

"ELK SERIES WITH CLUBS" at RYNIKER-MORRISON GALLERY

Attached: Electric Elk, on canvas using mixed mediums, 49" x 72" x 2"

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

The Ryniker-Morrison Gallery in conjunction with the Art Trails: Ascent to the Rockies conference, will present an exhibit of new work by Professor of Art Jim Baken, November 3-13, 2011, "An Elk Series with Clubs: From the Bitterroots to the Beartooths."

The art and art history conference, presented by the Yellowstone Art Museum and Rocky Mountain College, will open with a lecture by Baken in Room 14, Tech Hall on Friday, November 11, 2011 at 9:45 am. The lecture and exhibit are directly related.

The elk series was done "in protest" as a personal effort to confront a traditional genre with a modernist scream that reflects various phases of hunting and a certain spirituality. Baken says "the talk will lay the ground work for understanding my attempt to join opposing realms, traditional wildlife genre and Montana abstract expressionism."

The Club Series, relics of meaningful existence on the ground and "from the ground" will include clubs, walking sticks, spears, arrows, headmounts and skulls that have transitioned from weapons to display items and represent a form of Clubism.

Jim Baken has a bachelor of arts degree in art education from MSU-Bozeman and a master's in fine arts degree in painting from University of New Orleans. He has taught painting, drawing, art history and design at RMC for the last 21 years. He has been awarded the Ossie Abrams Faculty Teaching Award and awarded a grant by the Puffin Foundation to take art outside of the usual exhibition realm.

Since 1998 he and his wife, Christie, and their three children have spent their summers in the Bitterroot National Forest living in a lookout tower and a tipi, spotting fires and making art.

Gallery hours are 9-4pm, Monday-Friday. For more information, contact Sally McIntosh, Rocky Mountain College director, Ryniker-Morrison Gallery, mcintoshart@imt.net / (406) 259-6563.

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