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Donors Raise Over $30,000 to Purchase Historic Painting for all Montanans

On Tuesday, August 21 at 10:30 am there will be a brief ceremony with Governor Bullock to commemorate the purchase of Dale Livezey’s painting titled “The Confluence – Headwaters of the Missouri,” which currently hangs in the Montana Governor’s Office. This 6-by-8-foot painting depicts the rivers that come together to form the Missouri River near Three Forks.

In 2017 the Livezey Painting Acquisition Committee was formed for the purpose of fundraising for the Montana Historical Society (MHS) to purchase and add Livezey’s painting to the permanent MHS collection. To date, the committee has raised over $30,000.

The History Foundation is honored have been the fiscal sponsor, supporting the fundraising efforts of the Livezey Painting Acquisition Committee and facilitating the tax-deductible donations which allowed for the purchase of this piece. By raising money for the Montana Historical Society to purchase this painting, the piece will forever belong to the people of Montana.

“I applaud the dedication of the Montana History Foundation and all those involved," said Governor Bullock. “Their efforts ensured that this painting becomes part of Montana’s permanent collection as a lasting reminder of our selfless nature towards one another and of the many natural treasures we hold dear throughout the Big Sky State."

Bruce Whittenberg, director of the Montana Historical Society stated, “This effort to acquire Dale Livezey’s remarkable landscape for the people of Montana is pretty remarkable. Thank you to Angie Grove, the History Foundation and all who contributed. This will be a wonderful addition to the collection of the Montana Historical Society and join other pieces by Livezey in the collection. By virtue of being exhibited in Governor Bullock’s office during his administration, this is a historic piece. Not only that, it’s beautiful art. It will now belong to all Montanans.”

Please join us on Tuesday, August 21 and feel free to contact the Montana History Foundation for more information on this story.
Titled “The Confluence – Headwaters of the Missouri,” the painting by Dale Livezey depicts the rivers that come together to form the Missouri River near Three Forks.  
(Left) Governor Steve Bullock, (Right) Dale Livezey, artist