

MAHC MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS

We wouldn't be able to accomplish many of the things we do at the MAHC, including arts education, community outreach, and humanities programming, without the invaluable assistance of MAHC members & volunteers. Each issue, we'll highlight one of the fantastic people that make up our organization. If you would like to nominate a MAHC member or volunteer for recognition, or if you would like to become more involved, visit our website at www.mccallarts.org/join.



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ARTS & HUMANITIES



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"Culture is the passion for sweetness & light, and what is more, the passion for making them prevail." -Matthew Arnold

Member Profile: Jo Zimmer



When the MAHC launched its new membership program in January 2013, Jo Zimmer was one of the first to sign on. Jo, a McCall resident of 22 years, first became a supporter of the MAHC through her Cabin Fever experiences. "I just loved Cabin Fever so much, I had to become a member," says Jo. Now a veteran of several Cabin Fever seasons, Jo cannot remember the first class she took in the popular winter series, but remembers a cake decorating class as the first "literally delicious class I took."

Like that of all MAHC members, Jo's financial support will help make all of our programs available to the community for many years to come. Membership is an easy way to support the MAHC, and carries the added benefit of providing significant member discounts. The MAHC's programs encourage creative confidence, foster an inspired community, and make McCall a great place to live. While Jo has picked up a vast array of skills during her Cabin Fever experiences, she notes, "The biggest skill I have picked up could be broadly described as 'Just try it.' We hope to inspire all of our community members in the same way. Thanks, Jo!

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"Identity & Renewal" Exhibit Headlines 5th Annual Long Valley Heritage Night

On April 11th, the McCall Arts & Humanities Council will hold its 5th Annual Long Valley Heritage Night at the Shore Lodge in McCall. This signature MAHC program has earned a reputation as a favorite event for locals and visitors alike. As part of this year's Long Valley Heritage Night, the MAHC will unveil "Identity & Renewal", an exhibit exploring local narratives and personal reflection, which will be presented alongside the traditional discussion panel of community members and historical experts.

"Identity & Renewal" is a local history exhibition incorporating photography and oral histories of central Idaho community members. The project focuses on distinct time periods in which the region underwent significant changes in economic and social composition. Community members throughout Long Valley and Adams County have contributed their voices to the exhibit through one-on-one interviews and access to family histories. Throughout the exhibit, questions about individual and community identity are asked and explored through the use of portraiture and voice.

The exhibition was conceived through internal discussions at the McCall Arts and Humanities Council (MAHC). The MAHC is interested in exploring more projects in the humanities such as Long Valley Heritage Night, which has enjoyed great popular success. The evident community interest in local history was taken into consideration during the process of project development, and the proposed exhibition seemed like a perfect compliment to the community panel discussions which are held at Long Valley Heritage Night.

The 5th Annual Long Valley Heritage Night, presented by the MAHC, will be held at 6:30pm on April 11th at the Shore Lodge. Attendance is free. For more information, visit www.mccallarts.org.

Support the MAHC--Become a Member Today!

The McCall Arts & Humanities Council invites you to support accessible arts education in central Idaho by becoming a MAHC Member! The support we receive from our members, volunteers, and patrons allows us to continue coordinating instruction in the arts, facilitating lectures and discussions, and assisting in the ongoing development of public art in our communities. Your membership dollars directly contribute to ensuring that residents and visitors of central Idaho will continue to have multiple opportunities to exercise their creativity and imagination.

MAHC members receive a 15% discount on all offered classes, up-to-date schedules and early previews of upcoming programs, and invitations to member-only events.

Membership Levels

Individual Membership: \$30

Family Membership: \$60

MAHC Patron: \$120

Join Online: www.mccallarts.org/join



The mission of the McCall Arts and Humanities Council is to nurture a community rich in culture and creativity by providing all people access to educational and inspirational programs. We envision a community that expresses itself imaginatively in diverse ways, welcomes artists and scholars, and supports learning via culture and creativity as an integral part of everyday life.

2013: A YEAR OF OPPORTUNITY



ANNOUNCING A CALL TO ARTISTS: 2013 "ART IN THE GARDEN" JURIED ART SHOW:

We are seeking artists to participate in the 2013 Art in the Garden juried art show and silent auction! This annual event serves as the MAHC's major fundraiser, providing support for community arts programming throughout west-central Idaho. Originally started by friends as a commemoration to Marjorie Moore Davidson, the 2013 "Art in the Garden" will be held on Saturday, July 27th, at 'Charlie's Garden' on Payette Lake.

Participating artists will be selected by a three-member jury consisting of individuals with professional experience in the fields of higher education, art sales, collection, and creation. This year, the jury's top three choices will be awarded cash prizes in the amounts of \$500, \$250, & \$100.

For more information about this year's event, including ticket sales, artists' submission, and juror profiles, visit www.mccallarts.org/artinthegarden.



In January, the MAHC announced the return of Art School, a program which provides residency opportunities for area schools wherein local artists teach a particular artistic discipline. This year, Art School placed practicing artists into each of the 3rd and 5th grade classrooms at Barbara R. Morgan Elementary, Meadows Valley Elementary, Council Elementary, and Donnelly Elementary to teach children art in the classroom between January and March. The third grade classes are focusing on performing arts, while fifth grades work on traditional fine arts.

Studies have shown that arts education supports new core curriculum standards by fostering skill development in creative problem-solving, critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and creative expression. Engagement in artistic processes nurtures right brain activity, moving students towards a more brain-balanced and holistic approach to learning. In addition, arts education supports academic and social skill development by helping students to think critically, solve problems creatively, work collaboratively, and communicate effectively.

Art School supports new core curriculum goals and addresses several existing Idaho state curriculum standards in the humanities, and is funded by generous foundation grants and private donations, and made possible through the contributions of talented local artists. Additional artist training, curriculum assistance, and preparation are provided by the McCall Arts & Humanities Council with the support of the Idaho Commission on the Arts, the Whittenberger Foundation, and the Shelton Family Foundation. For more information about Art School 2013 and other MAHC programs, visit www.mccallarts.org.



Art in the Garden-- Saturday, July 27th, 2013

This year's event looks to be one of our best ever--with live music, appetizers and wine, and fantastic art in a beautiful setting, we hope to see you at the 2013 Art in the Garden!

Tickets can be purchased online--just go to our website (listed below) and follow the easy registration instructions. Tickets are \$45 per person.

Purchase your tickets online: www.mccallarts.org/artinthegarden

WHAT ARE THE HUMANITIES?

The humanities can be described as the study of the myriad ways in which people, from every period of history and from every corner of the globe, process and document the human experience. Since humans have been able, we have used philosophy, literature, religion, art, music, history and language to understand and record our world. These modes of expression have become some of the subjects that traditionally fall under the humanities umbrella. Knowledge of these records of human experience gives us the opportunity to feel a sense of connection to those who have come before us, as well as to our contemporaries.

(from <http://humanexperience.stanford.edu/what>)