



Holiday 2011 Newsletter

Lodgepole Gallery & Tipi Village

Sharing Blackfeet culture &
Promoting Blackfeet art since 1993



Oki Neek-Soo-Koo-Wah! (Hello Friends)

Season greetings from the Lodgepole Gallery and Tipi Village

It has been awhile since we updated you to happenings here at the Lodgepole Gallery and Tipi Village and in our community. This year the summer tourist season began quite slowly due to an extended cold winter, which delayed the opening of the "Going to the Sun" highway. However, by the end of June and first part of July the visitation to our area and Glacier National Park began to pick up. Three film crews visited us this year, one French and two American (Danny & the Dingo, Museum of the American Indian). We had also many people from France visiting this year and from other countries as well. What a great opportunity it is for us and our guests to meet so many interesting people from all over.

(The dolls are created by Blackfeet artist Chrys Davison, available for sale in our gallery)

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Visiting Washington DC



In June we went to Washington D.C. where Darrell presented his sculptures as awards for the American Recreation Coalition. These awards went to the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture as well as other government official active in environmental issues. It was a great honor to be chosen to create and

present these awards. While in Washington we met also with the Indian Arts and Crafts Board staff Meredith Stanton and Ken Van Wey. They introduced us to the assistant Secretary of the Interior. The meeting gave us a good opportunity to voice our support for the three Indian Museums run by the Department of the Interior. The Plains Indian in Browning is one of them and is a vital part of our community. We hope this will help not only secure their budgets, but also increase our government's support for the three Indian museums. (Sioux Indian Museum in Rapid City, Southern Plains Indian Museum in Anadarko and Plains Indian Museum in Browning)

Coming up next season:

Western Art Week,
March 15 - 18, 2011

Local Pow Wows:

North American Indian Days
Hear Butte Society Celebration

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Museum Links

CM Russell Museum

Museum of Plains Indian

Friends of the Museum



During the summer we added a new covered porch over our existing patio. This created more room for our tipi-camp guests. Now we can provide eating space for about 15 people additionally to the 30 seats of our Crow's Nest guest lounge.

(Blackfeet mason Alex Gladstone enclosed our patio)

Travel Links

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Our local art auction the [Harvest Moon Ball](#) was held as usual by the end of September in the East Glacier Park Lodge. We have participated as artist every year. Unfortunately the auction was not very successful due to lack of art buyers. We hope it will improve next year.
(Monte Yellow Bird in front of his ledger painting)

Local News

It is important to note the passing of **Elouise Cobell** this fall. Her funeral ceremony was at the new Browning High School and many dignitaries visited Browning for this occasion. She was a very motivating force in our community and in Indian country. She will be missed.

One of the most positive things to happen here on the reservation is the completion of the **new water system** for Browning and East Glacier Park this December. We now have a system that is delivering healthy and clean water with good pressure. The long awaited new water system (20 years) is the foundation for new housing projects for Blackfeet people as well as for new tourism related businesses such as the hotel the Blackfeet Tribe is planning to build in Browning.



Upcoming next Year

- Currently we are working on art projects and are beginning to prepare for the **Western Art Week in Great Falls**. We will be participating in the [Jay Contway show](#) at the exhibition facility on fairgrounds **from Thursday, March 15, 2012 to Sunday, March 18, 2012.**

For your vacation planning

- The 61st Annual **North American Indian Days** celebration pow wow is from **July 12 to 15, 2012**
- The 21st Annual **Heart Butte Society Celebration** is from **August 9 to 12, 2012**

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**Until June our gallery is open by
appointment**

Give us a call!

**From October to May
our office hours are
from 11 AM to 4 PM
Mondays to Fridays**

Thanks again to everyone who supported us. May you all have a happy and peaceful holiday season and a prosperous new year!

If you like the latest news from

Lodgepole Gallery and Tipi Village follow us on Facebook



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