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The Museum Messenger

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Tuesday – 10 AM to 4 PM
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Letter from the President - Ray Rothgeb

Kudos to Board Member John Koschin and the Photography Club. John has done an outstanding job mobilizing are photographers into a viable photography group, a group that has successfully managed an outstanding show. Local photographers participated in the recent show along with photographers from the Kansas communities of Caney, Chanute, Cherryvale, Coffeyville, Fredonia, Havana, Lawrence, Spring Hill, and from Bartlesville and Tulsa, Oklahoma. Over 120 photographs were judged by PSU photography professor Mike Gullett, who commented that this was “the best show he has seen in Southeast Kansas” both in quality and quantity. This activity along with Monte Toon’s recent “Moody Hues” art show is evidence of how the museum is expanding its draw of people from a larger geographic area. Additionally, the museum is working with the Independence Convention and Visitor’s Bureau to host the 2018 Kansas Museum Conference which will bring museum staff, directors, trustees, and enthusiasts from all over the state. Another contributing element to the economy of this community is the Museum’s retail gift shop that was relocated to the North end of the lobby. The gift shop features the work of local artist, authors and photographers and will be adding art and historically significant books and gift items. One of our new items will be mugs from Elk Falls Pottery designed specifically for the museum. As we move toward the second phase of the renovation project, the gallery will become more appealing for art and other cultural activities. Your museum is on the move, meeting the challenges of our mission to preserve, educate, and entertain while contributing to the economy of the community through cultural tourism.

Spring Tea

There are still seats available for the Spring Tea. It will be held on Sunday, March 6th. Please call the Museum at 331-3515, Joy Barta at 331-3793 or Ellie Culp at 331-6141 to reserve a spot. Lots of fun is planned so be sure to get your place.

Have a Happy St. Patrick’s Day and a Happy Easter

Photography Show Winners

The Best of Show winner is Hugh Huffman of Chanute.

Category winners are:

Professional-1st-Rob Morgan / 2nd & 3rd Ron Osborn

Landscapes – 1st-Hugh Huffman / 2nd-Steve Shurley / 3rd-Miranda Hughes

Portrait – 1st-Hugh Huffman / 2nd-Steve Shurley / 3rd-Miranda Hughes

Animals – 1st-Patty Blankenship / 2nd-John Lynch / 3rd-Eric Marr

Miscellaneous – 1st-Steve Tate / 2nd-Troy Dannels & Donna Rothgeb /
3rd- Steve Shurley & Donna Rothgeb

Architecture – 1st-Steve Shurley / 2nd-Hugh Huffman

Vehicles – 1st-Patty Blankenship / 2nd-Shawna Drews / 3rd-Hugh Huffman

Students-13 to 18- 1st-Elly Gossard / 2nd & 3rd-Brown O'Malley

Students 12 & Under- 1st & 3rd-Kena Haley / 2nd-Aiden Drews

People's Choice – Patty Blankenship

Luncheon

The March Luncheon is scheduled for March 10th at Noon.

(This is a **THURSDAY**)

Menu: Lasagna, Salad, Bread, Dessert, Coffee or Tea

Program: Historical Research Center

Please make your reservations by March 8th.

Cost: \$8.00

SAVE YOUR BEST CHOICE LABELS!!

ART CLASSES COMING SOON!

Contact Becky Foster at 331-6036 or Donna Foster at 331-0108 for more details.

MORE HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE EXHIBITS

If you would like to help with any of the exhibit areas contact the office at 331-3515 or Joy Barta at 331-3793. If you a special interest please pick the area you would like to work on.

WEBSITE

If you are responsible for an upcoming event, please send the information to Jean Barnett at jean@jeanandnormanart.com so it can be put on the website.

APRIL LUNCHEON

We still need a host for the April 14th Luncheon. If you would like to help please call the office.

RENTAL SITES

Have a special event coming up? Need a space for it? Don't forget about renting the Research Center, the Landon House and the Museum. The Research Center will accommodate 20, the Landon House 35 and the Museum 140. Contact the Museum for availability.

COMING EVENTS



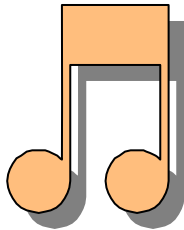
March 6th – Spring Tea



March 10th – Luncheon



March 11th – Canvas & Cocktails



April 3rd - Musical Montage

Be watching the area newspapers for other upcoming events.

The VVYAE, VVAE and Kansas AWES are art exhibits coming later in the year.

More events pertaining to the “Elevate the Museum” project are in the planning stages.

New exhibits will be opening soon.

If you know of someone who might be interested in joining the Museum please invite them to a luncheon or one of the other events we host.