

DAY 26 | Motif: Drawer

TITLE | "Archiving History Makers"

MEDIA | Canson Cold Press, Watercolor, Micro Pen

SIZE | 8 x 10

By Kim Anderson

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Deaf warriors and heroes are among us today making history, leaving a trail of profound and significant contributions to society and their beloved communities. Their stories are not yet widely known, but with their fellow comrades – it will eventually be known and archived. Fellow comrades treasure, cherish and share the stories of courage, outstanding achievements, and noble qualities of the everyday Deaf warriors and heroes for posterity. Since the ill-fated Milan Convention of 1880, effort was made by the oralism method movement to destroy all historical documents about Deaf people's prominent successes, contributions and achievements long before the advent of Oralism. To this day, it is very difficult to find any archived history about Deaf people before 1880. There is now hope for the first and only independently owned and public Museum of Deaf History, Arts & Culture (MDHAC) in the very heartland of the USA do exactly that – to find, advance and preserve the history and knowledge about Deaf people, their languages, cultures, experiences and contributions in the United States and around the world. Also, MDHAC has the world's first and only art gallery named after Chuck Baird, solely focusing on De'VIA artworks from Deaf artists from all walks of life! Be sure to check out MDHAC's website and consider donating to help with preserving past, present and future Deaf history makers!

(please keep in mind, this is just a random few of the MANY hidden gems in our community!)

<https://www.museumofdeaf.org/>