



November 2009 Newsletter

Lodgepole Gallery & Tipi Village

Sharing Blackfeet culture &
Promoting Blackfeet art since 1993

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Coming up next season:

Glacier National Park Centennial

Local Pow Wows:

North American Indian Days

Hear Butte Society Celebration



Thank you!

To all of our friends and patrons across the globe. We would like to express our gratitude for your support that helped make this past year another successful year.

We thank our customers as well. It was our pleasure to serve you and your family or friends during your summer vacation in our Blackfeet tipi-camp and Native American art gallery. Best of all was meeting you. This enriches our lives.

HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

Highlights of this summer

This summer season has been rainy with moderate temperatures compared to summers before. For us locals this has been a blessing following years of drought. Therefore, our lake has survived this summer and many wild flowers bloomed until August.

Due to the low Dollar value, we had many visitors from abroad besides of US citizens as guests in our tipi-camp. We met many interesting people. As in the years before, Montana State University brought its international group to for a stay in our tipi-camp and a lecture on Blackfeet culture. This year's group was university students from the middle east.

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The **Red Jammer Busses** from Glacier Park Inc. were almost weekly guests. On their Great Lodges Tour they stop here for lunch and a lecture about Blackfeet culture and art.

Another exciting moment was when about 20 Harleys thundered up our driveway with Australian guys as riders.



This autumn



This September was very warm and pleasant. See photo on top of our newsletter from end of September. Unfortunately this caused some forest fires in west Montana and Idaho. On the photo to the left Angelika could photograph directly into the sun, because the smoke was diffusing the light. You can also clearly see the dust rising up from a car passing on Durham Rd. behind our house.

The fall season began with the annual **Harvest Moon Ball** art auction sponsored by the Blackfeet Community Foundation. Darrell was the featured artist this year. On the photo below you see his "End-of-the-Summer-Moon Spirit", which was auctioned of that evening besides of several other pieces by him. Angelika also participated and sold two of her larger art pieces. Overall it was a successful and fun event in spite of the economic down turn.

In October we put three tipis up for the **US. Census Bureau** for a publicity photo shot (posters, commercials etc). This turned out to be a very exciting project. We put up and took down tipis twice and provided a lunch for thirty extras as well as the crew.



For the Holidays:

Make a gift of authentic

Native American art

From the Lodgepole Gallery!

Creating new art

Darrell received a commission for a painted Buffalo Hide for the C.M. Russell Museum traveling exhibit in "*The Bison, American Icon, Heart of Plains Indian Culture*", which is a permanent show. This was the second robe he has done for their collection.



The Montana Historical Society also Commissioned him for some items for a traveling educational trunk. Below you see a detail photo of Darrell's painted hide.

Angelika has been busy producing new prints and cards for the Christmas market at Hockaday Museum in Kalispell.

New greeting cards



You can view more greeting card images on her website
Kolibri Studio



5 x 7 inches

Printed on canvas paper \$5

Printed on water color paper \$6

News from Browning

- Things in the *Museum of the Plains Indian* are stable. The Friends of the Museum Group continues to try to get the US government to secure the future of this important museum. In meantime the friends group raised money for a new 52 inch television and equipment for showing films plus chairs for museum visitors.
- An important issue concerning the Blackfeet Tribe is the recent survey concerning change in *the tribal constitution*. This is to be put to a vote of the people sometime next year. Also in July tribal members will be voting for five tribal council positions.
- The *new high school* – which is near our tipi-camp - is open now.
- The *new water system for Browning* is supposed to be completed next year. We have been looking forward to this for many years, because we would like to provide good water for our tipi-camp customers.
- Lot of work is being done on *highway 89* near Two Medicine. The highway gets widened for about 10 miles thanks to stimulus money from the US government.

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**In winter our gallery is
open by appointment**

Give as a call!

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

We hope this letter finds all of you happy and well

Thanks again for all of you for your past support and we hope to see you soon.

Angelika Harden-Norman & Darrell Norman