

Memo

To: Montana State Library Commission

From: Jennie Stapp, State Librarian

Date: March 31, 2021

Re: Art donation to the Montana State Library

Staff recommends that the Commission accept a donation of original artwork from George Van of Kalispell. Mr. Van is a patron of the State Library's talking book services and wishes to donate [Confluence of Josephine and Grinnell Lakes](#) by Mark Ogle to the Library in appreciation for our services. The artwork was painted in 2014. With the custom frame it measures 6' x 7'.

After previous Commission discussion staff, with input from Chair Newell, drafted a donor agreement that specifies that Mr. Van conveys ownership, without reservation or conditions, except that the State Library agrees to make the painting available on public display, either in the State Library, or within the Capital Complex, for a period of not less than 10 years.

These terms are agreeable to the donor.

Based on the appraised value provided by Mr. Van, staff consulted with the Department of Administration and determined that the increased cost for insurance would be approximately \$15 to \$20 annually.