

TOM SHOUSH
EX MEUS PERSPECTIVE OCT 12 – NOV 20, 2009

GALLERY 126
DAWSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE FINE ARTS GALLERY

ARTIST'S RECEPTION FOR TOM SHOUSH TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 5:00 – 7:00 PM



Dawson Community College *Gallery 126* is pleased to announce *Ex Meus Perspective* an exhibit of paintings by artist Tom Shoush. There will be an Artist's Reception for Shoush on Tuesday, October 13th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. This gathering is free and open to the public. Please join us for a viewing of Tom's artwork, for conversation, and refreshments. If you can't make it then, Shoush's paintings will be on exhibit from October 12th – November 20th in *Gallery 126* which is open Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, and evenings Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 6:30 – 9:00 PM. Located in room 126 computer lab next to the Jane Carey Memorial Library. For more info and to see the 2009 – 2010 gallery schedule go to <http://www.dawson.edu/>

Shoush has this to say about his motivation as an artist. "The title of this show - *Ex Meus Perspective* (from my perspective) - perfectly encapsulates my response to those who ask why I paint. Why does anyone paint? Why do people immerse themselves in the craft of song? (Scientists believe that birds sometimes sing merely because they want to sing). Why is a quiet day spent watching shadows slip slowly across the landscape or a quiet night contemplating the night sky so rewarding? Because we are compelled to do so. We are compelled to seek understanding and to put a personal perspective to what we experience in our existence. Thus, I am compelled to record the observations and feelings of this wonderful experience we call life."

Tom Shoush expresses his love of nature and the outdoors through his work as an artist, musician, hunter, and outdoorsman. His subjects include landscapes, often eastern Montana badlands or wooded mountain scenes, and wildlife. He has been active in the visual and graphic arts since 1980. He is inspired by the work of the Dutch masters and the impressionists; he is particularly intrigued with artists who have a high degree of control over light and color in their work. Tom's preferred medium is oil painting. His preferred subject matter is landscapes and hunting scenes, though he will occasionally dabble far from his "intended" path. Shoush is an accomplished graphic artist, and has created many spectacular large-scale multi-panel wall murals, some politically motivated propaganda pieces, and some fantasy based imagery. Ten years in the graphic arts industries has, also, given him a great appreciation for the industrially driven commercial side of art.

Born and raised in Minnesota, Tom has traveled most of the United States west of the Mississippi, and has lived and worked in Montana since 1995. He is a graduate of Montana State University in Bozeman with a BS degree in Biological Sciences. Tom currently lives in the Glendive.