



*David Keiski image*



It's been a while since our last newsletter. Nearly a year. Oops.

Fear not, we were busy, albeit uncommunicative.

### **Gallery news**

MadDog Gallery, since the last newsletter, featured Artisans Market, Young Artist Show, Beautiful Dreamers (even younger artists, as seen upper left), the Members Show, Farms and Ranches of Idaho by Joan T. Thomas and Ruth Sauerbreit, (bottom left) and David Keiski's "A Vibrant Nature" (top photo).

Soon, as in September 17, three siblings raised in the Pahsimeroi Valley will be showcasing their artistic endeavors. Rebecca Varney, Valerie Moen and Trent Moen are calling their show "Flora and Fauna, a family collection of art." Photo below with Trent, Valerie and Rebecca.





### This is not art

This is the west side of MadDog Gallery. The east side doesn't look much better.

Challis Arts Council is asking for donations to add to our building fund. We have \$500 now and want to raise another \$1,500, which would put us in a good position to apply for grants to fix the siding.

We have a donor willing to match \$1 to every \$2 donated up to \$500.

Send us your spare change and we'll put it to good use.

Send any amount to: Challis Arts Council, Box 1131, Challis, ID 83226 - Or drop off at 632 E Main



The **fundraising effort** to finance an upgrade to MadDog's dilapidated siding exceeded our expectations: \$2,245 at last count. With CAC's contribution, it's up to \$2,700.

The next step is to decide what exactly we want to do (putting together a committee now) then find a contractor willing to submit a bid so we can apply for grants next spring.

**Help! We need names of contractors!**

## Scholarship

Last year Challis Arts Council received several generous donations in memory of Tab Stuart and Sheila Funk. We put that money in the Michael Shannon Scholarship fund.

This spring we awarded a \$500 scholarship to CHS graduate Valerie Moen.

She's off to ISU soon to study the practical art of dental hygienistry while also maintaining an interest in artistic endeavors.

To round out her perspective, she helped Melissa with End of Month reports for the better part of the summer.



*Joan T. Thomas image*

## Kudos

• We have an updated web site these days, thanks to new member **Mary Paris**.

Check out [challisartscouncil.org](http://challisartscouncil.org)

• **Justina Frauberger** for putting together the Beautiful Dreamers show. She did it all, and did it well.

• **Polly King** for organizing food and drink for most of the shows, especially the Keiski opening.

• **Sally Summers, Polly King and Jenn Purvine** for writing a ton of thank you notes for all the generous contributions members, and others, sent.

• **Helen Winegarner, Sally Summers and Jenn Purvine** for staffing the gallery during the Braun Brothers Reunion weekend.

• **Claudia Whitten** for keeping the gift shop looking fresh and engaging

• **Melissa Perkins Fitzgerald** for the many things she does every week to keep the gallery open and organization functioning.

**Membership:** We now have 77 members who have contributed \$6,307.

*Thanks to each and every one of you!*

## Could use some help here:

• It's been a long time since Challis Arts Council has hosted a workshop. We really want to do one again this fall or winter. But we need ideas from people, as in "What would you like to learn?" Tell us and we'll do our best to make it so.

• We could really use a tasteful bench to put in the gallery. We had one but the owner reclaimed it. Now we have chairs but it's just not the right aesthetic.



*Ruth Sauerbreit image*