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## The Gothard Sisters present Holiday Concert

2 Valleys Stage is proud to bring The Gothard Sisters to our valleys for a special holiday concert on Sunday, December 12 at 3 pm at the Seeley-Swan High School. The Gothard Sisters' Christmas concert is a popular event throughout in the Northwest, and we are very lucky to be able to bring them here during their busy season.

The Gothard Sisters are a dynamic musical group of three sisters from Northwest Washington who play contemporary Celtic folk music. Through over 10 years of performing, touring and writing music together, the optimistic style of their music and performances continue to resonate with their fans, building a loyal international following.

Blending Celtic, folk, classical and new age musical



influences, the Gothard Sisters bring songs to life with violin, acoustic guitar, mandolin, bodhran, djembe, whistle and vocal harmonies, creating music that is "vivid, inspirational and captivating." (Tim Carroll, Folk Words Review 2018) Writing and recording near their home in the Pacific Northwest, the band has released 8 albums and has performed over 1,000 live shows over the course of their career. The Gothard Sisters have performed in venues

across the United States, including a concert at the Kennedy Center's Millennium stage in Washington DC, performances with Disney Cruise line in Europe, and a 20-city concert tour of Japan in 2019.

Following the concert on December 12, The Gothard Sisters will be performing and conducting workshops with the students in Seeley-Swan High School, Seeley Lake Elementary, Swan Valley School and Potomac School.

# Open Book Club updates

Following the successful "Seeley Celebrates" series of three authors this late summer (Kate Davis, John Maclean and Bob Quinn) and readings by Mark Beaudin and Dick Manning in the fall, the Open Book Club team is lining up another exceptional set of events. "The OBC is in our 14th year, and now we're hearing from authors who are asking US if they can come and read!", stated OBC founder Sara Wilcox. "Due to the 18 month interruption caused by the pandemic, we have a full list of great possibilities".

In addition, the Open Book Club team decided to tentatively move our events from the Grizzly Claw Trading Co to the West Wing of the Seeley Lake Community

Foundation to allow more social distancing. All events require masks. Another shift is that during the dark winter months of January – March, the readings will be held at 2 pm on Saturdays to allow people to drive in the daylight – a change that is making many Condon and Ovando members very happy!

Saturday, December 4, 7 pm: Rosalyn LaPier, "Invisible Reality: Storytellers, Storytakers and the Supernatural World of the Blackfeet"

Saturday, January 15, 2 pm: Doug Chadwick, "4/5ths a Grizzly, A New Perspective on Nature That Just Might Save Us All"



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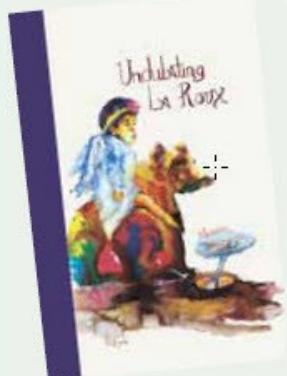
## Annie Allen Clark releases new book on Artistic Outliers

AAI member Annie Allen Clark has just released a new book titled "Undulating La Roux." In it, she introduces readers "To the Outliers in our lives who love us, raise us, educate us, believe in us, and leave us." Published by Sweetgrass Books, Clark's book introduces the reader to the characters who have begged Clark for over the last 20 years to be released from her journal.

In "Undulating La Roux" Annie takes us on a rendezvous helping us recognize the outliers in our lives who have loved us, raised us, educated us, believed in us and left us along the path of life. Outliers often contain rambling discourse and emotional longitude, not to mention enthusiastic energy and a pinch of verve.

There are many unusual personality traits that exist between the pages of ... [annieallenart.com/undulating-la-roux/](https://annieallenart.com/undulating-la-roux/)

Find out more at: [Undulating La Roux | Annie Allen Art https://annieallenart.com/undulating-la-roux/](https://annieallenart.com/undulating-la-roux/)



In the Footsteps of Norman Maclean Festival Presents

# PUBLIC LAND & SACRED GROUND

Western Writers Bear Witness



Photo by John Mervin

## Maclean Festival Planning in Full Force for June 2022

Over a dozen volunteers are hard at work on the planning for the next In the Footsteps of Norman Maclean Festival. Postponed for one year because of the COVID pandemic, the Festival will be held on June 24-26, 2022 at the top floor of the gorgeous, new Missoula Public Library. The theme of the Festival is Public Lands & Sacred Ground: Western Writers Bear Witness. The library requires that we allow free admission, so our planning group is in high gear soliciting corporate and individual sponsors. We

can also accept donations on-line and at the door. There will be a reception at the Dana Gallery on Friday, June 24 which will cost \$10, and the Gala Dinner at The Wilma will carry a \$100 ticket.

The Festival is highlighting keynote speakers Timothy Egan (*The Big Burn*) and Terry Tempest Williams (*Erosion*) along with Sterling Holy White Mountain, Debra Magpie Earling, Rick Bass, Doug Peacock and many more prominent authors. Invited speakers include Senator Jon Tester, Interior Secretary Deb

Haaland and BLM Director Tracey Stone-Manning. This lineup of knowledgeable speakers is without precedent.

We will be compiling a reading list of these outstanding authors, and more information will be on the Festival website ([macleanfootsteps.com](http://macleanfootsteps.com)) with regular updates. We welcome you to join our group of volunteers to help with the Festival. To volunteer, contact Jenny at 406-531-3354 or [jenny@alpineartisans.com](mailto:jenny@alpineartisans.com)



KRIS GULLIKSON, MICHELLE BREEN AND JEAN DICKEY AT THE TAMARACKS.

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## Third Place for Halloween Decor!

AAI members Kris and Kelsey Gullikson, Michelle and Kevin Breen and Jean Dickey created a hit at the annual Tamaracks Resort Halloween night, winning third place for decorations. Gullikson stated: "We estimated 75-100 kids came through from 5:30-8 pm! We had great comments on our treats, which were ART SUPPLIES, and we even threw in a little candy too!".

## HOLIDAY EVENTS

Dodie Wood's Rustic Pots Studio near Holland Lake is open by appointment for holiday shopping. Call Dodie to make an appointment at 406-754-0333.

"All Things Wings" is the title of a holiday show in Lincoln featuring the work of Annie Clark, Sally Bogaert, Trudi Skari and Lisa Gibson featuring ceramics, jewelry, paintings and treasures that feature wings – gifts for the holidays – on December 4 and 5, 10-5 pm. Masks are required. RSVP to [sunnybunny60@gmail.com](mailto:sunnybunny60@gmail.com) or call 406-431-9479.



## Public is invited to School Holiday Concerts

The public is invited to attend two Holiday Concerts at the Seeley Lake Elementary School gym. Grades PK-2 is on December 2 at 6 pm and Grades 3-8 is on December 9 at 6 pm. Swan Valley School's Christmas program is Dec 21st at 7:00pm in the Gym.

*"Thanks to 2 Valleys Stage, my students were able to hear a high-quality world jazz performance by Quarteto Nuevo. We immediately put the skills they learned from the band's performers during their clinic to use, and the junior high and high school band will be performing their first jazz pieces at their December concert!"*

Janet Morgenstern, SLE and SSHS Music Teacher

## Annual Meeting Announcement/ Seeking New Board Members

The 2022 AAI Annual meeting will be held in person on Sunday, January 16, 2pm at the Seeley Lake Community Foundation. More details to come later. The board is also seeking three new board members. If you're interested, contact AAI President Carol Evans at 406-210-9980 or [carolkay51@gmail.com](mailto:carolkay51@gmail.com).

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