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Gerry Mooney Photography displayed at MVMC

by Dottie Fossel



"Cattle Drive", by Gerry Mooney

The Madison Valley Medical Center is proud to present a display of Gerry Mooney's photographs as a joint venture. The photographs are for sale for the benefit of the artist and the Medical Center. They were hung by MVMC Art Coordinator and community volunteer, Donna Evans.

Gerry Mooney is a documentary photographer and educator who has been photographing Montana for many years – drawn to the last best place in America by beautiful scenery, western living, and friendly people and, of course, fantastic trout fishing. Looking for an area in which to settle, he traveled all over Montana, and found in Ennis all the qualities

of the Old West.

Gerry lives part of the year in Ennis and also in California. His ongoing project is to capture the essence of Montana, its people and the Madison Valley before it changes forever. He taught photography and photo journalism at the community colleges level in the San Francisco Bay area for twenty-five years. Under his advisement, his students won many photography awards in the Journalism Association of Community Colleges of California competition. He offers photography workshops in Newark, California, Maui, Hawaii, and here in Ennis.

The images displayed at the Medical Center are just a few of the many photographs he has taken of Montana and the Madison Valley. His foremost goal is to "always capture things as they are". He believes that a photograph is forever – a visual document taken in a fraction of a second, to be viewed after it's gone.

Another of his favorite subjects are people, and he specializes in environmental portraits, photographing people in their normal surroundings, doing what they normally do. He is frequently asked, "You don't know me, why do you want to take my picture?" Once the photograph is viewed, they understand. You can see local portraits of Ennis folks on the walls of the Ennis Pharmacy Café', another one of Gerry's ongoing projects.

Some of the places where Gerry can be seen practicing his craft is at our Fourth of July Rodeo and parade, at high school sports events, cattle drives and other public events.

Please stop by the Medical Center's north entrance and view the hallway wall between radiology and the laboratory. We'd appreciate it if you'd also consider doing your holiday art shopping at MVMC. For more information call MVMC Art Coordinator, Donna Evans at 406-599-1668.

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