

# The Museum Messenger

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Independence Historical Museum & Art Center

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## Letter from the President – Ray Rothgeb

If you attended the “Elevate the Museum” kick-off party Saturday night, I’m sure you would agree that it was a highly successful event. Over one hundred members and friends were entertained with music, light-hearted commentary, and words of encouragement from members and elected officials. And more importantly over \$100,000 was received in pledges and cash donations, \$25,000 of which came from your Board of Directors. Add this to the Carter investment and we are almost half-way to reaching our goal for the renovation project. This was possible only because of the generosity of museum members, friends, and a highly competent conscientious Board. A big THANK YOU to all for the time, talent and money invested in this project. Keep in mind though; this was a KICK-OFF. We still have another \$230,000 to raise! In my mind there is no doubt that we can succeed. In the words of Joy Barta at the Kick-off, “Independence can do anything they put their mind to.” With our eyes solidly fixed on the \$459,000 goal, and continued efforts of this community, we will have an accessible museum in the very near future. Norman Polson, Museum and Elevator Committee member commented Saturday night that, “I may not get to ride on the new elevator in my lifetime, but maybe others in wheelchairs can.” I hope Norman gets to take the inaugural ride! We’ve kicked it off; now let’s finish “Elevate the Museum.”

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## NEW HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and  
Saturday 10 AM to 4 PM  
Thursday Noon to 7 PM

### WEBSITE

Be sure to check the website [ihmac.org](http://ihmac.org) for the latest entry forms and information about current and future events.

### MILITARY ROOM

The Military Room is the next "Featured" room. It is to be featured for the months of April, May and June. If you would like to help out with this please contact John Koschin or Dan Dollison.

## Kansas Celebrity Hall of Fame

The next quarterly meeting of the KCHOF Advisory Group is Wednesday, April 15 at 4:00 PM in the Independence Historical Museum and Art Center Gallery. The group is still short on member so if you know someone that might be interested please let us know. They may contact the museum at (620) 331-3515 or call Mike Flood at (620) 330-0675. At the April Meeting the next event will be planned which is tentatively scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to our parent organization, The Independence Historical Museum and Art Center for the great start on their 5-year capital campaign. The "Elevate the Museum" kick-off event held on March 28<sup>th</sup> was a huge success raising almost \$100,000 in contributions and pledges. The primary plans are to add ADA access, new bathrooms and an elevator to the historic building so more people can enjoy one of the best museums in the state. It is because of the generosity of the IHMAC the KCHOF has space; so please help if you can.

### ART CLUB

We have scheduled a drawing workshop class with Steven Greenwall on April 20th. The cost of the class is \$20 per person.

Hopefully everyone can come.

We will also continue our regular second and fourth Mondays for the painting group. We would love to have anyone come join us if they want to do their favorite art form...or just visit.

Cheers... Becky

## SPRING TEA AT THE MUSEUM

The Spring Tea at the Museum was held March 8<sup>th</sup>. The Gallery was transformed with 14 beautifully decorated tables. More than 100 ladies attended.

Ladies who set and decorated tables were: Renita Butler; Debbie Caldwell & Stephenie Turner; Ellie Culp; Val DeFever; Bobbi Dollison & Janie Morrison; Vicki Gordon & Eenie Fitzpatrick; Marolyn Hardy; Terry Hogan & Linda Henning; Anne Hogsett; Judy Houston; Janet Rau; Linda Schnurbusch; Lea Shepherd; Jean Smading.

Those attending voted for their favorite table and the winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> place – Anne Hogsett

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Terry Hogan & Linda Henning

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Bobbi Dollison & Janie Morrison

The serving table was decorated by Gayleen Sullivan and Marge Beckmann. Members of Xi Epsilon Eta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority attended the serving table. Sophomore HIS students in the First Leadership class kept the teapots filled. Brian Hight and Ryan McDiarmid of Magnolia Scents by Design provided and brewed the tea. The ICC Chamber Singers directed by Eric Rutherford provided the entertainment for the afternoon. Several local merchants and Museum members donated items for a silent auction.

It was an enjoyable afternoon. Thank you to everyone who helped make this another successful event.

Co-chairmen: Joy Barta & Ellie Culp

## THANK YOU

Thank you to Drew Demo, Jeff Shaw and Rusty Russell for quick replacement of the motor in the chair lift. They had it going just in time for the Kick-off Party on Saturday night.

## ADA PROJECT

Construction of the Ramp on the west side of the Museum has begun. Concrete was poured on March 31 and a second pouring is to be done on April 1.

Be sure to stop by and see the progress.

## COMING EVENTS

### APRIL

10-Luncheon

12-Musical Montage

13-beginning of VVYAE

17-VVYAE Critique

18-VVYAE opens to public

### MAY

2-Last day of VVYAE

### Luncheon

The next luncheon is scheduled for April 10th at Noon.

The Menu is Hamburgers & Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Dessert, and Coffee or Tea. The program will be Inge.

Please make your reservations by noon on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

The cost of the Luncheon is \$7.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The request for members to volunteer at the Museum to assist Sylvia has resulted in having individuals to cover Tuesdays and Thursdays. Thank you to those who have volunteered. Please consider helping your Museum with your time. We still need someone to help on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. It could be all day or half a day; 10 Am to 1 PM or 1 to 4 PM. If you cannot commit to a regular day and time each week but could help occasionally please let Sylvia know. This could provide a list of members to be on call.

Please give this serious consideration as a way you could help your Museum.



## RENTAL SITES

Don't forget about the Landon Center (35), the Historical Research (20) and the Museum Gallery (150) being available to rent for your special events. Call the office (331-3515) to check availability.

## Historical Research Center

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!**

Call 620-779-0496 or e-mail [hrc@ihmac.org](mailto:hrc@ihmac.org) to volunteer.

If you need research done call, e-mail or come by.

Stop by the Museum or Research Center and get your tickets for a chance to win a quilt or an afghan. The quilt and afghan are on display in the Museum gallery. The drawing will be held on May 20, 2015. All proceeds go to help support the Center.