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# ART EVENTS

## OF NOTE

**THE MUSEUMS, GALLERIES, AND CURATED ART EVENTS** that celebrate the artists of the Northern Rockies offer an intimate glimpse into the life and livelihood of the American West. Upcoming calendar highlights include:

June 29 – November 12

### **RE-IMAGINING CONSERVATION: FROM MANY VIEWPOINTS**

National Museum of Wildlife Art  
Jackson, WY  
wildlifeart.org



LESS FENCING, MORE MIGRATING | Jessie Knirsch  
Oil, Acrylic, Marker, Pen, Pencil | 16 x 20 Inches

Created in partnership with Creature Conserve, *Re-Imagining Conservation: From Many Viewpoints* explores conservation through a range of perspectives and mediums while encouraging viewers to reconsider the relationships between humans, animals, and their shared environments. The exhibition — organized by art curator Heather McMordie of Creature Conserve and Julia Spencer, associate curator of education and outreach with the National Museum of Wildlife Art — includes the work of 31 artists from nine different countries.

July 28 – September 9

### **LANDSCAPE EXHIBIT**

Radius Gallery  
Missoula, MT  
radiusgallery.com

The awe-inspiring beauty of natural landscapes fills two floors in the award-winning Radius Gallery with a collection of paintings, photographs, and glass art. This broad range of stylistic interpretations explores the never-ending pursuit by artists to capture the sublime.

August 16 – 19

### **THE RUSSELL SUMMER 2023: A WESTERN ART EXPERIENCE**

Various Locations  
Great Falls, MT  
cmrussell.org

Celebrating renowned artist Charles Russell and benefitting the C.M. Russell Museum, this event-filled weekend offers something for every age and Western aesthetic, including auctions, Art in Action, an educational symposium, and more.

September 6 – 17

### **JACKSON HOLE FALL ARTS FESTIVAL**

Various Locations  
Jackson, WY  
jacksonholechamber.com

For two weeks each September, Jackson celebrates renowned Western, wildlife, and landscape artists in local galleries and venues throughout the city. Free and ticketed events include the Jackson Hole Art Auction, Western Design Conference, Western Visions Show + Sale, Seventh Annual Mark Eberhard Show + Sale, Jackson Hole QuickDraw, art walks, receptions, gallery tours, and more.

September 7 – 10

### **WESTERN DESIGN CONFERENCE EXHIBIT + SALE**

Snow King Events Center  
Jackson, WY  
westerndesignconference.com

For 31 years, this premier four-day exhibition and sale has gathered artisans, artists, collectors, interior designers, and architects together in an open showroom. “In a world full of disposable, mass-produced items, the artistry of handmade and the inspiration produced by the back-office collaboration of artists increases the appeal of the WDC,” says Allison Merritt, executive director of the Western Design Conference Exhibit + Sale. “The show is like a big family who throws a celebratory reunion each year.” The event features a fashion show, daily happy hour, and rooms curated by some of the best regional interior designers.



Mark Levin

The 31st annual Western Design Conference Exhibit + Sale welcomes 100 exhibiting artists from 28 states, offering the best of the West in furniture, fashion, jewelry, home, and lifestyle accessories in Jackson Hole, Sept. 7 – 10.

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ages and interests have the opportunity to learn and grow with us.

**BSJ:** *What are your hopes for the center's future?*

**DENSON-GUY:** Our biggest hope is that the Emerson stays relevant to our community. We want to continue to be a place where our community gathers, where locals bring their friends and family, and where artists of all ages and abilities have a space to create and learn.

We are continually reevaluating our arts education programming. The Emerson currently hosts a wide selection of ceramics, drawing, and painting classes. And later this year, we are launching the first metals studio in Bozeman, which will offer classes in basic metalsmithing, enameling, and, eventually, casting. Beyond our exhibits and educational programming, we are looking forward to completing a renovation of the Emerson lawn — which will include an outdoor arts education space on the north side — to better support outdoor events and creative opportunities.



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Artists show off their prints at the Emerson's Art on the Rocks, a fabulous evening of all things arts and spirits.

September 18 – 23

## BUFFALO BILL RENDEZVOUS ROYALE

Various Locations

Cody, WY

[rendezvousroyale.org](http://rendezvousroyale.org)



OCTOBER TRAIL | Redden Grant

Oil | 18.5 x 32 Inches



SUN SHUNNERS | Lawson T. Allen

Oil | 12 x 12 Inches

A collaboration between the Buffalo Bill Art Show & Sale, By Western Hands, and the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, the 42nd annual Rendezvous Royale week-long arts invitational will include workshops, lectures, classes, studio tours, receptions, Scout's Miniature Sale, the Annual Downtown Cody Art Walk, and more. The culminating highlight of the Royale, the Buffalo Bill Art Show & Sale — showcasing more than 100 artists' visions of the American West in oil, watercolor, pastel, and sculpture — will include a dinner and live auction on September 22, followed by a 90-minute quick draw featuring 30 artists and brunch the next day.

March 14 – 16, 2024

## OUT WEST ART SHOW & SALE

Heritage Inn

Great Falls, MT

[owas.online](http://owas.online)

A highlight of Western Art Week in Great Falls, the Out West Art Show & Sale features painters and sculptors from across the U.S. and Canada in an intimate format. The three-day event hosts a quick draw, quick finish, live music, and an awards ceremony for the Young Masters Program, an artist-run mentoring program for Montana high school students. Managed by a cooperative of artists and enthusiasts, the show is a major fundraiser for the Out West Art Foundation, a nonprofit organization that supports the work and growth of current and future artists.