

# Painters to have an audience during ‘Art in Action’

**Who:** National Museum of Wildlife Art

**What:** ‘Art in Action’ series

**When:** Monday through July 30

**Where:** National Museum of Wildlife Art’s Johnston Hall and on the Sculpture Trail

**How much:** Free

**Web:** WildlifeArt.org

*By Brielle Schaeffer*

The National Museum of Wildlife Art’s “Art in Action” events are more than an artist residency. They are chances for visitors to see and experience the creative process.

“With this program we’re really emphasizing the interaction between the artists and visitors,” the museum’s assistant curator of education and exhibits Carter Cox said. “We

definitely love having artists who are really engaging and artists who are excited about working with visitors.”

Everyone is welcome to come to the various events throughout the summer to see the artists make their creations, she said.

The first event of the summer-long series is Monday and will feature artists Jennifer Hoffman, Bill Sawczuk and Kay Northup in action. The event is a partnership with Jackson Hole Land Trust to showcase its View22 project, which all three artists worked on.

The project celebrates and raises awareness of protected lands, Cox said.

“They’ll be talking about key lands they’ve been able to preserve and about the importance art plays in awareness,” she said.

The artists will be working inside in the museum’s Johnston Hall as well as on the sculpture trail and amphitheater from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. during their scheduled stays.

Hoffman will stay on to create on July 1 and 2 before Bill Sawczuk returns solo for slots July 3 and 5.

Hoffman, an acclaimed landscape painter, most recently received Plein Air Magazine’s Award of Excellence at the 12th annual American Impressionist Society Exhibition.

“Impressionistic realism” painter Sawczuk originally studied architec-

ture and engineering before becoming an artist in the 1970s. His subject matter includes horses, cowboys, wildlife, buildings and landscapes.

From July 7 to 11, Montana sculptor Amber Jean will be featured at the museum.

Named one of “America’s Woodworking Greats” by Wood magazine, she has been featured on the “Wood Sculpting” TV series produced by DIY and the Oxygen Network “Pure Oxygen” show.

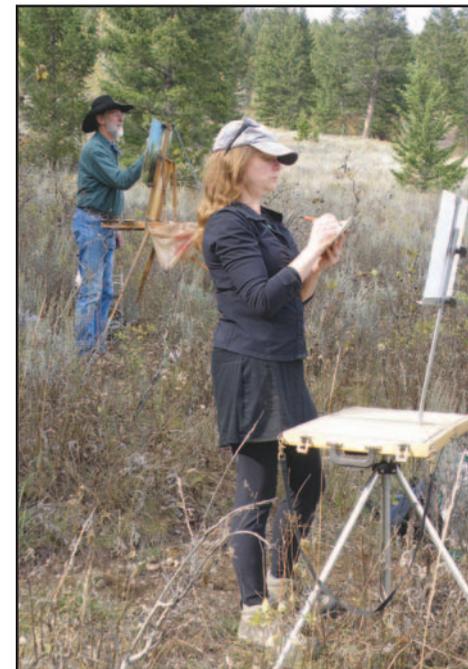
Jackson’s darling, whimsical wildlife artist Amy Ringholz, will be creating at the museum from July 14 to 18 and 21 to 25.

Her first Art in Action stay will be in conjunction with her “Rise of the Fenix” ongoing exhibit and opening party at the museum July 12.

“It’s going to be a spectacle,” Cox said about the exhibit and party. “It will be so neat to have her there and help people as they’re exploring the exhibit and tell them more about her art making.”

Western Visions 2104 artist Kathryn Mapes Turner will close out the series on July 29 and 30.

Turner, who grew up on her family’s Triangle X Ranch in Grand Teton National Park, is a nationally recognized watercolor artist who has garnered top honors from American Impressionist Society and the National Academy of Equine Art.



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**Jennifer Hoffman will be one of the artists who will work in public at the museum’s “Art in Action” series.**

Each artist is linked to the museum’s current exhibits and can connect visitors to different pieces in the galleries, Cox said.

“We really emphasize that it’s for anyone,” she said. “You don’t have to be an artist to come.”

People of all ages are welcome to come and watch the artists and talk to them, Cox said.

## Art in Action schedule

Monday: Jennifer Hoffman, Bill Sawczuk, & Kay Northup with Jackson Hole Land Trust’s View22

Tuesday-July 2: Jennifer Hoffman

July 3: Bill Sawczuk

July 5: Bill Sawczuk

July 7-11: Amber Jean

July 14-18: Amy Ringholz

July 21-25: Amy Ringholz

July 29-30: Kathryn Turner