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MUSEUM OF THE ROCKIES TO CELEBRATE WINE CLASSIC ART DONORS AT MORart

May 5, 2010, Bozeman, MT—The Museum of the Rockies will be hosting its third annual MORart event in honor of all the artists who have donated their art to the Wine Classic this year. MORart, to be held on Thursday, June 3, from 7–9 p.m. in the Museum’s newly renovated lobby, will showcase the artist’s work and provide an opportunity to mingle with the artists themselves. Hors d’œuvres will be catered by the Emerson Grill with a no-host bar, and raffle tickets with prizes including experiences with the artists will be for sale for \$1. Tickets for MORart are on sale now and are \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

“Each artist gets the opportunity to not only showcase their donated piece that will be auctioned at the Wine Classic on Saturday, July 10th, but to demonstrate their art processes, talk with event guests about their progression as an artist and selling other pieces from their collection,” said Robin Chopus, Wine Classic Co-Chair.

The event will feature artists including Beth Loftin–Painter, Rod Zullo–Sculptor, Sue Tirrell–Sculptor, Joe Wayne–Painter, Amber Jean–Sculptor, Marcia Wendel–Painter, Laurie Gano–Weaver, Diana Tremaine–Painter, Julie Gustafson–Painter, Caroline Adams–Jeweler, Melissa Steinhauer–Jeweler, Laurel Hatch–Painter, Ariane Ogburn–Jeweler, and many more.

MORart is the first of three auxiliary events leading up to the Wine Classic in July. The other two events precluding the Wine Classic are the *Big Reds Dinner* at the Emerson Grill on Thursday, June 10, and *Making Scents of Wine* at the Gallatin River Lodge on Tuesday, July 6. Proceeds from the events will benefit the Museum.

About the Wine Classic

The Museum of the Rockies’ annual Wine Classic is held on the Museum grounds each year in July. This year the event will have an Italian theme, featuring Italian wines, sodas and foods from local caterers. The theme is a tribute to our summer exhibit *Leonardo da Vinci: Machines in Motion*. In addition to the live and silent auctions, the Museum will continue its tradition of raising money for the Changing Exhibits

Fund, which helped underwrite the da Vinci exhibit. The Wine Classic will take place on Saturday, July 10 from 6–10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$150 for members and \$175 for non-members (open seating) and \$300 for members (reserved seating).

About the Museum of the Rockies (MOR)

The Museum of the Rockies is both a college-level division of [Montana State University](#) and an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit institution. Accredited by the [American Association of Museums](#), MOR is one of just 776 museums to hold this distinction from the more than 17,500 museums nationwide. The Museum is also a [Smithsonian Institution](#) affiliate and a federal repository for fossils.

MOR Mission

The Museum of the Rockies inspires visitors to explore the rich natural and cultural history of America's Northern Rocky Mountains. In partnership with Montana State University, the Museum reaches diverse communities with engaging exhibits, educational programs, and original research that advance public understanding of the collections.

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