

New Bair Museum Open through October

Sharp Exhibit closes September 20

The Charles M. Bair Family Museum will be open through Labor Day - 7 days a week, 10am to 5pm. The Museum complex will remain open through October from Wednesday to Sunday only, 10am to 5pm.

The beautiful new Bair Art Museum sits adjacent to the original Bair Family home and barn in Martinsdale, Montana.

The state-of-the art 7,300 square foot museum houses the Bair's collection of valuable western artworks, priceless Indian artifacts, and an eclectic collection of American and European paintings. The building features a variety of gallery spaces, a large foyer, offices, as well as a fire safe, climate-controlled cement storage vault for the artwork during the winter season, when the Museum is closed.

The Bair Museum currently features a special temporary exhibit of work by one of the most beloved painters in America, Joseph Henry Sharp, through September 20, 2011. Sharp, best known for his paintings of North American Indians and for his evocative landscapes of the west, produced a large body of floral paintings, still lifes of peony bouquets, wild asters, sage, daffodils, dahlias and many other flowers - that all began with a box of Red Delicious apples.

Two large still life paintings of apples initially purchased from Joseph Henry Sharp by Charles Bair in 1908 are currently on display in the show "In Poetic Silence," at the Bair Museum. This will mark the first time in 103 years that these two paintings have been reunited and displayed in a museum show.

When to go: The Charles M. Bair Family Museum will be open through Labor Day - 7 Days a Week, 10am to 5pm. The Museum will remain open through October from Wednesday to Sunday only. The extended fall hours allow for school tours, as well as the general public.

Costs: The ticket price includes the Museum entrance and a Home Tour. \$5 for adult, \$3 for seniors, \$2 students. The last tour is at 4pm.

Location: Bair Family Museum is located at 2751 Montana Hwy 294 in Martinsdale, Montana between White Sulphur Springs and Harlowton.

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