

# ARTISTS AND CRAFTSMEN OF THE FLATHEAD

OCTOBER 2023

## NEWSLETTER

### NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

Have you ever thought about serving on the ACF Board? Have some ideas on ways we can improve ACF? Or perhaps you just want to learn what goes into running this organization? Consider signing up for a Board Position for 2024!

Elections take place at our November General Meeting. Email Ashley Bishop if you have any questions at [info@artistsandcraftsmen.org](mailto:info@artistsandcraftsmen.org).

#### Next General Meeting:

November 15, 2023  
at 7:00pm in the  
Country Kitchen  
Building at the Fair  
Grounds

#### Wingo

at MontaVino Winery  
October 25th  
6:00pm - 8:00pm

### SUMMER SHOW 2024 POSTER CONTEST

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



## SEEKING DONATIONS

We have a long list of fun fundraising activities coming up this fall and we could use some more prize donations. Donated items can be some of your handmade creations, gift cards or even other donated items and gift certificates from various local businesses, if you're able to sweet-talk anyone into donating. The more donates we get, the more fundraising we can do! So, please consider bringing some donations to the next General Meeting – November 15, 2023.

Here are the upcoming prizes we're seeking donations for:

1. WINGO prizes
2. Raffle baskets
3. Christmas Show booth decoration contest prizes
4. Post-Christmas fundraising efforts
5. Other future ideas!

## 2024 GENERAL MEETING DATES

January 17, 2024,  
April 17, 2024,  
June 12, 2024,  
September 18, 2024  
November 20, 2024

## NEED TO CANCEL?

Need to Cancel your booth?

While we absolutely don't want to see any of you need to cancel, we do understand that sometime stuff just comes up and schedules need to change. So, as a friendly reminder, you can cancel your booth anytime before November 1, 2023 and still get a FULL REFUND.

Cancellation notices and refund requests must be in writing using the ACF form.

Have questions? Please don't hesitate to reach out to us: [showcommittee@artistsandcraftsmen.org](mailto:showcommittee@artistsandcraftsmen.org)

Christmas Show flyers, posters and save the date cards will be available for pickup at the Nov. General Meeting



### October Zoom Meeting


#### Agenda

- Open Board Positions, Duties & Responsibilities

## • MEET THE BOARD •

Ashley Bishop, President • 406-210-6885  
Pam Bondesen, Vice President & Show Committee  
Sharon Askelson, Treasurer  
Pilar Ogier, Recording Secretary & Show Committee  
Lynn Krutzler, Membership Secretary

Lindsay Mena, Web Admin  
Gayle Emberstone, Social Media Admin  
Jenny Reed, Publicity Admin  
Christina Williams, Outreach Chair  
Amy Doyle, Show Committee



## FEATURED ARTICAL WRITTEN BY ASHLEY BISHOP

### AS WE NEAR THE 2023 CHRISTMAS SHOW...

It maybe October, but before we know it the ACF Christmas Show will be here! Below is some bullet points to think about when it comes to preparing for any vendor event, not just ours.

- Use a sheet, it's bigger than a tablecloth. Keep it black, white or linen. (ACF Show Committee regulations state it has to go down to the floor)
- Apply color wisely. Whats your style?
- Have a sign and consistent branding.
- Don't overcrowd; you don't have to put out everything!
- Always have a door prize drawing and free samples. Lure them with candies.
- Invest in a catalog/info display piece.
- Have business cards available for the taking.
- Make a custom order portfolio and forms.
- Have a well stocked checkout station.
- Stand up! Nothing looks worse than an uninterested seller.
- Interact. Talk to patrons, smile often, and offer to help.
- HAVE FUN!

If you have made it this far into the newsletter, what other helpful advice would you give to a fellow member? Email your response to [info@artistsandcraftsmen.org](mailto:info@artistsandcraftsmen.org)

**SEE YOU AT THE NOVEMBER 15TH GENERAL MEETING!**