



# Images

Irrigation pivot (metaphor for  
changing direction in art) &  
road in Montana, photo by Lisa



## Director's Statement from John Kennedy

To me, the idea of the “self-made” woman or man is a myth. I don’t think I know of anyone who has not benefitted from the foundation that someone else has laid before us. It might be tools and technology, knowledge and history, wisdom and inspiration, or simply guidance, encouragement, and example.

I’ve been tinkering with abstract art recently and have come to realize that much in the world of abstract art is built on the foundation of color theory and composition. Knowing that I look at art differently. Artists who disregard those rules often do so magnificently, but even they benefit from the very rules they disobey. To leave a road and blaze a new trail there must be a road to leave!

This is not to discount the value of an artist and her creativity. But rather to conclude that I should honor all those who came before me. Who mentored, challenged, encouraged, taught, and inspired me along the way. Who built the road on which I take this art journey (and occasionally drive off the shoulder).

My list is long, and I’ll try to think of those folks (some of them are reading this newsletter) as I go about my days.

I’m guessing we must all have a similar list.

### New Newsletter Chair

I am immensely grateful for Ev's mentorship. On behalf of BAA's membership, thank you for your years of serving BAA in various capacities, including on the Board of Directors.

Writing to you, Esteemed Reader, from my office in a tree\*, I am really climbing up in this organization by stepping into the role of Newsletter Chair. Ev Bergeron has groomed me for this role insofar as I can be groomed. I usually have lipstick on my teeth. My bio-in-a-box is below.

My day job at Morningstar Senior Living is my current favorite activity. It fills me daily with all the important soul-nutrients, often makes my heart feel like a parade float, and engages my brain in beneficial ways, including creatively.

The noble eraser is my favorite art tool. Graphite is, in my view, beguiling, but I sometimes use water media. My art is in the *Mon-fils-de-quatre-ans-aurait-pu-faire-ça*\*\* School style but I sometimes like it enough to make other people look at what I did. I am a storytelling language enthusiast who wants to tell those stories using visual value, composition, and color in increasingly skillful ways because I prefer creating around their structure. Director John's metaphor about the road is sagacious. {"Smells like sage?" Just jesting.} I look forward to informing and entertaining you. Feel free to reach out to me by email/phone/text if you wish, as I welcome feedback. [lisa.carnicom@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.carnicom@gmail.com) ph 406-927-2873

\*Hmm.... A coniferous tree in the photo, but the graphic is decidedly deciduous. *Ostranenie* is excellent for brain health! This is one way that art is beneficial to humans, and one of art's superpowers.

\*\* French for "My-four-year-old-could-have-done-that"



Lisa, new Newsletter Chair

## **We Need an Art Show Chair ~ Could it Be YOU?**

- Recruit members for volunteer positions at upcoming shows at ArtShop and through email or social media
- Help provide updated information about upcoming shows to members at ArtShop
- Help provide information about upcoming shows to BAA Board
- Provide summary information about completed shows at ArtShop
- Manage show sign-ups at ArtShop
- Assist members in signing up for shows as needed (on the Padlet, which is easy to use)
- Help find and report to BAA Board show opportunities

The Art Show Chair does not need to attend every show. No, the Art Show Chair does not need to do all this alone. That goes for any Board or Chair position. We all work together to get done what needs to get done. We all help.

If you are interested or want more information just contact John Kennedy ([jkennedymontana@yahoo.com](mailto:jkennedymontana@yahoo.com) ph 406-366-9444) oElizabeth Waddington ([waddingtone@gmail.com](mailto:waddingtone@gmail.com) ph 406-208-3146).

## **Next ArtShop**

Our next ArtShop is August 19th at 10:15 at the Yellowstone Art Museum, Murdoch Gallery.

Noel Hawke and I will be giving a presentation on Art Show Preparation. Whether you are new to shows or are a seasoned veteran, there will be some ideas here that will help you prepare for our next shows.

## **Gainan's Member's Only Show**

There is a sign-up for the Gainan's Show September 15-16 in the Call for Artists page. You can also download the information packet there, and pay your \$20 sign-up fee on our Shop BAA Page. This is a remarkable event every year.

September 14th noon-2:00 pm deliver artwork to Gainan's

September 15-16th BAA Annual exhibit at Gainan's in the Heights

## **Nova Center for the Performing Arts Show**

Show your Art for the Nova Art exhibition for November and December. Please sign up on the Call to Artists page of the Members Only section of our website to sign up.



McCormick's Cafe Art



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### **Possible DanWalt Gardens Fall Show**

We are trying to organize a Fall DanWalt Gardens Show, more to follow as we work with the terrific folks at DanWalt to put this together. Please sign up on the Call to Artists page of the Members Only section of our website if you are interested.

### **BAA and Urban Sketchers at the October ArtWalk at the Billings Public Library**

There will soon be a Call for Artists for BAA Artists and Urban sketchers to join us at the Billings Public Library for the October ArtWalk. The library will open the Community Room and the entryway for artists and sketchers to show and sell their work. Please sign up on the Call to Artists page of the Members Only section of our website to sign up.

### **DanWalt Gardens Summer Soirée**

This show was a success! Delightful music by Jeff Long et al., delicious food by Clint and Suri at DanWalt, diverse and marvelous art by BAA Artists, and an enthusiastic crowd. Thanks to all the artists who showed and helped organize this event.

### **ZooMontana**

All our art is dropped off at ZooMontana and will soon be hung by their staff. It usually takes them a little while to hang it, so be patient.

### **McCormick's Cafe**

Our Art is hung at McCormick's, and thanks to those of you who are showing, and who have helped with the organizing and hanging. Stop by and check it out during ArtWalk, or just stop in there for breakfast or lunch one day. Our art is livening up Billings' already-happening downtown.



McCormick's Cafe Art



Please visit [billingsartsassociation.com](http://billingsartsassociation.com) to see our Calendar of Events.

Thanks again to all who have joined and to all the existing members who renewed their memberships this year. Our membership as of August 1st is 114 members.

Membership allows us to continue to support the arts and artists in our community through programming and funding for our Images Art Grant program. We sincerely appreciate your support.

**“What moves those of genius, what inspires their work, is not new ideas, but their obsession with the idea that what has already been said is still not enough.”**

**Eugene Delacroix**

Stay creative

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