

The Museum Messenger

Independence Historical Museum & Art Center

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Letter from the President – Ray Rothgeb

On behalf of the board and staff of the
Independence Historical Museum & Art Center
and the
Kansas Celebrity Hall of Fame



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HOURS

Tuesday thru Saturday
10 AM to 4 PM

HELP NEEDED

Help will be needed January 3rd beginning at 1 PM to begin the "un"-decorating of the Museum.
 (Weather Permitting)
 If you are available to help, please drop in around 1 PM.

SOUP CONTEST

January's luncheon will feature our annual soup contest. For more details contact Kym Kays at kym.kays@gmail.com or 331-0979.

Kansas Celebrity Hall of Fame

The Kansas Celebrity Hall of Fame plans to open during the month of January. The move from the old J.C. Penney building has been a challenge and has taken longer than expected. The cause of the delay is the large number of artifacts for the space available and the amount of time for installation. However, we are excited at how the displays are beginning to look and we can't wait to be open. In addition to the exhibits at the museum we are also planning some outreach exhibits in the community. Live performances have always been part of the KCHOF and this will continue at the Museum location. It is planned to conduct at least one event per quarter.

The KCHOF Advisory Board will begin meeting once per quarter with the first meeting of the year to be announced soon. If you would like to be a part of this exciting group, please contact the Museum at (620) 331-3515 or Mike Flood at (620) 330-0675.

ART CLUB CLASSES

The Museum Art Club is a very busy group.

A four day Pastel Workshop is scheduled for January 12, 14, 26 & 28 with Steve Greenwall of Iola as the instructor. The classes will begin at 9 AM each day. There are still a few places left for this class. Contact the Museum for more information.

They welcome new artists. They meet on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month.

HISTORICAL RESEARCH CENTER

As 2014 comes to an end, the volunteers at the Research Center would like to thank two of our patrons who have stepped forward to help us in the area of technology – Isaias McCaffery and Mike Flood. Isaias procured two computers from the College when they upgraded their computer systems and Mike contributed a computer and a brand new printer/copier when the Celebrity Hall of Fame moved to the main Museum facility.

All three computers needed “cleaning” and had to have additional operating and security systems added in order to make them functional at the Research Center. David Ebert, who works with the computer department at Standard Motors, agreed to help upgrade the computers at minimal cost. Without these computers we would not be able to effectively conduct research for customers who are trying to find their family roots. We expect to have all computers – the three new ones and one that we have been using for some time – operational soon.

Software upgrades and security systems do come at a cost though. In fact, the cost for the new technology and the labor involved is going to be about \$500.00. Due to the limited opportunity to produce income of that level for the Research Center, we are asking for financial help from museum members. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated. Anyone wishing to help may contact Sylvia at the museum.

ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

The 2014 Arts & Crafts Fair was held on December 6th. Thanks to all the volunteers and the donations of food we had another successful event.

Thank you to everyone that helped in any way; especially Deann Clark for all the calling she did to get the food and workers.

COMING EVENTS

January 9 – Luncheon – Noon

January 12 & 14 – Pastel Workshop

January 13-24
John Koschin Photography Show

January 26 & 28 – Pastel Workshop

HELP NEEDED

Sitters are needed for the John Koschin Photography Exhibit. The dates are January 13 to January 24. Help is needed Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 1pm and 1 to 4pm. If you would like to help out please call the office at 331-3515 to schedule a time.

Luncheon

The next luncheon is scheduled for January 9th at Noon.

The Menu is Soup. The program will be Jeff King.

Please make your reservations by noon on January 7th.

The cost of the Luncheon is \$7.



MUSEUM FUNDRAISERS

SCHWAN' S

A new fundraiser has begun with the Schwan's Company.

The new campaign name and number are "The Painting Continues" and #15901. Place an order by calling 1-855-870-7208 or going online to schwans-cares.com. The Museum will receive 20% of all purchases made between October 28th and December 12th. We will continue to receive 5% from December 13th through to October 27, 2015.

E-certificates are available for \$25 each. The Museum receives \$10 from each one purchased. There is a limit of one per customer.

AMAZON

If you shop online with Amazon go to www.smile.amazon.com and they will donate .5% of eligible purchases to the Museum. You will need to register and select the Independence Historical Museum & Art Center as your beneficiary.

BASEBALL NEWS

The baseball art contest deadline for entries is December 31, 2014. I'm looking forward to seeing what the local students have drawn and wish them all luck in winning the contest. We might use the winning artwork for a new baseball t-shirt next year.

The Smithsonian "Hometown Team" event in Independence is scheduled to take place in October and November next year. The schedule of events is currently in the planning phase, but some guest speakers have already confirmed they will attend. Anyone interested in helping plan the event should contact the museum. This will be a big event, so we will also need several volunteers to help with the event activities next fall.