Fine Art

Location: Cedar Hall
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Featured Artist—Pablo Hidalgo Pencil Sketch Works
Saturday, August 8th, 1pm-3pm

This year, Fine Art's featured artist is Pablo Hidalgo. His pencil sketch works will be on display in Cedar Hall. Stop by on Saturday, August 8th between 1pm and 3pm when he'll be in the Fine Arts department to visit with the public about his works and to answer any questions.

From Pablo Hidalgo:
"I never intended to be an artist. It's something I truly feel I was destined to be. Honestly, I just started drawing one day and have been drawing ever since. I've taught myself everything up to this point. My only mediums have been pen and pencil, but I am slowly working my way into color.

There are so many things that inspire me. My family is the most important. Growing up here in Billings, with a large Mexican family has been great. I have a lot of strong people in my family that I look up to—some of whom I have done portraits of. It's the strength in them, their aura about them that I try to capture.

I'm always looking for new ways to learn and grow in all aspects of my life. I hope one day to be at my full potential as an artist, father, son, sibling and friend."

David Grubbs Photography Workshop:
Sunday, August 9th, 1pm-3pm

Learn how to take better photographs from the Billings Gazette's own, David Grubbs. This workshop will focus on "capturing moments" and how to compose better photographs.

A Day at the Fair

A new division in the Fine Art Department is titled "A Day at the Fair." Artists exhibiting in Fine Arts, Decorative Arts or Photography can enter any medium that reflect the theme of County Fairs. See them on display in Cedar Hall.

Mattie Moss China Painting on Display
Saturday, August 8th through Saturday, August 15th
On loan from the Moss Mansion

From the Moss Mansion Website:
Mattie Moss and husband Preston Boyd Moss were an influential family to the city of Billings and residents of the Moss Mansion. Mr. Moss became very prominent in banking, organized the first dial telephone company in the area, founded a newspaper that was a forerunner of the Billings Gazette, started a central heating plant and the Billings Utility Company. In association with H.W. Rowley, Mr. Moss developed the Billings Light and Water Power Company and the Northern Hotel. He assisted other prominent local citizens, such as I.D. O'Donnell, in development of local irrigation, the sugar factory, and the Billings Polytechnic Institute (now Rocky Mountain College).

Mrs. Martha Ursula (Mattie) Moss was an artist, pianist, and mother of six children. Born in 1863 in Missouri she traveled along the Oregon Trail with her family when just over a year old. At 16, she returned to Missouri to attend the Baptist College, where she graduated. She studied art at the St. Louis Conservatory. On June 5, 1889, Mattie married Preston Boyd Moss, son of David Hickman Moss of Paris, Missouri. They came to Billings, Montana December 12, 1892.

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