Copyist Program Schedule for 2026

September 21, 2026, Monday The Bair Museum 5721 Mt Hwy 294 Martinsdale, MT 10am - 4pm

This state-of-the-art museum features five galleries, housing Western paintings by Russell, Sharp, Curtis, etc; Native American collections and diverse collections of modern European and American paintings. The beautiful grounds are the former Bair Ranch, on the Upper Musselshell River, north of the Crazy Mountains.

There will be a docent talk about 3 or 4 paintings.

October 10, 2026, Saturday
Buffalo Bill Center of the West
Cody, WY

10am - 5 pm, \$16.00 fee

All paintings in the Whitney Gallery. BBCW has one of the finest collections of historical and contemporary Western Art



October 17, 2026, Saturday Billings Library

10am - 2 pm



Three paintings including G. Catlin's *Indian Snow Shoe Dance* and selected Western paintings through the generosity of D. Hummel, noted Billings collector. Catlin was to Indians what Audubon was to birds.

November 7, 2026, Friday



Yellowstone Art Museum Billings, MT 10am - 3pm

Selections from the YAM permanent collection, which includes Montana Modernists.

December 11, 2026, Friday End of Year Copyist Luncheon Celebration Linda Franson's home 3051 Lloyd Mangrum Lane Billings, MT 11am - 1:30pm

Bring your best Copyist art piece to share and ideas for future Copyist sites.

BAA Artists meet weekly on Wednesdays at 2:30pm at Poly's Place Coffee to plan plein air events around Billings.







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ALL PAINTERS ARE COPYISTS

Copying is a learning experience firmly established in the art world. Vincent Van Gogh, without funds for art school, copied throughout his life ever adding to his skill and brilliance.

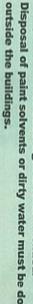
Copying is stimulating and enlarges our art knowledge. It is about **trying out new ideas**. Close and slow copying teaches us different brush work, modifications of shape and form, new color combinations, and other ways of seeing. It is a way to find our voices as painters.

Copyist Program exists. homes, churches, and public spaces. It is through the Renowned artists whose works grace our museums, We are lucky to have many master painters in Montana generosity and partnership of these art venues that the

up pencil and paper and to carefully look. Please come and join us. We encourage others to participate in the art-making process, to watch, to take

each event by email to linda.hewett@gmail.com. information about Copyist events. Please register for The Billings Arts Association will email monthly

- Most events are enhanced by professional presentations about the artists, their work and backgrounds.
- Copyists may not sell their copy as their own work. Art work is protected by copyright laws until it enters the "public domain."
- There is no participation fee, unless noted.
- Painters should bring all their own equipment, including tarps to protect flooring.
- A clip-on cordless easel light is recommended.
- Disposal of paint solvents or dirty water must be done





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January 23, 2026, Friday



1pm - 4pm Billings, MT Rocky Mountain College, Ryniker Gallery

artist, and choice of six paintings by RMC teachers and Selected works of Eric Jensen, contemporary landscape

February 28, 2026, Saturday

First Congregational Church

310 N. 27th St

Billings, MT 10am - 3pm

Bill Stockton iron sculpture and Chatham print scenes, 1942 J. K. Ralston oil painting and stained glass, Choice of abstracted weavings, etched glass pastoral

March 13, 2026, Friday

Western Heritage Center

10am - 5pm Billings, MT

plus anything hanging in the WHC Deer and POW paintings); LeRoy Green (Winter Works by J.K.Ralston (Green Wagon); Ben Steele (Golden Landscape); Leland Stewart, native artist (Small Works),

Billings, MT Billings Public Library April 17, 2026, Friday

11am - 2pm

"Arts and Literature" by Loren Entz, a Billings artist. This A much loved 1995 oil painting of mother and children section of this large figurative painting. painting is a staple of the library. Consider copying a

May 23, 2026, Saturday

Tippet Rise Art Center Fishtail, MT

8:30am - 5pm

be available to ride to art installations. Choice of outdoor art sculptures/installations. Shuttles will

June 13, 2026, Saturday

June 14, 2026 Sunday

Sheridan, WY The Brinton Art Museum

10am - 4pm; 10am - Docent talk about Indian artifacts.

a passion for collecting renown Western art. The museum Only pencil/charcoal inside; all mediums outside. grounds with vistas of the Bighorns are open for painting now includes American Indian art. The extensive ranch established in 1892. B. Brinton, a Chicago industrialist, had The Brinton Museum is on the grounds of a cattle ranch

KOA Headquarters July 10, 2026, Friday Billings, MT 1205 N. Transtech Way

10am - 1 pm

Kevin Red Star, Earl Biss, etc. collection includes masterpieces by modern local artists: KOA is an award winning building. Its extensive art

July 11, 2026, Saturday 8:30am - 5pm August 21, 2026 Friday Tippet Rise Art Center June 27, 2026, Saturday Fishtail, MT 59028

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ride to art installations. This is a plein air event only. Shuttles will be available to