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2006-2007
Cultural and Aesthetic Grant Application
Lewistown Art Center Grant #1187

Project Title:
Entryway Improvement

Grant Request:
\$5,000

Recommended:
\$2,500

Total Project Expense:
\$20,000

Project Directors:
Karen Kuhlmann & Nancy Hedrick

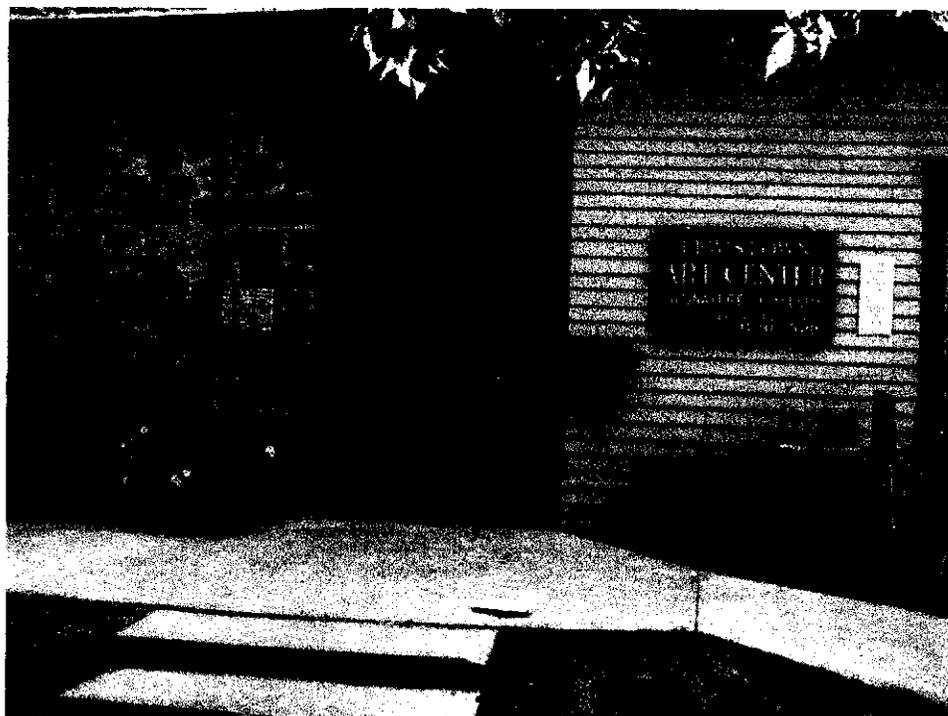
This is the Lewistown Art Center, created 33 years ago by the joining of the Lehman Bunkhouse and von Tobel Carriage House.

The Art Center contributes to the Fergus Courthouse's National Register of Historic Places status due to proximity across the street from the Courthouse, one block off Main Street.



The entry faces northwest and is recessed. Access is provided by a concrete ramp and five steps. The Art Center has over 460 members in Central Montana and over 200 artists who consign their work in the Signature Gift Shop.

The Lewistown Art Center entry needs to be made MORE ACCESSIBLE and SAFER for the upwards of 15,000 visitors who cross our threshold each year.



The grant would make possible the addition of a metal handrail up the steps and ramp. With snow, ice or rain, a handrail is a necessity.

The grant would also make possible the addition of improved lighting. Many visitors and meeting goers would benefit from better entry area and exterior lighting, especially in the winter.

The entry needs to be made more ENERGY EFFICIENT.



The grant would make possible the enclosing of the current 3-sided entry with an additional exterior door. This would create an “arctic” entrance, keeping the outdoor elements at bay.

The Art Center is open 5 days a week, Tuesday through Saturday from 11:30 am to 5:30 pm. In addition to gallery and gift shop traffic, special groups including Educational Outreach classes, adult workshops, After School Art, monthly wood carving, monthly creative writing and Bluegrass Festival organizers all frequent the Art Center.

The entry needs to be made MORE ACCESSIBLE for elderly and physically challenged visitors and artists. Both entry doors would be equipped with power operated door openers.

Lewistown is a retirement community. A majority of our members and visitors would benefit from this needed upgrade.



Annual Christmas Cookie Contest and Open House



Two day Pastel Workshop with artist Aaron Scheurr

The entry should be enhanced with ARTISTIC INTEREST representative of Central Montana. This 1965 sculpture by Alex LaFountain, a Metis who drowned in the Missouri River about 1970 is a part of the Art Center's permanent collection and would be properly mounted, captioned and illuminated above the interior door of the new arctic entrance.*



The LaFountain piece depicts General Custer, Curly his Crow Scout and a soldier. It is about 40" by 30" and weighs several hundred pounds.

*Alex LaFountain obituary attached