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## Message from the Chair

You hold in your hand a copy of the *Guide to the Arts in Helena: 2009-2010*, a project of the Helena Public Art Committee (HPAC). The HPAC is an advisory committee for the City of Helena that promotes public art works in the community.

This is a comprehensive guide to Helena's artists: performing arts, literary and visual arts, as well as educational opportunities. The center section provides a guide to both public and privately owned art in the Helena area.

A launching pad for new public art projects in the city, HPAC is in the process of planning several new projects, including a city-wide mural program, sources of funding for maintenance of existing works, and identifying sites for new public art as funding becomes available.

In 2008, we sponsored the first annual Chalk Up Helena! event on the sidewalks of the downtown Walking Mall. This was a delightful and highly successful event that we plan to continue each summer. HPAC also has a presence at both the Fall and Spring Art Walks. As a fund raiser for Helena Public Art Program, the Open Studios tour—in September—invites art lovers to ride the Helena Trolley to visit with artists in their studios.

We hope you enjoy this guide to Helena's vibrant arts community.

Vivian Hayes, Chair



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# The Arts and their Economic Impact

Lewis and Clark County is the fifth highest Montana county for economic impact of artists, following (in order) Gallatin, Missoula, Flathead and Park counties. Statewide, artists' sales amounted to \$233 million in 2003.

- Artists' sales support the equivalent of 4,273 full-time jobs in Montana.
- The economic benefit from sales of each responding artist's work averaged \$49,919.00.
- Montana artists sell one-third of their work to out-of-state buyers. These out-of-state sales are significantly more profitable to artists, producing over three-quarters of all sales dollars earned.
- Economic impacts from out-of-state sales are estimated at \$179 million and support 3,200 full-time jobs in Montana.
- Average out-of-state sales equaled \$28,641.00 based on all responding artists in the survey.

County	Sales	Output	Jobs
Broadwater	\$335,489	\$436,807	13.7
Jefferson	\$1,340,873	\$1,773,975	34.3
Lewis & Clark	\$9,924,003	\$13,546,265	254.7
Montana	\$164,368,792	\$233,403,685	4,273.0

Source: "Montana: The Land of Creativity," Highlights from *The Economic Impact of Montana Artists Study*, released March 2005. Research conducted by The Center for Economic Research, Montana State University-Billings; commissioned by the State of Montana Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity. Responses from artists living in each Montana county were analyzed and used as the basis to develop what those figures would look like for all Montana artists in the 2000 U.S. Census; 5,840 artists would generate an overall economic impact of \$233 million for the state of Montana.

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Why does Helena call so many things “Last Chance”? That's because the four miners who struck gold in 1864 were low on supplies and took their “last chance” here before heading back to civilization.

Last Chance Gulch today is both the gulch that runs through downtown, and the name of the main street running north from there. Helenans mean downtown when they say “on the Gulch.”

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Find details in the Helena *Independent Record's* "Your Time" section (Thursdays); *Queen City News* (published Wednesdays); and Helena Chamber of Commerce [www.helenachamber.com/](http://www.helenachamber.com/) and Downtown Helena [www.downtownhelena.com/](http://www.downtownhelena.com/)

### **Spring and Fall**

Free Thursday evening history lectures, Montana Historical Society

### **January**

Beyond the Brickyard juried show, Archie Bray Foundation  
Big Read Under the Big Sky, Lewis and Clark Library

### **February**

Jazz & Just Desserts—Helena and Capital high school jazz students with guest professionals

### **March**

Celebrate Dr. Seuss—sponsored by Lewis and Clark Library  
Empty Bowls—benefit for Friendship Center, shelter for abused women and children  
Montana Early Music Festival, sponsored by Musikanten Montana  
Saturday Night Live in Helena—songs and skits parodying current concerns in Montana politics, in odd-numbered years

### **April**

Acappella Jubilee Xpress Sweet Adelines annual concert  
Premiere Dance Company's Evening of Dance  
Spring Art & Craft Show

### **April or May**

Helena Chamber Singers Spring Concert  
Helena Theatre Company presents a play, ranging from Broadway to original work by a member playwright

### **May**

Artbeats' annual Chefs Tour—fund raiser for Grandstreet Theatre, Helena Symphony, and Holter Museum  
Montana Historical Ball, Placer Hotel



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Spring Art Walk—evening of art in galleries and participating businesses throughout greater Downtown Helena

Spring Dance Recital by Carroll College students

Vigilante Day—parade floats made by high school students portray Montana history

### **May–June**

Queen City Ballet Company—professionally produced program

### **May–Sept.**

Alive @ Five on Wednesdays—local and visiting contemporary bands play jazz, rock, salsa, zydeco, and other styles. Free admission, children’s activities, food and drink

Flicks on the Bricks—classic films outdoors at Performance Square on the Walking Mall, Saturdays at dusk

### **June**

Creative Arts Center’s Spring Dance Performance

Governor’s Cup Arts & Crafts Show, Walking Mall—in conjunction with the Governor’s Cup running races

Helena Choral Week, sponsored by Musikanten Montana at Myrna Loy Center and other venues, includes free and paid-ticket performances

Mount Helena Music Festival and Sidewalk Art Mart—Women’s Park—live blues, rock, and country music on two stages, children’s activities, food court

### **June–July**

Queen City Ballet Company—professionally produced program

### **June to Aug.**

State Capital Band at Memorial Park bandshell—a Helena tradition since 1902, plays marches, show tunes, movie themes, light classical pieces, Thursday evenings

### **July**

Brickyard Bash, fund raiser for resident-artists program at the Archie Bray Foundation—food, live music and ceramic-art auction

Chalk Up Helena! sidewalk chalk art, downtown

Last Chance Bluegrass Festival—nationally known groups in Pioneer/Heritage Parks by Lewis and Clark Library

Last Chance Stampede and Fair, including juried art exhibit

Summer at the Society, Montana Historical Society—outdoor family-friendly, history-oriented events. Midday, Wednesdays

Symphony Under the Stars—outdoors at Carroll College—combines top symphony players from all over Montana with multimedia presentations

### **July/August**

Artisan Dance Company annual performance

Shakespeare in the Parks

### **August**

Ear Infection Music Festival—contemporary bands in Jester’s Bar and the 100 block of North Rodney Street.

Rendezvous of Art—painting, sculpture, and other media in traditional and contemporary styles by Western artists

### **September**

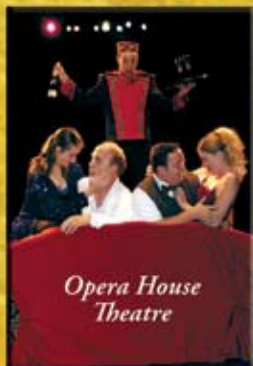
Carnival Classic—fund raiser for Helena Education Foundation’s support of public schools, food, dancers, music, and games for all ages

Helena Antiques Show and Sale

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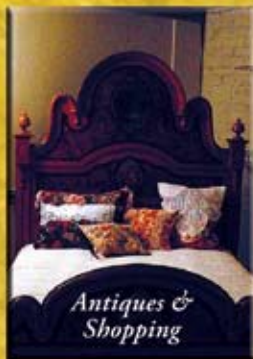
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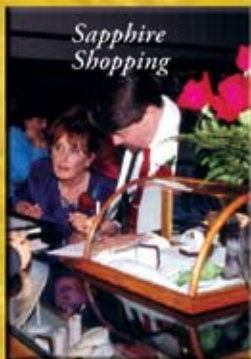
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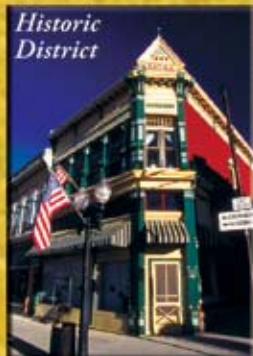
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Open Studios tour—fund raiser for Helena Public Art Program—participating Helena area artists welcome the public into their workspaces. Ride the Helena Trolley to studios; starts and ends at Holter Museum of Art.

### October

Autumn Art & Craft Show

Helena Festival of the Book

Annual Montana History Conference, sponsored by Montana Historical Society; in Helena in 2010

Queen City Ballet Company—professionally produced program

### October/November

Helena Theatre Company presents a play, ranging from Broadway to original work by a member playwright

### November

Fall Art Walk—evening of art exhibited in galleries and participating businesses throughout greater Downtown Helena

### December

Acappella Jubilee Xpress Sweet Adelines Christmas concert

Festival of Trees, fund raiser for Intermountain, a residential treatment facility for children in severe emotional distress—exhibits and sells decorated, donated holiday trees, wreaths and dolls. Family Fun Days with children's activities

Helena Chamber Singers Winter Concert

Lewis and Clark Library welcomes Santa

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# History in Architecture

First-time visitors are surprised to find the \*Helena Civic Center housed in a Moorish Revival building complete with minaret. Shrine Masons built it as their temple in 1920, selling it to the city in 1935. The auditorium can seat 2,000 people for stage performances, and is home to the Helena Symphony and Chorale. The mezzanined ballroom hosts arts and antiques shows, dances, expositions, and more.

Helena's architecture follows its growth from gold camp to wealthy banking and commerce hub to state capital.

- The Pioneer Cabin survives from the year of Helena's original gold strike, 1864. It then boasted the largest glass window in town. Tours by appointment, June–August.
  - Rising from beside the cabin is Reeder's Alley, modest brick row houses built in the 1870s (rebuilt 1886) for bachelor miners. Today its pedestrian street leads to intriguing small shops and restaurants, professional space and some apartments.
  - The wooden Guardian of the Gulch fire tower rises atop a downtown hill. It testifies to how the hastily-built gold camp's businesses burned down five times before "fire-proof" structures were built beginning in the 1870s. The Guardian was manned 24 hours a day from 1886 until 1931. Today it's the City of Helena logo.
- Gold estimated at \$60 million (close to \$4 billion today) was taken from Prickly Pear Creek that flowed down Last Chance Gulch (and now is underground). Mining claims along the meandering creek sculpted the main business street's dog-leg ramble.
- By the 1880s, Helena had more millionaires per capita than any other city in the world, a tally of around 50 when that amount was a fortune. Many built grand and fanciful homes on the west-side hills, today called the \*Mansion District.

- When entrepreneur Charles Broadwater told eastern friends he was founding a bank in Helena, they laughed that "in ten years, buffalo will be roaming the streets," so he had a bison head carved on the building's keystone. The building is gone, but the keystone sits outside Lewis and Clark Library, and is on the library's logo.

- George Appleton, architect, built large homes on speculation in the 1880s, 200 by 1887. Two Appleton houses are \*1999 Euclid Ave. and \*2200 Cannon, with many more scattered throughout the city.

- Mining money also helped build the \*Cathedral of St. Helena, atop the east end of Lawrence Street.

Thomas "Tommy" Cruse was an illiterate Irish miner who hit a rich gold lode at nearby Marysville in 1876, then founded further businesses. Cruse donated heavily to constructing the Gothic/Romanesque church. His funeral was the first held there in 1914, the year it was consecrated.

- Government and commerce became Helena's main businesses after the mining boom.

After Montana statehood in 1889, many towns vied to be named state capital. In statewide balloting in 1892, with a runoff between Anaconda and Helena in 1894, Helena won the honor.

Legislatures first met in the \*Lewis and Clark County Courthouse, the \*Iron Front Hotel, and other downtown business blocks. Finally a capitol-building bond in 1898 was purchased entirely by Tommy Cruse.

- The \*Montana State Capitol was constructed in Montana sandstone in a Classical Revival design by Bell & Kent, Iowa architects. It was dedicated in 1902, one of seven state capitols with copper domes. The east and west wings were completed in 1912. Guided tours are available May 1–Sept. 30.

- Railroad service came with the Northern Pacific (1883) and the Great Northern (1887), further enhancing trade. The Northern Pacific's second depot, created in 1904, today anchors the \*Depot Historic District of homes and businesses.

The former Great Northern rail yards north of Neill Avenue were replaced in the 1990s by the Great Northern Town Center. Outdoor sculptures and signage tell the story of the Lewis and Clark Expedition's path, a self-guided walking tour.

- Helena businessman William Chessman built a Queen Anne-style home on the corner of Sixth Avenue and North Ewing in 1888. Twenty-five years later, the State of Montana purchased it as the official governor's residence. It served nine governors.

This \*Original Governor's Mansion, with period and original furnishings, is open for guided tours during summer months.

- The Myrna Loy Center for the Performing and Media Arts is housed in the former \*Lewis and Clark County Jail (built 1890).

Myrna Loy (nee Williams) is from Helena, where one of her playmates was Judge Cooper's son, Gary. They never starred in a film together, though.

- In 1913, the \*Placer Hotel opened on what is now the Walking Mall. Today, upper floors have been remodeled into condos, and the grand lobby restored.

*\* Indicates a property on the National Register of Historic Places.*

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## Cemeteries

Historical Helenans rest in cemeteries that feature unusual and elegant grave markers.

\*Benton Avenue Cemetery is the oldest surviving Helena graveyard, with monuments dating from the 1870s.

\*Forestvale's graves include those of notorious vigilante-lawman X. Biedler, and the modest marker of Myrna Williams (1905-1993, stage name Myrna Loy) in the Williams family plot.

Home of Peace is where members of Helena's Jewish community, from the earliest days to the present, are buried.

Miner Tommy Cruse's mausoleum centers Resurrection Cemetery, on land he donated to the Diocese of Helena.



## Touring by Tram and on Foot

Hear the stories of Helenans, their buildings and outdoor art, on the Last Chance Tour Train. It runs from June 1 through Sept. 15 (except Sundays), a one-hour narrated tram tour of historic Helena, including capitol area, original downtown, and \*Mansion District.

Montana Historical Society staff has created three self-guided historical walking tour brochures, available at their building, the Helena Chamber of Commerce, and Helena/Lewis and Clark Historical Society. The tours cover Last Chance Gulch and the historic downtown; Courthouse Square and the south-central neighborhood that was Helena's first planned district; and the west-side neighborhood of early mansions.

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## Museums

- ExplorationWorks interactive museum of science and culture—see “Especially for Children.”

- Helena/Lewis and Clark County Historical Society and visitor center near the north end of the Walking Mall has local historical photographs, newspapers, and artifacts. Friendly staff are generous with information on what to see and do in the area.

- Holter Museum of Art—changing exhibits of contemporary art, gallery talks, workshops, classes, and special children’s events.

- Montana Historical Society—permanent and changing exhibits from prehistory through the 20th century, telling the story of Montana and its peoples. Extensive Charles M. Russell permanent art exhibit and changing art shows. Special events year-round.

## Especially for Children

Many events in the Calendar include child-friendly components.

- Bard Days, Shakespeare Camp for Youth, by Montana Shakespeare Company—five days of energetic lessons in Shakespearean language, dancing, stage combat, and exploring texts—ends with a public performance.

- Chalk Up Helena!—children and adults register and create chalk art on the Walking Mall. Prizes include people’s choice awards.

- ExplorationWorks—interactive museum of science and culture for youngsters and adults; changing exhibits, classes, workshops, and after-school programs.

- The Great Northern Carousel—a natural history lesson, its hand-carved steeds all animals native to Montana, from rainbow trout to grizzly bear.



Robert Hamison, *The Architecture of Space: Montana Vernacular*, installation, 2009

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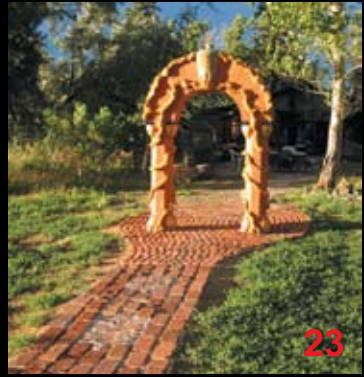
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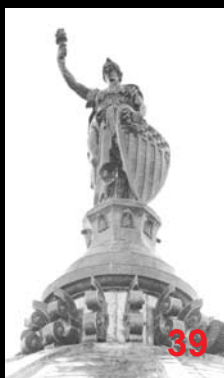
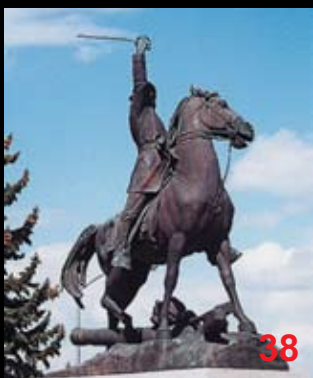


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**Carroll College, 1601 N Benton**



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**48** Wells Fargo Bank, Ceramic Mural of Early Helena Mining, Rudy Autio, Last Chance Gulch & Lawrence, Business hours

### **Just Off the Gulch**

- 49** The Broadwater Mural, Bob Morgan, Chamber of Commerce, 6th & Cruse, Business Hours  
**50** Mountain Fountain, Behind Federal Reserve Building, 100 Neill Ave.

### **Capitol Area**

- 51** Capitol Building, Newly Restored, a Treasure of 1900 Architecture and Art  
**52** CM Russell Art and Much More, Montana Historical Society, 6th and Roberts

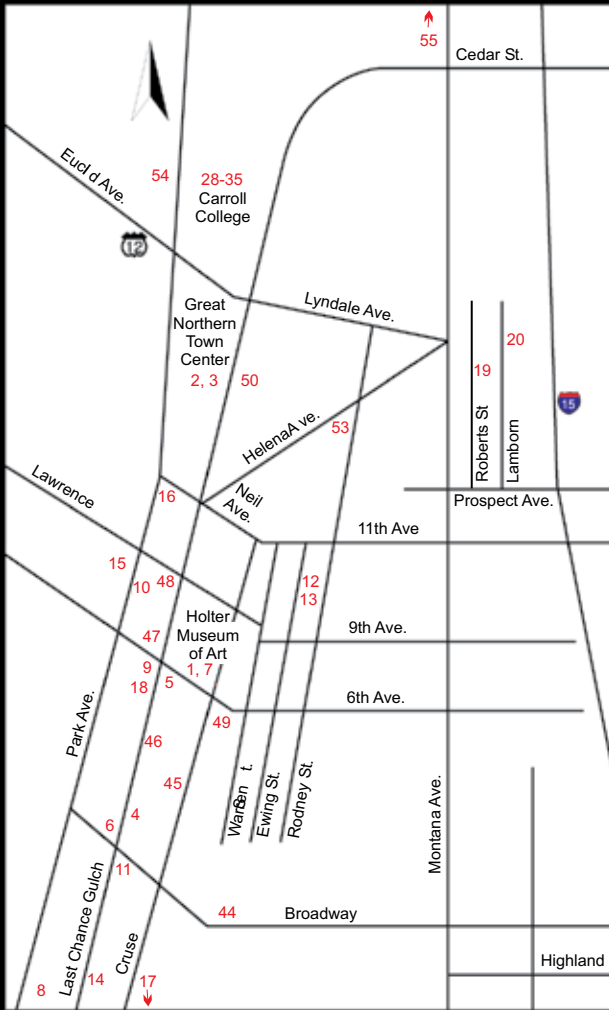
### **Around Helena**

- 53** Standing Stones of Lazy Green, Richard Mayer, 1976, Rodney & Helena Ave.

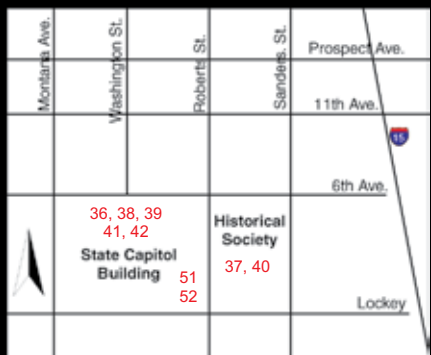
### **Historic Cemeteries**

- 54** Benton Avenue Cemetery, 1900 N Benton  
**55** Forestvale Cemetery, Forestvale at McHugh Lane, Take N Montana Ave. to Forestvale Road, then left.  
**56** Home of Peace Cemetery, Henderson and Custer, Behind Capital High School

# Art Location Maps



**44** George Washington, Unknown Artist, Ca. 1888, inside Lewis and Clark County Courthouse, 228 Broadway.



- Grandstreet Theatre's Summer Theatre School—offered for two weeks in July, with class levels for children aged 4, grades K-2, and grades 3-12. Covers all aspects of theatre production and stage acting. Scholarships available.

- Helena Youth Choir—open to boys from age 8 through voice change, and girls age 8 through high school.

- Holter Museum—weekend Use-eum art workshops and other special events for children.

- Lewis and Clark Library—story-times for preschoolers on Wednesdays and Thursdays year-round except August and December. Near Christmas, Santa is welcomed with books, stories, and activities. "Celebrate Dr. Seuss" includes a green eggs and ham breakfast where high-school drama students perform skits for children.

- Montana Historical Society—free docent-guided tours for groups, the Young at Heart interactive history gallery, and occasional special events for children indoors and out. Free self-guiding brochures (with suggestions/questions for viewing, and take-home activities) are available to larger groups including families, club members, and students.

- Myrna Loy Center sponsors educational Artists in the Schools visits by touring performers.

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## Dance Companies

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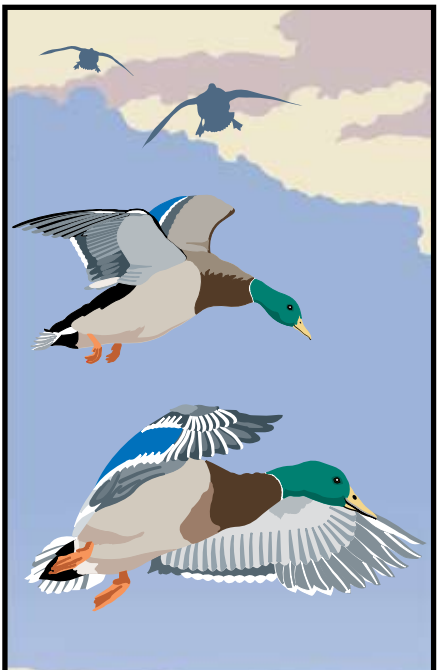


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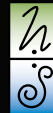
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