

# THE MONTANA ARTS COUNCIL

A photograph of a woman in profile, singing and playing an acoustic guitar. She is wearing a white t-shirt and a dark vest. In the background, another person is partially visible, also playing a guitar. The setting appears to be a room with large windows, possibly a rehearsal space or a recording studio. The lighting is warm and natural.

**DECEMBER 2025 MEETING**



# MONTANA ARTS COUNCIL

## Council Meeting

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Lunch will be provided for Arts Council members, presenters and staff.

# Proposed Business Meeting Agenda

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Friday, December 5, 2025

9:00am

Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art, Room 35

1400 First Avenue North

Great Falls, Montana

## 9:00 am

Arrival

## 9:30 am

Call to Order

Steve Zabel

Opening remarks & Tribal acknowledgement

Attendance: Council and members of the Public

Elaina Tenter

Welcome to new members

Opening Icebreaker

Council Members: Book recommendations. 2 minutes each

What are you reading, and what's one point you'd like to share? (A thought, an author, an idea, what you benefited from, etc.)

General Business

Krys Holmes

Call for Public Comment

Approval of Proposed Agenda and Council Meeting Minutes June 5, 2025

► *Action proposed: Motion to approve*

Conflicts of Interest

Next Meetings

Determine Dates Fort Benton Spring 2026

December 6, 2026, Helena Winter 2026

Governor's Arts Awards + Heritage Center

Determine Location Spring 2027

Cost estimates for Havre-Harlem, Miles City, Dillon-Twin Bridges

Bylaws Review, if needed

## 10:30 am

Fiscal Year 2025 Year End Financial Report

Jenifer Alger

► *Action proposed: Motion to approve*

Fiscal Year 2026 Year To Date Report

Jenifer Alger

► *Action proposed: Motion to approve*

Report from the Chair

Steve Zabel

Report from the Executive Director

Krys Holmes

**11:15 am** Break

**11:00 am** Introduction of the 2025-2027 Poet Laureate Allen Morris Jones

**11:30 am** Panel Discussion: Literature and Publishing in Montana

**12:15 pm** Working Lunch, Panel Discussion continues

**1:00 pm** Tour of Paris Gibson Square

**1:30 pm**

Committee Reports + Recruitment

Executive Committee

Steve Zabel

Strategic Investment Grant Committee

Jay Pyette

Arts Education Committee

Angella Ahn

Governor's Arts Awards Committee

Wylie Gustafson

Poet Laureate Committee

Sean Chandler

Folk Arts Committee

Corky Clairmont

► *Action: Ratification of TAAP Application*

Fundraising Committee

Steve Zabel

Percent for Art Projects

Kristin Burgoyne

**2:15 pm** NASAA Update: Native Communities Initiative

Sean Chandler

**2:30 pm** Legislative Update

Drew Geiger

**3:15 pm** Federal Funding Discussion

Krys Holmes

**3:45 pm** New Business

Steve Zabel

**4:00 pm** - Adjourn

Dinner on your Own

### Dinner Suggestions

Annie's Taphouse 112 Central Ave

City Bar and Casino 709 Central Ave

Elevation 3330 410 Central Ave

Enbar 8 5th St S

5th & Wine 214 5th St S

Fire Artisan Pizza 107 5th St N

Halftime Sports Bar 1101 NW Bypass

Heidelberg Lounge 27 Division Rd

Kellergeist 111 Central Ave

Little's Lanes Bar & Casino 517 1st Ave N

Magpie 202 2nd Ave S

Mighty Mo 412 Central Ave

Rib and Chop House 21 3rd St N

SideQuest/The Block 2 5th St S

Sip 'n Dip Lounge 17 7th St S

Snits Bar & Casino 619 Central Ave

Stein Haus 711 1st Ave N

The Celtic Cowboy 116 1st Ave S (at Arvon Hotel)

The Newberry 420 Central Ave

The Press Club 421 Central Ave

The Station District 119 River Dr N

The Wild Hare 518 Central Ave

Tracy's Diner 127 Central Ave

### Shopping

Pizazz 403 Central Ave

Hoglund's Western Wear 306 1st Ave S

The Farmer's Daughter Fibers 320 Central Ave

### Additional Activities to Consider

Dec 4, 10:30am: Letters from Charlie: Insights from  
Russell's Correspondence at CMR Museum

Dec 4, 7:30pm: John Morgan, The Newberry,  
420 Central Ave

Dec 5, 5-8:30pm: Christmas Light Showdown,  
Anaconda Hills Golf Course 2315 Smelter Ave