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UM RECEIVES FUNDING TO CARE FOR ART WORKS

MISSOULA--

Sister Kathryn Martin, dean of the School of Fine Arts at the University of Montana, recently received a legislative grant of \$16,600 to care for paintings and prints owned by the University.

Among the approximately 1,500 items are about two dozen paintings by Edgar S. Paxson, Currier and Ives prints, and paintings of Montana by J.H. Sharp.

Martin said she wants to consolidate the collection, hiring a professional to survey the items and to recommend actions to properly store them.

Once the items are properly cataloged and stored, she hopes to fill out the collection with new acquisitions for later showing, both at UM and on tour, she said.

Also in the UM collection are prints by the French lithographer Honore Daumier and portraits by Alfred Mauer, early 20th-century American painter.

The grant money was appropriated by the 47th legislature and administered by the Montana Historical Society.

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