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ARTISTS DISPLAYING WORKS AT GALLERY '85 IN BILLINGS

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MISSOULA ---

Maxine Blackmer, an associate professor of art at the University of Montana, and Marinae Dietrich, a <u>Billings</u> artist, are exhibiting works through Aug. 23 at Gallery '85 on Emerald Drive in Billings Heights, Billings.

Blackmer, who is exhibiting ceramics and jewelry at the showing, teaches courses in ceramics, jewelry design and drawing at UM. She has items on permanent display in the Montana Institute of the Arts in Helena and the Montana Collection at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

Dietrich is displaying weaving at Gallery '85. Dietrich, who concentrated on painting until she learned to weave in 1967, decided to change art mediums.

Commenting on weaving as an art form, Dietrich said: "Weaving combines the enthusiasm of the painter and the sculptor at once. A design may be conceived in a solid tapestry, an open transparent weave, a relief or a sculptured form."

Many of Dietrich's works have won awards and some are being kept in privately-owned collections.

Blackmer, who is chairman of the Montana Arts Council, was named Name-Gift Fellowship recipient for 1974 by the Missoula Branch of the American Association of University Women. The award consists of a \$500 donation to the AAUW National Fellowships Program in Blackmer's name.

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