Introduction

Dear Members:

We are delighted to present the **Yellowstone Art Museum** fiscal year 2004 annual report on the same weekend our institution is celebrating its **40th Anniversary**. The Board of Trustees, National Council, and Staff invite you to **honor the past** 40 years of creativity, **celebrate the present** events and activities, and help us **create the future** for our community and guests from around the world.

The Yellowstone Art Museum is governed by a 29-member **Board of Trustees**. In addition, the Museum has a 14-member **National Council** and maintains a **Professional Staff** of 23—not including 3 outside contract employees. The Board of Trustees, National Council, and Staff devote countless hours and personal resources to the advancement of our institutional mission.

Looking back, the 1994 ***New Art Center Campaign*** publication began with this statement: "As a result of the thoughtful renovation of its current building, the old Yellowstone County Jail, joined to a complimentary and handsome new wing, Billings and the region will possess a premier facility for the collection, display, and preservation of historical and contemporary Western art." The current Board and Staff remain true to this declaration set by the good people that guided this institution in the past.

The Yellowstone Art Museum is first, and foremost, an educational institution. It accomplishes its mission by appealing to an increasingly diverse audience, while at the same time aspiring to the highest standards in its ambitious exhibitions, scholarly monographs, extensive educational programs, and much-heralded outreach activities. As a dynamic and ever-evolving organization, the Yellowstone Art Museum seeks to promote intellectual inquiry and scholarship, inspire creative excellence, be open and welcoming to the broadest possible audience, and deepen an understanding of the visual environment of our region and the broader world in which we live.

The Yellowstone Art Museum is blessed with strong support from City and County Officials, an unusually civic-minded Board of Trustees, committed Docents, legions of volunteers, a large and dedicated membership, hundreds of deeply engaged artists, an audience with wonderfully diverse interests and aesthetic passions, and a sophisticated and spirited professional staff. As an educational institution and a unique cultural resource, the Yellowstone Art Museum will continue to enrich our community through engaging exhibitions and programs for generations to come.

How You Can Help

Visit Us! The more people that explore and celebrate the creativity of our world, the more we can offer in return. In addition to our many art galleries, the Museum Store provides unique shopping opportunities, while the Green Room Café and Espresso Bar offers a quiet and restful spot for coffee and a snack, or lunch. During the warmer months, our visitors can enjoy these treats in our beautiful outdoor atrium courtyard.

Help Us! Volunteers are key to the Museum's operation. Whether you can give a couple of hours a month helping with a special event, or weekly as a store volunteer or Museum Docent, we always have a place for your time and talents. In return, it is our hope that your time is rewarded by becoming part of our extended museum family, providing the opportunity to learn about this wonderful institution from the inside.

Support Us! The Yellowstone Art Museum operates on an annual budget of approximately $1.5 million, 80 percent of which is generated through memberships, gifts, grants, sponsorships, and proceeds from our special events and endowment funds. Membership in the Museum begins at $40 for individuals and $150 for businesses. Sponsorships begin at $500 for programs and exhibitions. Your dollars ensure that the valuable programs and services offered by the Yellowstone Art Museum remain available for children and families, bringing a better quality of life to our state and region.

Thank you for your continued support.

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President of the Board of Trustees

Robert E. Knight
Executive Director

Mission Statement

The Yellowstone Art Museum exhibits, interprets, and collects A with an emphasis on Montana and surrounding regions, for the education, inspiration, and enjoyment of all.

Montana State Legislature

Exhibit Number: 6

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