



The Sketch Pad

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Special Edition:
SEVEN SUPERLATIVE YEARS

To Linda Engh-Grady: Our Tribute, Thanks, and Best Wishes

In her June letter to the Membership, Linda Engh-Grady announced her decision to leave the Hockaday Museum of Art after serving as Executive Director and Curator from 2001 - 2008. Seven Superlative Years. Linda's service to the Hockaday began as a front desk volunteer in 1994. After baby Madison was born in 1995, mother and infant daughter attended docent meetings together; and when Linda helped put on the art auctions in 1996 - 1997, Madison was in tow and baby Cassidy on the way. These two beautiful girls are woven into the fabric of Linda's tenure with the Museum, as is her terrific husband Dave. Linda's commitment to the Hockaday often made it a family affair. We loved the Engh-Grady Bunch!

Ask most anyone what it was like to work with Linda and you're likely to hear variations on the theme "DON'T WALK, RUN!" There were always new projects and new ideas for advancing the good of the Museum; ways we could improve next time - or this time! A perfectionist with a bottomless work ethic and remarkable knowledge base, the one art Linda didn't master was taking credit for her accomplishments and their value to the Museum. We were very proud to be part of her hard-charging team.

This year's Rails, Trails, and a Road is surely one of the Hockaday's most ambitious, thoroughly curated, and successful exhibitions to date. If there had to be a last exhibition for Linda, this brilliant show is most fitting. With the Crown of the Continent permanent gallery, Rails, Trails, and a Road unfolds Linda's vision of the Hockaday Museum as the Artistic Gateway to Glacier National Park. Art, artifacts, and collectibles tell the story of an art legacy that began in nascent Glacier Park and lives on in the contemporary painters, sculptors, photographers and ceramists who live and work in the heartland of their inspiration. Linda brought to life the connection between the art of Glacier National Park and Montana's enduring art heritage - a jewel she leaves for us in the Crown of the Continent.

And so farewell Linda, with heartfelt thanks and affection. Whatever you choose to do next, may you be happy, healthy, and wonderfully fulfilled. But first, stop and listen to seven years of resounding applause from Staff, Board, Guild, Docents, Patrons, Members and Artists of the Hockaday Museum. Brava! and Godspeed.

Lucy Smith, Interim Director



Looking Back, Moving Forward

Reflecting recently on her seven years at the helm of the Hockaday, Linda noted that she was most proud of the Museum's developed collection and focus on Glacier National Park. People interested in the Park took notice of the Hockaday, attending events, becoming members, and supporting exhibits with loans and donations which added significantly to the permanent collection. Today, she said the Hockaday is a museum with a purpose and a major asset to the Flathead Valley.

With help from the City of Kalispell, grants, and donations from patrons, Linda oversaw numerous building improvements, including upgrades to lighting and electrical equipment, addition of a sprinkling system, and roof replacement.

Computer systems were improved, adding to staff efficiency. The Museum budget tripled during her tenure, and membership rose to an all-time high. Linda was the only full time employee with benefits those first years. Today, there are four full time staff.

In Linda's estimation, developing the membership and exhibit programs were her greatest accomplishments. "I am very proud of the exhibits that we were able to secure funding for and organize... The Call of the Mountains – Artists of Glacier National Park; Winold Reiss – Artist for the Great Northern; Leonard Lopp – Glacier Park Artist; and David Shaner – A Retrospective... There were many, many more and I am proud of each exhibit and how it has helped further the Museum with its mission."

The Crown of the Continent permanent exhibit gallery dedicated to Glacier National Park, and the Ace Powell – Ace of Diamonds permanent exhibit are major improvements to the Museum that Linda hopes will be continued into the future.

"The most difficult part about leaving the Museum is leaving the patrons of the Museum. I made so many wonderful friendships over the years and I learned a great deal from their help and support. I hope to never permanently lose contact, by staying involved as much as my life allows me to.

I have great hopes that the next Executive Director will have the energy I had seven years ago and will be able to really run with the new level they find the Museum at, and take it to greater heights!"



Reception for Linda Engh-Grady

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

5:30 - 7:00 PM

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**You are cordially invited to a reception in
Linda's honor.**

**An opportunity to thank Linda
for her years of service,
innovation, care, and commitment
to the Hockaday Museum of Art**

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An Album of Memories

If you would like to contribute to a scrapbook for Linda, please send your personal letters, notes, sketches, photos, or other memories to the Hockaday Museum / Attn: Linda's Book, in a format suitable for an album.

You are welcome to place your message in a sealed envelope marked "Private" if you wish; and we will include it in the album in its sealed condition.

Deadline for contributions to Linda's scrapbook is December 15th.



Annual "Members Only!" Members' Salon

OPENING RECEPTION: OCTOBER 23, 5 - 7PM

There are painters who transform the sun into a yellow spot, but there are others who, thanks to their art and intelligence, transform a yellow spot into the sun. - Pablo Picasso

Each year the quality and level of participation in the Hockaday Museum's Annual Members Only! Members' Salon grows, and this year it has gone over the top! 85 member artists presented their work last year; this year, 116 artists will be in the Members Only! show which runs October 23 - December 20.

The exhibition showcases Hockaday Museum member artists with a broad range of art experience from amateur to professional; and an extensive range of subject, perspective, style and media.

The grand opening reception on October 23 from 5 - 7pm, will feature fabulous hors d'oeuvres prepared by the "Guided" "Gourmet, volunteer chefs from the Hockaday Museum's sensational Guild.

Everyone who visits the Museum between opening night (Oct 23) and December 5 is entitled to cast one vote for the People's Choice Award winner. The top three vote winners will receive cash and gift prizes.

The Hockaday Museum of Art thanks The Cobb Family Foundation and Bibler Foundation, whose generous contributions help sponsor this year's record-breaking Members' Salon.

"ORPHAN ART SALE"

A resale art auction to benefit

THE HOCKADAY MUSEUM

AT THE NOICE STUDIO AND GALLERY

RECEPTION & SILENT AUCTION

5:30 PM - OCTOBER 16

For further information, please call the Hockaday Museum Guild at 862-6815. This event is made possible by the generosity of Marshall Noice.



Return to the Garden

5 -11 PM NOVEMBER 8

Support the Hockaday Museum in a fabulous fund-raising Saturday night gala, November 8 at the Hilton Garden Inn. Seven of the Flathead's finest artists will amaze you with their quick finish demonstrations while you enjoy piano music and cocktails. After an elegant dinner, place your bids in a lively quick draw art auction; then dance the night away to the music of the Columbians Jazz Band! Details coming by mail soon.

Art Documentary: The Rape of Europa SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - 3PM / 3:15PM

This remarkable film about the systematic theft, deliberate destruction, and miraculous survival of Europe's art treasures in the Third Reich and WWII will be presented by the Hockaday Museum at Signature Theatres in Hutton Ranch Plaza. The film will be shown in two auditoriums, starting times 3pm and 3:15pm. WWII Historian Scott Wheeler will introduce the film for each audience. Adults \$15/H.S. & College Students \$5.

Good-bye, dear Ellen!

For the past year and a half, Ellen Crosby has been the Hockaday Museum's lovely voice on the telephone, and first welcome at the front desk each morning. In addition to making every visitor priority, Ellen managed the essential and exacting duties of coordinating and tracking members and services. As new opportunities beckon the Crosby family to the Seattle area, we wish them bon voyage and a bright future. Holly Ridgway who currently serves as Special Events Coordinator and manages front desk duties every afternoon, will assume Member Services and become a full time staff member when the Crosby's set sail. Farewell Ellen, welcome Holly!

Crits and Croissants

A SATURDAY MORNING ARTISTS' CRITIQUE

10:30am - 12pm

2nd Saturday of each month

Beginning Oct 11

Bring a piece of your recent artwork for a professional critique from a special guest artist *
Enjoy croissants, coffee, and fellow artists!
\$5 per session / Information: 755-5268

*Guest Artists

October - Jennifer Li; November - Rob Akey
December - Rusti Warner; January - Tom Lewis

Crown of the Continent: Glacier National Park Gallery

Permanent Exhibition on the art, history, and culture of Glacier National Park from the turn of the century to present times. Follow Montana's art legacy!

Powell: The Ace of Diamonds

The Hockaday Museum's newest permanent gallery made possible by the generous gifts of the Roger and Deane Claridge.

Rails, Trails, and a Road - Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Going-to-the-Sun Road

Journey through time on Glacier National Park's Highway to the Sky in a masterful exhibition of art, artifacts, maps, vintage films, books and collectibles. Exhibition runs through October 18.

Orphan Art Sale

A resale art auction to benefit the Hockaday Museum of Art, sponsored by the Hockaday Museum Guild and Marshall Noice. Silent Auction / Wine and Cheese Reception: October 16, 5:30pm at Noice Gallery & Studio, 127 Main Street. Fine art at incredible prices.

Members Only! A Members' Salon and Show

This year 117 Hockaday Museum member artists will exhibit their recent work in the Annual Members' Show. Opening reception: October 23, 5-7pm. Exhibition: October 23 - December 20.

Return to the Garden - Signature Event II

Return with us to the Hilton Garden Inn for an elegant benefit gala starring quick finishes by eight well-known artists, cocktail hour, quick finish art auction, dinner, and dance. Sat, November 8.

Art Thieves and Heroes: The Rape of Europa (a documentary film)

Moderated by Scott Wheeler WWII Historian. Sunday, Nov 2 at the Signature Theatres in the Hutton Ranch Plaza. Film start times: 3pm and 3:15pm. Adults \$15 / Students \$5



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