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Jack Troy, ceramic artist, presents lectures and presentations at three different institutions

**Missoula Art Museum,
Thursday, April 10, 7:00pm
Clay studio of Missoula
Saturday, April 12 10am -1pm
The University of Montana
Monday, April 14, 2pm and 5:30pm**

Missoula, MT/3-20-2008/Missoula Art Museum (MAM). Ceramicist and writer, Jack Troy, will give a gallery talk on the life and work of David Shaner, whose retrospective *The Ceramic Art of David Shaner: Following the Rhythms of Life* is currently featured in MAM's Carnegie Gallery.

Jack Troy, a lifelong friend and colleague of Shaner, is a well-known ceramic artist and writer whose contributions to the art of wood firing are legendary. Troy is the author of *Salt-Glazed Ceramic*, and *Woodfired Stoneware and Porcelain*, the standard books in the field and has published more than 60 articles in ceramic publications. Troy and Shaner met in the 1960's at Alfred College in New York, where they both received MFAs in ceramics. Troy's lecture will offer insight into Shaner's motivations, methods, and impact on the ceramic art world. David Shaner (1934-2002) was a gifted and renowned ceramic artist, as well as a hard-working advocate for the arts in Montana. Troy's essay, *The Shaner Way*, is featured in the book that accompanies the Shaner exhibition and bears the same name.

Troy lives currently in Huntingdon, PA, and is a recently retired professor of ceramics and creative writing at Juniata College, where he built Pennsylvania's first anagama kiln. In addition, Troy has traveled the world to give ceramics workshops everywhere from New Zealand to Scotland.

This gallery talk is free and open to the public. Troy will also be speaking to students participating in the annual Fifth Grade Art Experience during his visit. His visit to Missoula is hosted in conjunction by the Clay Studio of Missoula and The University of Montana who are also presenting events with Jack Troy.

In addition to his talk at MAM, Troy will present a demonstration with fellow ceramic artist Tara Wilson, at The Clay Studio of Missoula from 10am-1pm Saturday, April 12. On Monday, April 14, Troy will give a free demonstration at The University of Montana's Art Annex at 2:00pm and a free public lecture in the Social Sciences Building, Rm. 356 at 5:30 pm. For more information please call the numbers listed below.

The University of Montana Art Department, 243-5893

The Clay Studio of Missoula, 543-0509

Missoula Art Museum ,728-0447, contact: Renee Taaffe, MAM Curator of Education.

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