

The Museum Messenger

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT – JOY BARTA

The new year for the Museum started with a great turn-out for the September luncheon. Thanks to everyone who attended. The meal from El Pueblito's was well received and new officers were installed for the coming year; President-Joy Barta, 1st Vice-president Kym Kays, 2nd Vice-president Mike Flood, Secretary-Donna Dittmer, Treasurer-Randy Hoffman. Charlene Swearingen was recognized as the Recording Secretary.

Ellie Culp resigned from the Board of Directors after serving for 14 years. The board recognized her for her years of dedication and contributions to the Museum. She was presented a lifetime membership and a crape myrtle shrub will be planted in her honor.

If you haven't been by the Museum lately, plan to stop by and see the other plantings. Another crape myrtle was planted in memory of Del Prince, and three red bud trees were planted as a result of the 'Pie Auction' Fund Raiser held last fall.

Progress on the new handicap accessible restrooms is on schedule and should be completed by the end of October. The new stage is finished. Work is also taking place in the lower level around the boilers. Several things had to be placed in storage to keep them safe during the construction. When the project is complete, help will be needed to re-arrange furnishings and display articles such as glassware and paintings. We will send out a request for help to get things back in order. If you are willing and able, please plan to provide some time to help with this.

I look forward to serving as the President of the Museum this coming year. It should be a busy and productive year. Many activities are already scheduled. We are calling it the 'Year of the Craftsman'.

Historical Research Center

The Research Center would like to thank everyone who supported the 100 mile sale by donating and/or purchasing items. We very much appreciate the support.

The Research Center was recognized in the "Treearcher" quarterly of the Kansas Genealogical Society, Volume 58 Number 3 2016 with a nice article of our existence.

Luncheon-October 14

Menu: Chili, Beef Stew, Relish Tray, Cheese Tray, Crackers, Apple and Cherry Crisp, Coffee and Tea

Program: NEEWOLLAH

Please make your reservations by noon on October 12.

Cost: \$8

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to all who have paid their dues.

Feel free to call the office to check when your dues are due.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Museum needs volunteers to help with a lot of small projects. If you would like to paint, move furniture, move artifacts, unpack and set up new display areas or just help dust and polish please call the office. Sitters will be needed for upcoming events.

LUNCHEON HELP NEEDED

Luncheon help is always needed. The menus for the 2016-2017 year have all been planned. Help is needed to organize committees to make the meal happen. If you have a group of friends, an organization or a club you belong to that would like to get together and serve a meal for the luncheon call Donna Dittmer or Sylvia Augustine and we will get you the menu for your selected month. A Luncheon Planning guide is available in the office for anyone interested. There is a list of names of members of the Museum who like to furnish different food items.



ROOM CHAIRS

Room Chairs are still needed for some of the exhibit areas in the Museum. The areas that are still available are: Oil Room, Medical, Fire, Agriculture and Blacksmith Shop. If you would like to help with any of these areas grab a buddy or a group of buddies and have a good time (the more the merrier and less work for everyone).

ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

A Chairperson is needed for the 2016 Arts & Crafts Fair. Please call if you would like to help with this. Part of the work has already been taken care of: Janet Demo is making the flyers and posters and Sylvia Augustine is making the entry forms. Committees still needed are Kitchen (get the food and workers), Bake Sale (get the food and workers), Door Prize Table (get the workers) and Clean Up (get the workers).

2017 COMING EVENTS

There are several events coming up next year. The four Craftsman events are:

January 7 to February 4 – Pottery Extravaganza – Janelle Null – Chair

March 28 to April – Woodcrafters Fair – Ernie Loganbill

May 16 to 27 – Military Art Exhibit – John Koschin – Chair

August 1 to 26 – Quilt Show – Chair needed

Other events include:

February 11 to 25 – Photography Show – Photography Club – Chair

March 5 – Spring Tea – Joy Barta & Ellie Culp – Co Chairs

April 15 to 29 – Verdigris Valley Young Artist Exhibit – IHS Art Club – Chair

June 22 to July 15 – Verdigris Valley Art Exhibit – Eenie Fitzpatrick & Kym Kays – Co Chairs

December 2 – Arts & Crafts Fair – Chair needed

If you see an event you would like to help with please call the office.

Don't forget!!!!

The Photography Club - Contact John Koschin

The Art Club – Contact Donna Rothgeb

Historical Research Center – Contact Sue Prince

KANSAS CELEBRITY HALL OF FAME UPDATE

The installation of the KChOF at Independence Community College West has begun. So far several of the celebrities monographs have been mounted on the walls and the popular autographed guitar display from the Jim Halsey exhibit are in place. It is amazing the excitement that has already been created with the teachers, students and others at the new location. Several people have commented on how nice it will be to have the KChOF located at ICC West. The installation will continue and it is expected it will be substantially complete by the end of October.

Once completed events will be planned. This will include a grand opening event, concerts and other special events. Special thanks to John Koschin, Norman Chambers, Mike Flood and the staff at ICC West for helping with the installation. Stay tuned for more information about the KChOF move in future newsletters.

COMING SOON



OCTOBER

6th
"Art as a Business"
6 PM

12th
Good Morning Main Street
7 AM

13th
Board Meeting
3 PM

14th
Luncheon
Noon

28th
Class of 1976
7 PM

NOVEMBER

8th - 29th
Steve Greenwall Exhibit
10 AM - 4 PM

10th
Board Meeting
3 PM

11th
Luncheon
Noon

14th - 16th
Greenwall Workshop
9 AM

24th
Closed for Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

2nd
Set up Craft Fair
1 PM - 7PM

3rd
Arts & Crafts Fair
8AM - 2 PM

8th
Board Meeting
3 PM

9th
Luncheon
Noon

11th
Monday Music Club
Carols & Canapés
1:30 PM

24th & 31st
Closed for the Holidays