

ARTISTS AND CRAFTSMEN OF THE FLATHEAD

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

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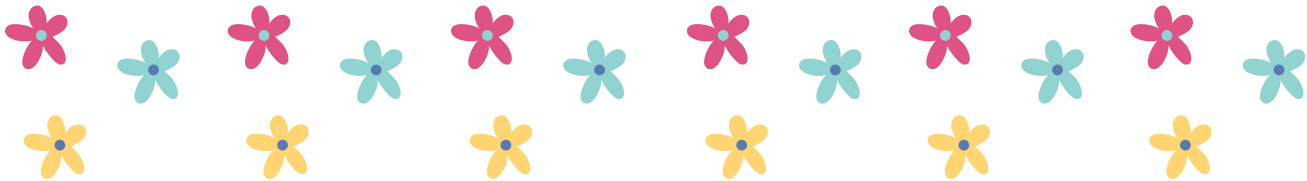
ANNUAL ACF PICNIC

ACF's Annual Picnic for members & your families is set for **August 27th at Lawrence Park from 1-4PM.**

Members are asked to either bring a dessert or side dish - If your last name begins with:

A-L - Please bring a Dessert

M-Z - Please bring a Side Dish



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

September 20th

7:00PM

*Country Fair Kitchen
Building at Flathead County
Fairgrounds*

Meet Your ACF Board

Ashley Bishop, President - 406.210.6885

Pam Bondesen, Vice President & Show Committee Chair

Sharon Askelson, Treasurer

Pilar Ogier, Recording Secretary & Show Committee

Lynn Krutzler, Membership Secretary

Lindsay Mena, Web Admin

Gayle Emberstone, Social Media Admin

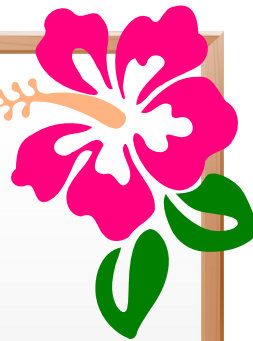
Wendy Maechtle, Publicity Admin

Jenny Reed, Publicity Admin

Christina Williams, Outreach Chair

Amy Doyle, Show Committee

Interested in serving on the board? Stay tuned for more information!





ARTISTS AND CRAFTSMEN OF THE FLATHEAD 2023 SCHEDULE



Did you like the new ACF stickers? Bulk order your OWN personal stickers for your business. Submit orders by October 1st to webadmin@artistsandcraftsmen.org

August 9	Wine Wednesday WINGO - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm MontaVino Winery - scholarship fundraiser event
August 13-20	NW MT Fair & Rodeo ACF hosting the Fine Arts Department art contests
August 23	Wine Wednesday WINGO - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm MontaVino Winery - scholarship fundraiser event
August 27	Annual Members' Picnic - 1pm to 4pm Lawrence Park, Kalispell
August 31	Deadline for Christmas Show Applications
September 13	Wine Wednesday WINGO - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm MontaVino Winery - scholarship fundraiser event
September 14	Deadline for Sticker Design Contest Submissions
September 20	General Meeting - 7:00 pm Country Kitchen @ Flathead County Fairgrounds
September 27	Wine Wednesday WINGO - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm MontaVino Winery - scholarship fundraiser event
October 18	Mini-Meeting via Zoom - 6:00 pm remote/digital attendance via Zoom
November 1	Deadline for 2024 Summer Show Poster Design Submissions
November 15	General Meeting - 7:00 pm Country Kitchen @ Flathead County Fairgrounds
November 24-26	ACF CHRISTMAS SHOW
December 13	Wine Wednesday WINGO - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm MontaVino Winery - scholarship fundraiser event

STICKER DESIGN WINNERS!



We're doing another round of ACF stickers in advance of Christmas Show. Want to design one?

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT STICKER DESIGNS IS SEPTEMBER 14, 2023.
YOU CAN SEND THEM BY EMAIL TO [WEBADMIN@ARTISTSANDCRAFTSMEN.ORG](mailto:webadmin@artistsandcraftsmen.org) OR YOU CAN UPLOAD THEM HERE: [HTTPS://ARTISTSANDCRAFTSMEN.ORG/PAGES/PHOTO-DROP](https://artistsandcraftsmen.org/pages/photo-drop)

Sticker designs **MUST** include the ACF logo. Designs can be circle, square or rectangle. **Winners will be selected by majority vote by the membership.**

For those of you looking to earn a few more participation credits, you will get 1 credit for submitting one or more designs. (that's 1 credit per person, not 1 credit per design).

Have fun with those designs and we can't wait to see what you come up with!

ALSO:
Summer Show 2024 poster designs submissions are being accepted now through November 1st.





REMEMBER THE REASON

MONTHLY ARTICLE CONTRIBUTION

By Jenny Reed, ACF Board of Directors - Publicity Admin



A RANDOM THOUGHT FROM A RECKLESS REDHEAD

As summer begins to wind down for some and continues at full steam for others, I have found myself thinking about **why** I got into home crafting to begin with. For many of us, it was a passion we had for the craft or art that we produce. We found our way to craft shows for many reasons, but the main ones were to share our passion with others. And to make a profit from what we love.

The issue I have run into as of late is that making things for a profit has overshadowed my desire to share my passion. I work to make the products that **sell** rather than to try new things. Granted, I like the products that I am making and I am proud of them but it starts to feel like a chore rather than a pleasure to make them.

I have found myself spending less time doing something I loved and more time dreading the items I need to make for a show.

If you are relating to this in any way, I am here to say it is OK to feel that way. Working through these times of feeling stuck can be hard, but the key is to find your passion for your projects again. Here are some tips try:

- Take one day, whether you choose to do this monthly or weekly, and use that time to **try something new**. It may be a different version of something you already produce, or it can be a completely different craft altogether.
- **Take a step back** for a day or just an hour. This gives you time to think of your projects and helps you decide which direction you want to take your business.
- **Don't give up on yourself**. A slump can happen to anyone but you can get out of it. It may take time, but you can do it.
- **Take care of yourself** because, without you, the shows would not be the same.

Above all else, remember the reason. Remember the reason that you fell in love with your crafting. Remember the reason you **enjoy** doing shows. And above all else, remember that **you are in control** of where this life takes you. **Every one of you is important and help make ACF a great organization.** When all else fails and stress has its grip on you, instead of beating your head against the wall, scream into a pillow. It has less side effects. **Believe in yourself and love what you do.**

