

Art

Spanish lithographs in Whitefish

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A lithograph by Spanish artist Sunol Alvar.

Stumptown Art Studio in Whitefish is the first gallery in Montana to feature limited edition lithographs from Spanish artist Sunol Alvar.

Featured until Feb. 12, the “Meet the Alvars” exhibition features lithographs that are preceded by a page displaying a lithographed sketch by the artist, along with several bars of the music from the opera “Carmen” by Bizet, from which each of the subjects of the lithographs were derived.

Alvar was born near Barcelona in 1935, and he began painting oils at 12-years-old. Since a decisive one-man-show in 1963, he has exhibited regularly throughout the United States, Europe, Canada, and Japan.

“Alvar is still a living artist, and we have ten of his lithographs. Five of which are from a series called a suite,” Gallery coordinator Aida Hebard said. “They all have these beautiful sketched and scores of music that accompany the lithographs.”

There are five other lithographs in the exhibit that are random, and all 10 are for sale.

“The Carmen (lithographs) are for sale as a series, as it would be really unfortunate to break them up,” Hebard said. “Only 20 of these sets were made, and that’s pretty short in printing.”

Stumptown Studio, a nonprofit community art center, is located at 145 Central Ave. in Whitefish.

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