

The Museum Messenger

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Letter from the President - Ray Rothgeb

I'm sure that we can agree that 2015 was an exciting and busy year. Among the activities were the KCHoF Valentine's Day and Monday Music Club concerts; art exhibits by Sandra Wimbish, WYAE and WAE; two photography shows; meetings and conferences; two major exhibits (Emancipation and Hometown Teams); not to mention nine luncheons, a tea, completion of the new "Jail" exhibit, and launching "Elevate the Museum." The Research Center continues to show great accomplishment while showing profitability as an independent unit. The Research Center's success and effectiveness is the direct result of efforts of the many dedicated volunteers that spend countless hours researching, organizing, and promoting the center's services. The Landon house has seen greater use this past year and we are eager for it to become a fully operational meeting and training center this coming year. One of our most exciting accomplishments has come about because of you, the membership. That is commencement of the "Elevate the Museum" project. This past year enough funds were raised to build the ramp and install the automatic door. Additionally, the go-ahead was given to start "Phase 2" of the project. This phase includes incasing the boiler room, lighting upgrades, addressing emergency lighting and exits, and installing accessible restrooms on the main floor. Many have stepped forward with significant contributions and pledges making this possible. There is no doubt in my mind that 2016 will be a banner year as well. This will be the year of the artist with a number of shows and exhibits scheduled throughout the year. New exhibit rooms will open and most importantly, we look forward to the completion of "Elevate the Museum Phase 2." Many thanks to Sylvia, the museum staff, members and contributors for making 2015 an outstanding year and committing to the success of 2016.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Toon Exhibit
- ◆ Watercolor Classes
- ◆ Soup Contest

Art Club News

The Art Club will meet at the Museum on January 11 and 25 from 9 AM to Noon.

The Monte Toon Watercolor Exhibit "Moody Hues" will be on display from January 5 to 30. The opening reception is scheduled for January 9 at 2 PM.

The Watercolor workshop will be January 27-29 from 9 AM to Noon and 1 to 4 PM. The cost is \$150 and is limited to 20 artists. Sign up at the Museum.

Supplies for the workshop are as listed:

14" x 18" - 3/8" smooth plywood board (bring 2 if you can)
One roll of 2" Kraft Paper Tape (Dick Blick - 24118-1002)
One roll of 3/4" masking tape
2 sheets 22"x30" 140 lb Arches cold press watercolor paper
Brushes: Robert Simmons 3/4" white sable flat RS721-75
Robert Simmons 1/2" flat white sable RS721-50
CJAS "Happy Strokes" rigger #3 (only available at Cheap Joes)

A palette box with a lid

Paints: Cadmium Red Light; Cadmium Yellow; Ultramarine Deep; Payne's Gray

12" flat ruler

2 containers for water

Old toothbrush

Palette knife or table knife

Xacto knife with plastic cover

Small natural sponge

Small spray bottle (not trigger type)

Incredible White Mask Liquid Frisket

2 packets of salt

Pad of Tracing Paper (8"x11" or 8"x10")

Small hair dryer

A sketch Book or 6 sheets of regular white paper

4B Pencil

Gum Eraser

Paper Towels

Kleenex

Any other tools you wish

If you have any questions about the supply contact Monte Toon at montetoon@cimtel.net or 918-243-7390 or (Cell Phone) 918-636-0270.

Monte Toon "Moody Hues" Exhibit
January 5-30

Watercolor Workshop
January 27-29

Historical Research Center

New information from the Historical Research Center

The Kansas Historical Society is transferring all their newspapers on microfilm to their website. Because of copy right issues, they will go up to 1992 at present. The Historical Society in Topeka is working with Newspaper.com to digitize all their microfilmed newspapers. They have 800,000 on the system now and are adding about 50,000 per month. They hope to put in all early Kansas newspapers eventually. They now have the Independence Reporter. It is a name search website and will be a wonderful resource for genealogists and researchers.

The Historical Research Center is still looking for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering call the office.

Luncheon

The January Luncheon will be the Annual Soup Contest. It is scheduled for January 8th at Noon.

If you would like to be part of the contest, contact Kym Kays at 331-0979.

The program is Jeff King.

Please make your reservations by noon on January 6th.

A host for the February Luncheon is still needed. For more information call the office - 331-3515

Winners

The winner of the Baseball Quilt is Ryan Beeson of Parsons.

Lisa Ward of Independence is the winner of the Christmas Quilt.

Congratulations to both of them.



2016 Events

January

5-30 Monte Toon Exhibit
8 Luncheon
11 Art Club
14 Board Meeting
14 Photo Club
25 Art Club
27-29 Toon Workshop

February

8 Art Club
11 Luncheon
11 Board Meeting
11 Photo Club
13-27 Photography Show
22 Art Club

March

6 Spring Tea
10 Luncheon
10 Board Meeting
10 Photo Club
14 Art Club
28 Art Club

April

3 Musical Montage
9-23 VVYAE
11 Art Club
14 Luncheon
14 Board Meeting
14 Photo Club
15 VVYAE Reception
25 Art Club

May

9 Art Club
12 Luncheon
12 Board Meeting
12 Photo Club
23 Art Club

June

9 Board Meeting
9 Photo Club
13 Art Club
16 VVAE Begins
24 VVAE Reception
30 ASTRA Festival Begins

July

1-4 ASTRA Festival
1-16 VVAE
11 Art Club
14 Board Meeting
14 Photo Club
25 Art Club

August

8 Art Club
11 Board Meeting
11 Photo Club
22 Art Club

September

8 Luncheon
8 Board Meeting
8 Photo Club
12 Art Club
20-30 Regional Art Show
26 Art Club

October

1-15 Regional Art Show
10 Art club
13 Luncheon
13 Board Meeting
13 Photo Club
21-29 NEEWOLLAH

November

10 Luncheon
10 Board Meeting
10 Photo Club
14 Art Club
28 Art Club

December

3 Arts & Crafts Fair
8 Luncheon
8 Board Meeting
8 Photo Club
11 Carols & Canapés
12 Art Club