
Introduction: These were exciting years for the Museum of Friends with changing exhibitions on the ground level and three on the second floor. More community individuals and families became museum members, 67 to date. Funding was granted from major State and Federal sources including: The Colorado Creative Industries (twice); The Anschutz Family Foundation (twice); The Kenneth King Foundation; Bessemer Historical Society; The Laura Jane Musser Fund; Bar NI Fund; Walmart; Safeway; The City of Walsenburg and 25 individual donors, 2015, 12 in 2014. This support provided scholarships in the Friday Art Lab., low-cost “School-Tour” Programs for local k-12 children; outreach programs to the schools, and alternate sites. These funds also helped to provide public programs with collaborative partners such as the Fox Theater; Rocky Mountain PBS; HULA (Huerfano and Las Animas Early Childhood Programs); The Sangre de Cristo Center for Youth; Las Animas and Huerfano County Developmentally Disabled Workshop; the Spanish Peaks Early Childhood Center and the Veterans Home. The Made in Walsenburg Shop helped to supplement the income of over 24 local artists and craftspeople while creating one new part time position “Gift Shop Manager.” MOF continues to work with the SER (Senior Employment Resource) and had 3 trainees during this year. The in-kind support was the equivalent of $24,757.00 toward payroll. Volunteers continue to be attracted to our facility for learning and enjoyment. In this last year alone 28 individuals helped to present programs, prepare for exhibitions, assist in children’s and adult workshop. In January, 2016 History Colorado listed the museum’s building “The Roof and Dick” as a certified Historic Property on the State Register.
2016

Charles Parson’s Sculpture from the “Outside of Memory a Contemporary View of the Horizon, Exhibition February 23rd to April 16
El Dia de los Muertos 3rd Annual exhibit, 2015

Group Exhibition photo, fall 2015
Planet O Band and community event for El Dia de los Muerto, fall 2015

Dancer Frieda Lessar, in front of Ray Espinoza’ Painting and lithograph

Local Artist Lana Wachterman with Denver’s Ray Espinoza

Section of exhibition

Friday Art Lab student with mom at opening
May through October Drop City Events and Exhibitions, 2015

Opening event, July 4, 2015

Friday Art Lab with Criss-Cross show on view
BRING HISTORY TO LIFE - GET THE WORD OUT
Celebrate Drop City’s 50th Anniversary
FRIDAY ART LAB AS SERVICE LEARNING
FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY
Exhibitions, Public Programs, Downtown Events

Children’s Art Happenings
Build a life size Geodesic Dome with Recycled Materials
FOR CHILDREN, AGES 5 THROUGH 18
MEETS EVERY FRIDAY: 1 pm to 3 pm
BEGINNING June 5th THROUGH DECEMBER 15TH
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE, FEE $5.00 A SESSION, includes materials
REGISTER: 738-2858 OR INFO@MUSEUMOFFRIENDS.ORG

EXHIBITIONS FOR ADULTS, CHILDREN, AND GROUPS:
1.) Myron Wood photographs “Drop City” June 4 thru July 31
2.) Drop City Poster Contest 2015, June 4 thru July 31
3.) The Mini Series Drawings by Joseph White, June 12 thru Aug 31
4.) Criss-Cross exhibit Drop City Artists July 4 thru October 15

Celebrate Drop City Events
Join MOF in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Artists’ Community
Criss-Cross Exhibit opening July 4th, 4 pm to 11 pm
Music: “Planet O” - Refreshments: “Go Ask Alys Catering”
Public Programs: Films: Drop City and Flashing on the 60’s:
July 2nd 5:30 pm, Fox Theater, Walsenburg
School-Tour Program for k-12, area schools curriculum based programs
September 1st through December 15th. Call Maria: 738-2858
Planter Box Beautification Project, and Made in Walsenburg Gift Shop
Volunteers wanted!!! Please call Volunteer Coordinator Irene at 738-2858
Volunteers installing Richard Kallweit’s sculpture, with artist, Elizabeth Hansen 2nd from the left and Richard Kallweit 4th from the left, July 2015

Article and photographs by Ron Pollard, “Modern in Denver”, fall issue 2015
Volunteers helping Paul Hildebrandt install his Zometool, May, 2015
Visitors enjoying the Criss-Cross Show and Zometool, July 2015

Friday Art Lab in Joseph White Exhibit, 2nd floor, August, 2015

Friday Art Lab on Main Floor
“Artists talk on art” public program with Joseph Adamich, Pueblo Artist, December 19th

John Dyes photographs in upper right,
Please join us for the opening of a new exhibition on Friday December 19th, from noon until 7 pm at 600 Main Street in the 1st level gallery space. This exhibition highlights the works of artists from many parts of the United States. The “Labor, Mining and Immigration” exhibition began as homage to those who lost their lives at Ludlow, and its surrounding areas one hundred years ago. As submissions from artists from many parts of the country were received, this exhibition has evolved into a statement about many timely national issues. Some artists in this exhibition explore the contemporary concerns of labor: minimum wage, illegal immigration, corporate, and safety and health related abuses in the work place. These are New York artists: Constance Del Vecchio Maltese, Larry Racioppo, Peter Gourfain and Connie Hwang who resides in Berkeley California. Reggio is a Trinidad artist, Joe Adamich from Pueblo, John Dyes, Texas and Billy King from Arkansas all responding to the courage exhibited by miners and the legacy of their labor through photographs, sculptures, mixed media and paintings.

The subject of immigration is relevant to another Berkeley artist - Guillermo Pulido, and Walsenburgs' Brendt Berger and Maria Cocchiarelli. These artists are referential in their treatment of the subject matter and honor those who have made sacrifices.

The exhibition continues through March 30th and contains a lively public program schedule of films related to these topics. All will be shown on Thursday afternoons from 3 to 4 pm, followed by a group discussion. MOF welcomes high school students who are interested in these timely subjects. The first film viewing will be January 15: “Animas Perdidas” (Lost Souls) is the story of a young Latina filmmaker documenting the emotional journey of her uncle, a U.S. military vet deported to Mexico. With today’s U.S. – Mexico border issue, Animas Perdidas helps explore national identity, and what happens after deportees are sent to a homeland they don’t consider home. The other dates are: January 29th, (Triangle Shirt Waist Factory Fire), February 19th, (Labor and the State of the Union) and March 12th (Colorado Experience, The Smaldones). Please visit www.museumoffriends.org for more details.

During this exhibition the “School-tour” program will be available for students from RE1 and RE 2 grades 1st through 12 with age appropriate tours and curriculum materials. The Friday Art Lab will resume in the spring with the first session scheduled for May 1st. There are scholarships available and financial assistance for the “School-Tour” program. Please call 738-2858 for further information.

Guillermo Pulido’s “Persona Non Grada” series portraits - central with group artists to the right
Museum Gift Shop “Made in Walsenburg” opened in fall 2014

Oliver Manufacturing, La Junta, Sponsored Workshop with curator Maria Cocchiarelli “Mural-Making, Community and At-risk Youth”, October, 2014
Reimagining the Past at the Museum of Friends
From the Collections of the Steelworks Museum and CF&I Archives
Focus on Walsenburg

School Tour Program
K-12 Discipline-based programs related to current exhibitions on view
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from August 15th through September
30th and November 1st through December 15th. Pre- and post-visit
materials included. $3.00 per student.

Friday Art Lab
Community Planter Box Beautification Project
Meeting every Friday beginning May 30th through December 15th, 1 pm
to 3:00 pm, youth ages 4 to 14 will explore architecture and social
science with hands-on art activities. Fee $3.00 per session, scholarships
available. Register at info@museumoffriends.org

Toddler Tuesdays
10 AM – noon: Pre-school groups and caregivers, bring your toddlers
to have fun in a creative environment. Admission is $3.00 for one adult
and one child. All materials included.

The Children’s Response to Ludlow
Special Exhibition on the 2nd floor, Art K-8 from Peakview School,
Walsenburg.

Date to be Announced - Mid-August
Victoria Miller, Museum Curator and Education Director for the Steel-
works Museum, will speak about the educational components of the
exhibition. Invites will include educators, administrators and parents.
School Tour Program with La Veta, 1st grade – 5th Grade, fall 2014
Gardner School, 5th grade Special School – Tour program on identity, fall 2014