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BILLINGS -- The Ryniker-Morrison Gallery, located in Technology Hall, on the campus of Rocky Mountain College, will present the Robert Morrison Memorial Exhibit, October 10 through November 8, 2013.

A reception will be held on Wednesday, October 23 in the gallery from 4-6 p.m. The public is cordially invited.

Robert Morrison was professor of art at Rocky Mountain College from 1967 until his retirement in 1987. The Ryniker-Morrison Gallery was named to honor Morrison and fellow RMC Professor of Art Alice Ryniker.

He was born in Billings on August 13, 1924. He graduated from Billings Senior High in the class of 1942. As a young aspiring artist, he took drawing and painting classes from Leroy Green and J.K. Ralston. In the fall of 1942 he attended Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota and graduated with an art degree along with membership in Phi Beta Kappa. He married his wife, Berta, a fellow student at Carleton, in 1948. He earned a master’s degree in art history from the University of New Mexico, in 1950.

Morrison’s artistic interests and talents included printmaking, calligraphy, typescript design, letterpress printing, set design, puppetry, oil and watercolor painting, and art history. Morrison’s verse and calligraphy decorate the lobby of Losekamp Hall.
He traveled to Denmark and Norway in the early 1980s and immersed himself in Scandinavian art and culture, becoming fluent in Danish. He led college tour groups to France and Italy to study art history while an RMC faculty member.

He served on the Montana Arts Council, was an active member of the Yellowstone Art Museum, a member of the Stillwater Society, and the Big Sky Scribes. He left a legacy of art for his children and grandchildren. One of his students, Bill Bowers, wrote that “his life was a work of art.”

Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00-4:00 pm. The gallery will be closed October 17-20 for the midterm break. For more information call 259-6563.

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