

2021 March in Montana Auction and Dealer Show
Presented by Coeur d' Alene Galleries and The Coeur d' Alene Art Auction

Over \$2.5 million in sales

What a difference a year makes. Last year the State of Montana shut everything down the day before our sale and we conducted the auction with 12 people. This year Montana's Cascade County opened up two days before the sale. The crew made some changes, including adding more space which opened up the room for our live crowd to feel comfortable. This all led up to a 99% sell through rate, unheard of in our 34-year history.

The energy was off the charts and we were pleasantly surprised at the numbers of new collectors, not only to our sale but to the western market in general. If this is what life after Covid looks like – Sign Us Up!!

There were highlights everywhere and numerous world records were set. One of the records was a painting by Jack King. Known more in Canada, his painting titled "Fresh Mounts" hammered at \$32,500 vs. an estimate of \$5,000-\$7,000. Another was Wyoming artist Ty Barhaug whose piece titled "Pure Altitude" knocked it out of the park and sold for \$55,000 with a \$6,000-\$8,000 estimate.

Other paintings achieving strong results included Clyde Aspevig's "Planetary Alignment" which carried a \$10,000-\$15,000 estimate and hammered for \$42,500. Our cover piece was a wonderful William Gollings that hammered for \$47,500 on a \$20,000-\$40,000 estimate.

March in Montana is always the place to sell Montana's favorite artists, and this year was no different. Superior pieces by artists like Bob Scriver, Ace Powell, Earle Heikka, Newman Myrah and John L. Clarke did very well.

Collectors raved our weavings were the finest offerings they had seen in years and the results spoke to that sentiment. Our Native American items also sold well. The Native American market is on the upswing and we will be actively seeking future consignments.

We would like to thank all the collectors, consignors, and dealers that made the auction such a success and are looking forward to seeing everybody for our 35th anniversary in 2022!