



FLATHEAD  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION

## Generous Legacy - June/July 2016 Newsletter

### Greetings!

We hope your summer is off to a great start! Thank you for your support of the Flathead Community Foundation.

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### It Takes A Valley!

Thank you for helping raise thousands of dollars for local nonprofits! Give Local Flathead 2016 was a heartwarming celebration of community philanthropy ... even when technical failures in the national online giving platform brought Give Local events all across the country to an early halt. That's when Give Local Flathead hosts, nonprofits and our generous Flathead community rallied to keep on giving through a new online site, hand delivered and mail in donations.

Local print and online news publications, radio, and television were wonderfully supportive throughout the extended giving period, encouraging everyone in the Flathead to keep Giving Local through May 10.

Participating nonprofits inspired all of us with their resilience and patience. They seized the day, networking with one another, reaching out to donors, and giving undivided attention to everyone who visited them at the Gateway Community Center donation site.

Local sponsors provided thousands of dollars for incentive prizes, and in kind donations of food, print materials, publicity, and essential volunteer manpower. As the Daily Inter Lake noted, we made lemonade from lemons, turning a disappointing day into a community celebration of philanthropy and service.

Please tune in next month for our full report on Give Local Flathead results, and our grateful recognition to the many individuals, organizations and businesses that made May 3 a very good day in the Flathead.

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### Calling all Drivers and Passengers!\*



Please mark your calendar and join us on July 30th at Valley Ford to Drive 4 UR Flathead Community Foundation! We are planning a terrific day of fun, fundraising, and test driving great Ford vehicles... all we need to make it a grand success are you, your family, friends, and neighbors. Festivities begin at 8:00am. Please help us spread the word. Thank you!

*\*18 years or older*

## Upcoming Events

### Continuing - August 6

Hockaday Museum of Art  
Annual Montana Painter's Alliance  
exhibition  
Adults/\$5, Seniors/\$4, College/\$2, K-  
12/Free, Members/Free

### June 25-29

Hockaday Museum of Art  
Annual Plein Air Paint Out event

### June 27-28

Hockaday Museum of Art  
Red Bus Plein Air Tours in Glacier  
To watch Nancy Dunlop Cawdrey or  
Linda Tippetts paint  
Members/\$100, Non-members/\$115  
Reservations Required; please call  
406/755-5268

### June 30

Hockaday Museum of Art  
Plein Air Party & Sale  
5:00 - 8:00 pm

### June 30

Glacier Symphony & Chorale  
Special Concert featuring cellist Amit  
Peled accompanied by pianist  
Christopher Hahn  
O'Shaughnessy Center  
7:30 pm  
\$20 per person or for \$50 for a front row  
seat and invitation to a short reception  
after the concert

### July 5

Women Who Wine, Kalispell Chapter  
5:30-7:00pm, \$30 Donation

### July 6

Sunburst Community Service  
Foundation Summer Music Series  
One Less Karen  
Eureka Farmers Market  
Playing from 4-5:30 pm

### July 8 & 9

Summer Symphony Pops Festival  
What a Wonderful World-A Tribute to  
Louis Armstrong  
July 8 & 9 at Rebecca Farm

### July 9

Foys to Blacktail Trails  
Jumper Derby (equestrian).  
Contact Flathead Combined Training for  
details.

### July 13

Sunburst Community Service

## FCF Board Member Spotlight Heidi Escalante



### How long have you lived in the Flathead?

I moved to the Flathead 10 years ago and bought a house from my friend of many years, Francois Zanni. Our families both moved here from the Thousand Oaks, CA area where we all lived just north of Los Angeles. Many people know Francois as he ran the North Bay Grill for years - he brought my family to the Flathead. He was trying out real estate in Montana so I was his first customer! We bought our

house in Lakeside about a mile from his - and our kids went to Montessori together

### Where do you live?

Once my kids started growing/ getting older ... we moved to Kalispell. All 3 of my boys attended Flathead High School

### What do you do?

For the past 7 years I have worked in the role of "Business Development" for Alliance Title. This real estate industry has been exciting - and BUSY! My role is to spend time with Realtors round the Flathead and lenders from every bank - to connect and inspire - and keep business rolling and awareness of collaborations at the forefront of people's minds.

### What does the Flathead Community Foundation mean to you?

For about the last 9 years I have served on the Board of tons of groups including the FHS Booster Club, the Realtors Association, the Building Association, the Kalispell Downtown Association, the Glacier Institute, the Friends of the Animal Shelter, Kalispell Noon Rotary and now the FCF. I just LOVE the way the Community Foundation has a heart for so many non profits in the Flathead and I feel my role is to really spread the word about the goals (and history) of our local community foundation. So we can achieve new heights. Recently, the community foundation has collaborated with the United Way and I am proud of that partnership - together we are working for the "good of the Flathead forever"! I am active as well in championing the efforts of the NpDp (non profit development partnership). I interact with loads of folks in the real estate industry on a weekly basis and it is my mission to talk. Talk. Talk. About FCF J Our recent event: Give Local: was a really great day and I will continue to push for that day of giving as one that fosters goodwill and community COUNTY WIDE.

**Thank you Heidi for your dedication to the Flathead Community Foundation!**

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## Fund of the Month Hockaday Museum of Art

Foundation Summer Music Series  
Michelle Lynn  
Eureka Farmers Market  
Playing from 4-5:30 pm

### July 14

Hockaday Museum of Art  
Senior Tour & Tea Day  
10:30 am Docent Tour  
Seniors Age 60+ Admitted Free

### July 15-17

Hockaday Arts in the Park  
Depot Park, Kalispell  
10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
\$3.00/day, \$5.00/weekend

### July 19

Women Who Wine, Bigfork Chapter  
5:30-7:00 pm  
\$30 Donation

### July 20

Sunburst Community Service  
Foundation Summer Music Series  
Marty and Scout  
Eureka Farmers Market  
Playing from 4-5:30 pm

### July 27

Sunburst Community Service  
Foundation Summer Music Series  
Connie Frank  
Eureka Farmers Market  
Playing from 4-5:30 pm

### July 28

Hockaday Museum of Art  
Opening Reception for Encounters  
Nancy Erickson  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Members/Free, Non-members/\$10

### July 30

DRIVE 4UR Flathead Community  
Foundation at Valley Ford  
8:00 am - 3:00 pm

### July 31

CASA for Kids Super Hero Fun Day  
Flathead Lake Lodge, Bigfork  
1:00 - 4:00 pm  
\$35 per family, limited tickets  
purchase early.  
Call 406-755-7208 with questions.

*If you have an Upcoming Event or news about your organization, please send it to [info@flatheadcommunityfoundation.org](mailto:info@flatheadcommunityfoundation.org) or call 756-9047.*

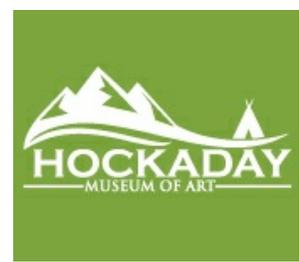
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## FCF Staff & Board

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[Lucy Smith](#), Executive Director

Tracy Johnson on May 3 became Executive Director of the Hockaday Museum of Art just in time to lead the museum through two of its biggest events of the year: Arts in the Park and A Timeless Legacy-Women Artists of Glacier National Park.



First a brief introduction to Johnson, who comes to the Flathead and the Hockaday from Bend, Oregon. From 2006 to 2011, Johnson served as the curator of collections and exhibitions at the High Desert Museum that features Native American and early pioneer objects, archival records, photographs and historical and contemporary Western art. When her husband, Mark, was deployed to Afghanistan in 2012, Johnson moved to Oliver, British Columbia and became the Oliver and District Heritage Society's community heritage manager, overseeing a community archives and historic building museum.

After her husband returned to the United States, the couple regrouped in Bend and Johnson took some time off from her career to be a stay-at-home mom for their son, Edward who just turned six and will start school in the fall.

"I was ready to go back to work and my husband was looking for a hospital that offered advancement, so we started compiling a list of places in the Pacific Northwest that we thought would appeal to us—outdoor activities, a community spirit and a place that would have jobs for both of us," Johnson said. "His job at the hospital came up first and then the Hockaday job posted about a week or so later. I guess fate was with us and it turned out we both loved the area."

"I've been wanting to get back into the museum world. I grew up in the art world, so I've always had those tied together. Working in historical museums, the High Desert Museum we had a large art collection, so it's always been a part of my museum career. This job takes it to the next level."

Johnson said one of her first priorities is getting the Hockaday accreditation with the American Alliance of Museums, a large national museum association, which has "really great standards across the board from governance to how to care for your collection. So that's my big goal getting us to that next level as a professional museum."

Another priority, "and it's going to be a group effort with our staff, is continuing and broadening our community outreach". Johnson plans to expand programs aimed at high school and middle school students "so we want to work on getting those guys in here or us going to visit them and doing outreach programs in the schools."

Membership and visitors in the 20- and 30-something age groups are a little low, so Johnson intends to "find out what we're missing and how we can capture their attention and get them to come in and enjoy and be a part of the Hockaday."

Johnson said she wants all members "to be invested with their hearts, not just their pockets."

### Arts in the Park, July 15-17

The 48th Annual Arts in the Park arts, crafts, and music festival will be held July 15-17 in Kalispell's Depot Park. Arts in the Park is a benefit event for the Hockaday Museum of Art. All admission proceeds support the Museum in its mission and programs.

The festival includes more than 100 juried art and craft booths, food and specialty booths, live musical entertainment, a premium wine and beer garden and children's activities.

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Your donation to the Flathead Community Foundation supports our mission to ensure the good of the Flathead forever, by strengthening local nonprofits and connecting generous donors with the causes they care about most. Make a difference.

Current Funds at the FCF:

- Abbie Shelter Endowment
- CASA for Kids Endowment
- Care Farm Challenge
- Center for Restorative Youth Justice Endowment
- Child Bridge Endowment
- Crown of the Continent Community Choir
- Flathead Community Foundation Endowment
- Flathead Food Bank Endowment
- Glacier Symphony & Chorale Endowment
- Foy-Herron Park Endowment
- Hockaday Museum of Art Endowment
- Humane Society of NW Montana Endowment
- Kalispell Boulder Project
- Kalispell Golf Association
- Lighthouse Christian Home
- NpDP Endowment
- NW MT Forest Fire Lookout Endowment
- Paws to Play Dog Park Project
- Ravenwood Outdoor Learning Center
- Sunburst Community Foundation Endowment
- Women Who Wine of the Flathead (Giving Circle)



The daily admission fee is \$3.00 (children under 6 are free). A \$5.00 weekend pass gives the wearer unlimited admission to the festival all three days, as well as admission to the Hockaday Museum (Friday/Saturday 10:00 am-6:00 pm and Sunday 11:00 am-5:00 pm) during the festival. Festival hours are Friday and Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm and Sunday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.

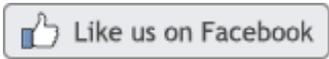
Volunteers are needed to work at entrance gates and at the main Hockaday Booth in the park. If you would like to volunteer for a 2-hour shift, please contact Mona Charles at [mcharles@centurylink.net](mailto:mcharles@centurylink.net) or 406/261-9163.

**A Timeless Legacy - Women Artists of Glacier National Park on Exhibit, August 13 - September 10**

Following the overwhelming response to the 2015 exhibition A Timeless Legacy-Women Artists of Glacier National Park, the Hockaday invited nationally recognized women artists to participate in the second annual A Timeless Legacy exhibit and sale.

These women artists are renowned for their work in featuring western subjects and have been assembled to create an unprecedented show of works connected to Glacier National Park. Both paintings and sculpture are featured, with subjects ranging from landscapes and Park wildlife to the people who over the years have called the Park home or for whom the Park has special significance to historic and contemporary subjects.

This year's extraordinary group of talent hails from nine states: eight from Arizona, six from Montana, five from Colorado, two from Wyoming, two from Texas, and one each from Florida, Idaho, New Mexico, and Washington.



You make the difference. We make it happen.