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Lodgepole Gallery & Tipi Village



Autumn News Letter

This Summer Season

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Special points of interest:

- This Summer Season
- Harvest Moon Ball: Darrell's buffalo hide sold for \$12,500
- New works of art
- Important Art weekend March 2008 in Great Falls
- Launching Kolibri Studio

Oki (Hello), from Browning, Montana. We hope this Newsletter finds everyone healthy and happy. We and our animals are all fine. The tipis are safely stored away. The weather is cold with very little moisture and with some heavy winds.



This was a successful season thanks to all of you that stayed with us or visited the gallery. Bookings were up about 25%, and we are looking forward to another busy season in 2008.

This Autumn

At this years "**Harvest Moon Ball**" (local art auction) at the end of September, Darrell's painted buffalo hide sold for \$12,500. This was a great success for him and for the Blackfeet



In June **Darrell** was awarded with **Outstanding Alumni of 2007** from North Seattle Community College.



In August Angelika earned her degree in Arts Marketing from the University of Montana in Great Falls.

Photo left: Spring morning at our door step.

Photo left below: Spanish Mustang & child (courtesy of the Para family)

Photo below: Fire sun rising in Mid-August.

Fortunately, we received only two cancellations due to the fire Skyland Fire on the Blackfeet Reservation. Due to the dry spring this year, we had several fires this summer in Montana.



Reservation Development Fund, who organizes this event every autumn.

Meanwhile **repair and maintenance work** is going on. We are getting new water pumps installed in order to have to city

water. In the future we will be using our well water only as backup in case of pressure loss of the city water. So, no more blackened jewelry from our sulfur containing well water.



"When Lakotas Traveled on Them"
Ivan Long (Oglala Lakota)
Acrylic, 18 x 24 inches
\$2200

New Art work at the Lodgepole Gallery

The Lakota artist Ivan Long consigned T-shirts and two paintings to us. You find photos on the left.

Additionally we offer a large painting (30 x 39 inches) by Blackfeet artist Neil Parsons. It is an acrylic painting of a hide with floral design.

Unfortunately I can not take a good photograph because it is framed. If you are interested please

contact us, and I will send you a photo. This painting costs \$1400.

We also received a large acrylic painting by the Blackfeet artist Gale Running Wolf. It is 20 x 27.5 inches with the Title "Looking for the Enemy" and costs \$2400

"Yellow Wolf Lodge"
David Dragonfly (Blackfeet)
Monoprint 8 x 12 inches
Matted \$195



Are you looking for a unique Christmas gift? What about a custom made par fleche, drum, rattle or other Blackfeet art item.

A lasting gift of Art

We have many fine pieces of art work in our gallery for a lasting gift of art during the holidays or a special occasion. Please contact us at our website. Special commissions can also be requested.

Darrell and I consigned several of our art pieces to the **Holter Museum in Helena** for their "Ho Ho Holter" Christmas Show. If you happen to be in Helena have a look. Until December 30 the exhibition

of contemporary Aboriginal paintings from Australia "Desert Dreamscape" is also on display.

Let your eyes and mind be twirled by Australian pointillism!



"Different Ponies"
Ivan Long
Oil, 16 x 20 inches
\$1000

New art projects

Soon we will start working on commission from the **C.M. Russell Museum in Great Falls** to replicate a painted Buffalo Hide for their **upcoming 2008 exhibition** on the impact of the buffalo on society, both Indian and Non-Indian.

Angelika is also presenting some new pieces for the

Paris Gibson auction in Great Falls in February.

Of course our preparation for the biggest art weekend in Montana, **March 13 to 16, 2008** are long on its way. **The Great Falls Native American Art Show** at the Civic Center will have its 26th year show during the annual C.M.

Russell Auction. Darrell will have a booth at Native American Art Show as every year. Don Baughman from the Flathead Gallery will sell a few of David Dragonfly's as well as Angelika's art pieces during the **C.M. Russell art show at the Heritage Inn in Great Falls** at the same weekend.

Launching Kolibri Studio



Creative Arts Enterprise was a one year arts marketing program at the Montana State University in Great Falls. I attended weekend classes and graduated this August. This program encourage me to promote my art as a separate business under the roof of Lodgepole Gallery, in order to approach markets beyond the one for Native

Left:
"Cotton wood Dryads"
Digital art & Pastel
12.5 x 20.5 inches, framed
\$450

Right:
"Winter Sun Rise PF"
Digital art & Pastel
10 x 20 inches, framed
\$350

Below:
"Par Fleche III "
Digital art & Pastel
12 x 12 inches, framed
\$275



Creating New Works of Art

During the off season Darrell and I prepare for the next upcoming season. We are creating new works of art, taking care of the repair of our facility.

The base for the painting above is a photograph of a cottonwood bark, which I found on the Cedar Trail.



I printed the photograph on bark paper to enhance the bark structure and painted the Dryads (Greek: tree spirit) out of the bark. The par fleche painting to the left is based a par fleche by Darrell, which I scanned and altered digitally before painting on the printout.

"The nature of Montana and its Native people are the strongest influence in my art."

Angelika Harden

Taking new photos



Exploring the ancients with camera, computer & paint

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The mission of the Lodgepole Gallery & Tipi Village is to cultivate Blackfoot culture and to show its beauty to the world by providing overnight stays in tipis (traditional dwelling), serving traditional food, exhibiting Northern Plains Indian contemporary and traditional fine art and raising Spanish Mustangs (original Indian horse).

News from Browning



Opening Hours:
Monday - Friday
10 a.m. to 4p.m.

The **new high school** is now under construction and is coming along well. On the other hand the casino is not doing well. A short time back our neighbor was beginning excavation for his home, when he discovered **unmarked graves of about 30 children** who had attended the Willow Creek Boarding School. This neighboring property was formerly owned by Darrell, and the graves extend onto our property as well. Most children probably died of typhus

about 1900 –1910.

Before the typhus epidemic the Blackfeet Tribe had demanded a closure of this school because of its bad hygienic condition, which was denied by US authorities. For detailed information on this matter, please look up the article in the Great Falls Tribune on their webpage (archive). If you happened to have further information about the Willow Creek Boarding School, please contact us or Eric Newhouse from the Tribune Newhouse

enewhouse@greatfalltribune.com

The Blackfeet Tribe has signed an agreement with the State of Montana for the reconstruction of the St. Mary's water canal and funding has been approved despite of George Bush's veto.

The Cobell versus U.S. Interior Dep. case continues on with the government continuing to try to delay a fair settlement. Information on this case can be found online or from Indian

Museum of the Plains Indian

More repair work is being done in the Museum and the funding has been stabilized, but no real increases, which are badly needed. The Friends of the Museum Ass., which is a non-profit

Organization is constantly working on these issues. Darrell is the chairman of this organization, and your support would be appreciated. Annual membership is \$25, but you can also make

the effort to keep this museum open, maintained and programs improved.

Friends of the Museum of the Plains Indian, PO Box 950, Browning, MT 59417

Well, for the time being this is some of the news from the Lodgepole Gallery and Tipi Village. If you are thinking of coming to stay next season, book early. If you are in the area come and visit our gallery.

We wish you all a very happy holiday season.

Angelika Harden-Norman & Darrell Norman