will occur in the 2017-2018 school year.

In October the biennial Docent Symposium was held in Cincinnati. Education Director Linda Ewert accompanied four docents: Linda Snider, Judy Johnson, Karen Fried, and Bess Lovec to the symposium. As always, this symposium served as an avenue for learning and connecting to docents and museums across the United States and Canada. Typically, docents who attend this symposium gain a deeper



appreciation of the title "Docent." This year, Bess Lovec secured a grant to attend. Exciting to us it that our own Karen Fried was elected to the Docent Symposium board. The YAM has a history of docent advocacy, with the much-missed Pat Etchart having long served at the national level.

Also in October, Education Director Linda Ewert traveled to the Mountain-Plains Museum Association conference in Wichita, Kansas, to present Invest in the Future: Art Education on Our Reservations. She was accompanied by MSU-Billings Director of Indian Affairs and former board member Reno Charette and Molly Murphy, an artist represented in our permanent collection and now living in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This was a wonderful opportunity to talk to a larger audience about our successful programs and get to know these two exceptional women and their unique insight into our community.

Later in the fall, staff participated further in our wider professional community. Education staff spoke at the annual Montana Art Gallery Directors' Association (MAGDA) conference about the YAM's docent program. YAM staff also hosted an art teachers' reception during the Montana Education Association / Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA/MFT) conference. Thus, not only do we provide the perfect venue for art education, we help to secure its future by an aggressive and committed approach to sharing what we do and exploring what is new in our field.

Our school programs continue and grow each year. The children from our outreach programs are as excited when we visit them as when they visit us. The kids of Yellowstone and the surrounding counties understand who owns the Yellowstone Art Museum—they do. At the Annual Art Auction and throughout the year, the education department has been the grateful recipient of thousands of dollars from dozens of donors who give with a clear understanding of the importance of art education.

The Montana Women's Prison program continues. It is supported in full by a grant from the Tippet Rise Fund of the Sidney E. Frank Foundation. This program involves the YAM coordinating a different artist every other month to present two two-hour classes for approximately twenty women. The program is valued by all who participate. The art that is created—and perhaps even more the process that is involved—is meaningful on many different levels. The program is designed to teach the importance of problem-solving, exercising creativity in a positive and productive way, and seeing a project through to completion. Participants learn to accept the process of creating (as well as the result) and take pride in a job well done.

Senior Art Connection tours continue to draw participants at our area retirement homes. These experiences, designed and championed by docent Karen Fried, have become meaningful to both our visitors and the docents who lead the tours. Refreshments and discussion follow afterward in the Education Studio.

Last but not least, the education department's part in helping the YAM to secure national accreditation from the American Alliance of Museum was a great reward. It was an honor long sought. We have always believed in our excellence, and now we have the distinction to prove it. The accreditation review process was rigorous, and we gained many insights into our own institution. Mainly, however, we affirmed the dedication and commitment of our community, and their willingness to support and champion the Yellowstone Art Museum.

Education Program Support

The YAM's pre-K through 12 art education programs, both onsite and outreach, enjoy support from new and longstanding supporters.

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> ...and all of the additional donors to Art Auction 48's Lot 2016.

YAM Tours and Events

32 meetings a year, average of 25 docents

Art Suitcase Program

92 combined classroom presentations for 4,044 children

Museum Tours

Children's tours served 2,296 Adult tours served 284

Senior Art Connections

Crow Agency Program

Gathering 40 works of children's art and designing an exhibition from the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades of our Crow Agency program for travel to institutions across Montana.

Docent Second Saturdays: Art for Kids 8 classes per year, averaging about 30 kids each

Regional Field Trips

Docents visited Wyoming artist Neltje's studio

Young Artists' Gallery Exhibitions

The YAM hosted nine exhibitions of student work from:

Senior High School, Billings, MT

Hardin 6th grade, Hardin, MT

Shepherd High School, Shepherd, MT

Billings Public Schools (elementary, 8th grade)

Billings Public Schools (middle school, 5th grade)

 $\pmb{\mathsf{Head}}$ $\pmb{\mathsf{Start}}$, $\pmb{\mathsf{Billings}}$, $\pmb{\mathsf{Laurel}}$, and $\pmb{\mathsf{Lockwood}}$, $\pmb{\mathsf{MT}}$

Greybull High School, Greybull, WY

Crow Agency Public Schools, (4th and 5th grade)

In addition ...

Crow Agency 3rd grade exhibition at the Little Big Horn College Library

By the Numbers:

Grand total	12,123
Total off-site	6,783
Off-site visits (Suitcase program)	<u>4,044</u>
Off-site events (Summerfair and others)	775
Crow Agency	1,964
Off-site Contacts	
Total on-site	5,340
Programs	1,933
Events and Receptions	827
Adults tours	284
Children's tours	2,296
On-site Contacts	
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Docents

Without a devoted and informed corps of docents, no art museum's education programs can succeed. The YAM acknowledges the generous gift of time and expertise offered by these docents:

Bill Anderson Jean Mehlhaff Edward Barta Linda Merchant Terese Blanding Davilynn Nelson Lee Ebden Eloise Oviatt Stacie French Jean Posusta Karen Fried Ginnie Pueringer Peg Hart **Bob Rickels** Mary Beth Helgeson Mary Salle Susan Santala Joan Heser Jane Indreland Kenneth Smith Judy Johnson Lori Smith Ann Jones Linda J. Snider Shauna Kerr Brownie Snyder LaFawn Kleinsasser Carol Spielman Sue Lane Debbie Tierney Kristi Tolliver Bess Lovec Trish Matteson



Throughout the school year, docents meet weekly in the Education Studio.

educational programming for adults, including teachers

Experience Art Workshops

Workshops for adults continued in 2015-2016, appealing to diverse learners from teen to senior. Topics offered included zombie makeup, ceramic decorative tiles, urban sketchbook making, hybrid printmaking, drawing, pinhole and other photography, drawing comics, batik kite-making. Instructors included Kelly Price, Eloise Oviatt, Charlene Magargal, Steve Kuennen, Robin Earles, Edward Barta, Jason Jam, and Terry Zee Lee and Drake Smith.

Visible Vault Studio

There is no match for engaging in discussion with an artist whose work you admire. The YAM continued to offer this direct experience in the Gary and Melissa Oakland Artist-in-Residence Studio at the Visible Vault. The year began with Louis Habeck completing his residency and suggesting an exhibition topic for late 2016. Louis was followed by Edie Nadelhaft, our shortest-term resident. Edie, who is based in New York City and whose work was part of the YAM's 2014 exhibition Face to Face, Wall to Wall, spent an intensive ten days in the studio, combining travel in Yellowstone and using that travel as inspiration for her paintings. Maggy Rozycki Hiltner followed, for a three-month residency that saw the studio once again densely furnished with fiber art. The YAM was pleased to learn shortly afterwards that both Louis Habeck and Maggy Rozycki Hiltner had been chosen for Artist Innovation Awards by the Montana Arts Council. Maggy was followed by Neil Jussila, who began a year-long residency in November 2015. All of the resident artists hosted informal drop-in visitors and regular school tours, giving of themselves and benefiting in turn from the insights of new acquaintances.

Distinguished Speakers Series

In addition to artists, critics, and scholars, this series of special programs for adults includes performers, documentarians, authors, and other presenters whose programs enrich the YAM's

temporary exhibition program. To those presenters who were able to donate their expertise, we extend our sincere thanks.

July 23, 2015

Walk and talk with botanist Megan Poulette, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science and Botany at Rocky Mountain College, at the Montana Audubon Education Center

Presented in conjunction with The Botanical Series: Photographs by Gerald Lang and Jennifer Anne Tucker

August 14, 21, 28, 2015

Jazz Series with live music by The "Do-Oh," pianist Philip Aaberg, and the Alex Nauman Trio Presented in conjunction with The Other Side of Midnight: Paintings and Prints by Adolf Dehn

September 17, 2015

Poetry reading by Cara Chamberlain from her new collection, The Divine Botany

Presented in conjunction with The Botanical Series: Photographs by Gerald Lang and Jennifer Anne Tucker

October 1, 2015

"Seeds 'n' Stems: A Panel Discussion about Cannabis" Moderated by Margaret Beeson, N.D., medical director and owner of the Yellowstone Naturopathic Clinic. Panelists Terry Bouck, superintendent of the Billings school district; Dr. Jack Herold, oncologist at Bozeman Deaconess; Mort Reid, president of the Montana Cannabis Information Association; Rich St. John, chief of the Billings police; and Keith Strong, retired federal magistrate judge

Presented in conjunction with The Botanical Series: Photographs by Gerald Lang and Jennifer Anne Tucker Sponsored in part by Humanities Montana October 15, 2015

Dr. Helga Aurisch, Curator of European Fine Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston "Landscape and the Science-Art Connection"

Presented in conjunction with The Botanical Series: Photographs by Gerald Lang and Jennifer Anne Tucker Sponsored by the Michael and Karen Fried Community Education Fund

October 29, 2015

Willem Volkersz artist's talk

Presented in conjunction with Persistent Memories: Narrative Sculptures by Willem Volkersz

November 6, 2015 Maggy Rozcyki Hiltner

Open house in the artist-in-residence studio

November 14, 2015

Performance by Slovak musicians Jozef Lupták on cello and Boris Lenko on accordion and piano

February 26 2016

Screening of Art and Craft, the documentary about art forger Mark Landis held at the Babcock Theater

March 2, 2016

Encore performance by Slovak musicians Jozef Lupták on cello and Boris Lenko on accordion and piano, joined by pianist and singer Baruch Myers and violinist Miloš Valent

May 19, 2016

"Revelations of a Life in Motion" gallery talk by artist Harold Schlotzhauer

Presented in conjunction with Harold Schlotzhauer: The Shape of Motion



"Seeds 'n' Stems: A Panel Discussion about Cannabis" was lively and well attended.



Jazz Series musican Philip Aaberg in Montana Gallery



Maggie Hiltner in the Artist-in-Residence Studio



Slovak musicians playing in the Montana Gallery.



May and Harold Schlotzhauer, and Mary Ann Kelly

special museum events

The YAM participated in ArtWalk, Strawberry Festival, Harvest Fest, Renaissance Faire, and other downtown and citywide events. The YAM is an active site for daytime, after hours, and weekend facility rentals, as well as offering its own art-related special events. The YAM was delighted to launch Masquerade Party in October 2015, a re-design of the event formerly called Beaux Arts Ball; the event sold out. Winterfair, Bridal Fair, Paint 'n' Sips, and other events occurred throughout the year. We summarize below our two largest fundraising events:

48th Annual Art Auction

March 5, 2016

The Art Auction repeated its recent successes, both in exceeding fundraising goals for the YAM's exhibition and education programs, and in benefiting artists by placing their work in homes and businesses across the country. In 2016, the selection was juried by Brandon Reintjes, Curator, Missoula Art Museum, Missoula, Montana.

Gross revenue: \$321,439

Net raised for exhibitions and education: \$133,995 Artists: 161 artists provided 54 live auction works, 8 Quick Draw works, and 125 silent auction works

Estimated attendance: 403

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Summerfair

July 11-12, 2015

Gross revenue: \$104,810

Net raised for exhibitions and education: \$27,162 Total number of vendors: 114 of which 94 were

artist vendors

Estimated attendance: 9,500

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Linda Ewert and Emma Bilstad at Summerfair 38.

Selected Other Events

Paint 'n' Sip with Louis Habeck, July 31, 2015 Bridal Fair, September 13, 2015

Paint 'n' Sip with Sonja Caywood, September 26, 2015

Afternoon Tea and Sale of Marie Halone's Catering Linens, October 11, 2015

Paint 'n' Sip with Carol (Spielman) and Carol (Welch), October 15 and 16, 2015

Masquerade Party, October 23, 2015

Winterfair, December 4-5, 2015

Valentine's Date Night, February 14, 2016

ArtWalk, five times throughout the year

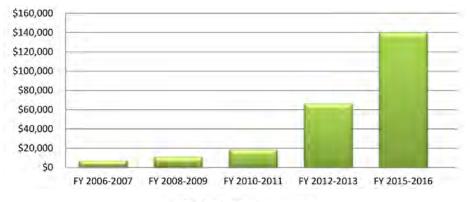
Jam at the YAM, several times throughout the year

expansion campaign

The Yellowstone Art Museum's Expansion Campaign—begun in 2006 with multiple capital, special project, and endowment goals—has, over time, evolved to become an ongoing campaign to build endowment for the future. In 2015-2016, the Campaign progressed modestly and continued to work to earn new endowment gifts and bequest pledges.

The growth in our endowment funds overall means that a growing percentage of the YAM's annual operating needs are met by this stable source of revenue. Net of depreciation, endowment revenue covered over 9% of the YAM's 2015-2016 operating budget. Our ambitious goal to reach three to four times this amount keeps our Expansion Campaign moving forward.

Total endowment revenue in support of operations



Total endowment revenue in support of operations

Endowment fund market values





The donor wall in the entry of the Visible Vault.

One new fund was established in 2015-2016, the Building Endowment. Founded with a gift from our own Facility Manager Chaz Riewaldt and his wife Bella, the revenue from this fund will support the YAM's physical plant. All of the YAM's named funds remain open to new gifts.

Gifts to all phases of the Campaign are cumulative. Several donors augmented their prior years' gifts and have moved up on the donors lists provided below as well as the Campaign's donor wall in the vestibule of the Visible Vault. We warmly thank them and all of the more than 650 Expansion Campaign donors.

Two investment managers handle the YAM's endowments, with oversight from the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees. Funds established as of June 30, 2016 were:

Endowment Fund	supports general operations
Next Generation Education Fund	supports outreach and on-site children's art educational programs
Exhibitions Fund	supports curation and installation of temporary exhibitions, including publications and adjunct programs
Will James Endowment Fund	supports the conservation, care, exhibition, and interpretation of the Will James Collection
Miriam T. Sample Contemporary Art Preservation Fund	supports the conservation, care, exhibition, and interpretation of the Montana Collection
Patricia Etchart Docent Endowment	supports docent training opportunities
Wendy's of Montana and McDonald Family Art Education Fund	supports art education for children
Edna Marie and John M. Schiltz Children's Art Education Fund	supports art education for children
Lloyd Shelhamer Memorial Endowment	supports the exhibition of the Montana-based permanent collection
Al and Jayne Winegardner Fund for Exhibitions	supports temporary exhibitions of Montana artists' work
Building Endowment	supports the care and maintenance of the museum's facility

expansion campaign donors

The following list reflects cumulative giving to the Expansion Campaign since its launch in 2006 through June 30, 2016. Names in italic indicate a gift fully or partially in-kind.

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Gifts up to \$500

We gratefully acknowledge over 450 additional Expansion Campaign donors who have made cumulative gifts up to \$500. Because a portion of upper-level membership dues helps build the YAM's endowment, many of our Campaign donors have helped us make progress through their personal or business membership contributions. All Campaign giving is cumulative. Donors may move up on the list through additional gifts and upper-level memberships.

Legacy Society - LS

The Legacy Society honors those who have remembered the Yellowstone Art Museum in their estate plans and who wish to encourage others to do the same. The Yellowstone Art Museum acknowledges and honors those friends of the YAM who have made a commitment to ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy the visual arts of Montana and the surrounding region through excellence in exhibitions and art education programs.

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Legacy Society members who have passed away and whose bequests are currently at work supporting the YAM's programs:

Lori VanSky Schmidt †

volunteers

Volunteer Group	Number in Group	Total Hours	Total Value
Board of Trustees (includes emeritus)	29	1,002	\$40,080
Docents	33	1,981	\$43,582
Teen Ambassadors	17	150	\$1,500
Art Auction	105	340	\$5,100
Summerfair	88	486	\$7,290
Curatorial support	9	489	\$9,780
All other	28	517	\$7,755
Grand Total:	309	4,965	\$115,087



Volunteers at Art Auction 48

president's awards for service to the arts

In July 2015, the President of the Board of Trustees was pleased to bestow awards on individuals and organizations who demonstrated extraordinary or longstanding support for the arts and for the Yellowstone Art Museum.

PHILANTHROPISTS OF THE YEAR **Dona and Paul Hagen**

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DOCENT OF THE YEAR **Bess Lovec**

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR **Amy Chapple, Hardin Middle School**

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR **Myrna Martinson**

ARTIST OF THE YEAR Theodore Waddell



Amy Chapple



Myrna Martinson



Annual Members' Meeting 2015 in the Murdock Gallery



Peter and Cathy Halstead and Donna Forbes holding the newly released book on artist Isabelle Johnson



Bess Lovec receiving award from Linda Ewert



Dona and Paul Hagen



Theodore Waddell receiving award from Bob Durden

comparative statements of financial position

YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015

			6/30/2016		6/30/2015
ASSETS					
	Cash and cash equivalents	\$	582,170	\$	807,713
	Receivables		242,122		104,040
	Inventories		3,647		4,304
	Prepaid expenses	_	28,419		38,962
	Total Current Assets		856,358		955,019
	Long-term receivables		417,878		480,592
	Endowment		3,165,062		3,178,197
	Property and equipment		6,069,109		6,172,989
	Total Noncurrent Assets		9,652,049		9,831,778
TOTAL ASSETS		\$	10,508,407	\$	10,786,797
LIABILITIES					
LIABILITIES	Accounts payable	\$	47,388	\$	42,355
	Accrued payroll	•	45,190	Ť	36,420
	Deferred revenue		170,570		179,962
	Line of credit		21,693		,
	Current portion of long-term debt		28,101		15,000
	Obligations under split-interest agreements		9,112		9,112
	Total Current Liabilities		322,054		282,849
	Obligations under split-interest agreements		234,097		237,715
	Notes payable		204,077		28,101
	Total Noncurrent Liabilities		234,097		265,816
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$	556,151	\$	548,665
NET ASSETS					
	Unrestricted	\$	6,289,685	\$	6,906,428
	Temporarily restricted		776,002		507,023
	Permanently restricted		2,886,569		2,824,681
TOTAL NET ASSETS		\$	9,952,256	\$	10,238,132
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		\$	10,508,407	\$	10,786,797





audited statements of activities

YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015

		2016	2015
REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT			
	Admissions	\$ 47,209	\$ 63,329
	County appropriations	158,703	152,181
	Other government support	91,308	49,530
	Grants and donations	422,844	500,368
	Investment income	13,378	151,751
	Membership dues	80,170	103,022
	In-kind donations	110,141	128,928
	Consignment gallery	26,711	21,522
	Special events	341,826	388,017
	Gifts to endowment & annuities	61,888	138,176
	Rental income	35,847	39,593
	Other income	177,823	137,426
TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS, & OTHER SUPPORT		\$ 1,567,848	\$ 1,873,843
EXPENSES			
	Programs	\$ 1,189,194	\$ 1,331,260
	Development	127,332	121,715
	Expansion campaign	50,035	51,775
	General and administration	473,059	447,713
		1,839,620	1,952,463
	Art purchases	14,104	2,300
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 1,853,724	\$ 1,954,763
NET OPERATING GAIN/(LOSS)		\$ (285,876)	\$ (80,920)



support and membership

Annual Operating Support

The following donors provided support in addition to membership or gifts to the YAM's Expansion Campaign. See pages 21-23 for membership contributions. Please see page 15 for a list of Expansion Campaign donors since the Campaign's launch in 2006 through June 30, 2016.

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