



Photo: Harvey Locke

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## ***Acclaimed Canadian Conservationist Opens "Flathead Wild Art Exhibit" in Kalispell, Nov. 12***

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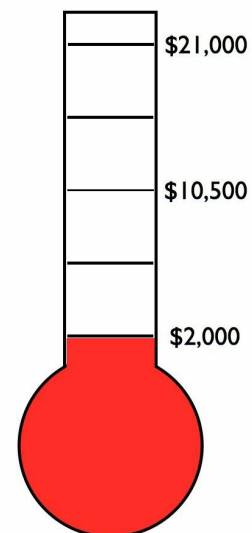
**Kalispell, MT.** The [Museum at Central School](#) in Kalispell will host the Grand Opening of a history and conservation-related art exhibit on **Thursday, November 12, from 5 to 7 PM.** **Harvey Locke**, who conceived and co-curated the exhibit, **will speak at 6 PM** during the opening event.



Harvey Locke, Canadian  
conservationist

A coalition of environmental groups from Canada and the United States, including *Headwaters Montana*, has been working to promote expansion of Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park by protecting one third of British Columbia's portion of the Flathead River Valley.

#### **2015 Fundraising Goal**



***2 Months  
to Raise  
\$21,000***

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***Will You Help***

## Now?

In the summer of 2012, internationally acclaimed **Dwayne Harty** was one of six artists who camped, hiked and sketched *en plein air* to capture their artistic impressions of the proposed new National Park area for this exhibit.

Art has been important to conservation since the very first national park and wildlife conservation efforts in North America. The Flathead Wild art exhibit, which highlights the beautiful but unprotected Flathead Valley in British Columbia, is a continuation of this grand tradition.



Dwayne Harty, wildlife artist

The six regional artists whose works are featured, are: **Dwayne Harty, Tara Higgins, Joseph Cross, Simon Haiduk, Denise Lemaster, and Laura Nelson.**



Dwayne Harty's "Elk: Newfork Lake, Bridger-Teton National Forest, Wyoming"

Combining artists' perceptions and conservation science, the Grand Opening speaker, Harvey Locke, will take the audience on an artistic expedition from British Columbia's Flathead Valley, to both ends of the Yellowstone, and to the Yukon region.

Harvey Locke is also editor, co-curator and co-author of "*Yellowstone to Yukon: the Journey of Wildlife and Art*", a continent-spanning exhibition of

*Headwaters Montana* must raise \$21,000 by the stroke of midnight, December 31, in order to meet the IRS required individual donor match. Will you please [donate](#) today!

Here's what's on our plate for 2016:

~ Help our Flathead Wild campaign complete the Wildlife Management Area and Waterton Park expansion

~ Get the [Whitefish Range Wilderness proposal](#) introduced in Congress

~ Protect the North Fork Flathead from logging in BC

~ Resolve Ten Lakes Wilderness Study Area issue

~ Achieve Kootenai Forest "Common Ground" wilderness recommendations

~ Protect wildlands through Flathead Forest planning

~ Protect open space in the Flathead Valley

~ And lots more!!

Your [donation](#) will get us to our goal!

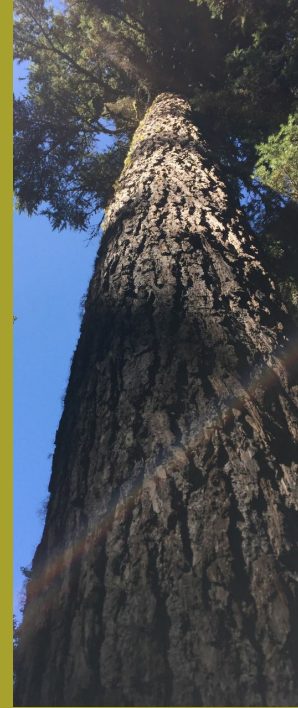
**Thank you!**

wildlife art that was housed at the National Museum of Wildlife Art in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and the Whyte Museum in Banff, Alberta.

Mr. Locke is the founder of the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative (Y2Y), a recipient, in 2013, of the J.B. Harkin Medal for Conservation, and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, and in 2014 he received the Fred M. Packard Award for outstanding service to protected areas by the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas at the World Parks Congress in Sydney, Australia.

The Flathead Wild art exhibit will remain on display at the Museum through the winter into next spring.

**The Museum at Central School is located at 124 2nd Ave E in Kalispell. Call 756-8381 for more information.**



Giant Hemlock, elder of the forest. Kootenai National Forest, Montana

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