

# The Museum Messenger

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## Coming Events:

"Changing America"  
Aug. 22 to Sept. 29

"Independence: A Bat  
and a Ball"  
Oct. 6 to Nov. 21

Arts & Crafts Fair  
Dec. 6

## Letter from the President – Ray Rothgeb

Kudos to the "VVAE 62" chair and committee. Ms. Woodard et. al. have done an outstanding job of bringing quality art to the museum and community. The critique was one of the best I have heard. You still have time to visit the show! \* I am happy to announce that not only is access to the building now available, but parking stalls are designated on the north side of the museum. If you have a handicap sticker you may park in one of the privileged parking stalls on the north and use the ramp. The lift is still available on the south. \* Many thanks to the members who responded to the Landon House shower. The committee did an outstanding job of getting much needed items for the house. It is ready to RENT! Thank you, Norman, Joy, and Kim. \* We are gradually gaining on the "Elevate the Museum" campaign. Commitments are still needed from members and businesses to achieve the goal of \$460,000. Please help by suggesting to a friend or family member that they can make a difference for someone if they pledge or donate. This is a great opportunity to provide a person who has accessibility issues an opportunity to enjoy the museum and its activities. As a reminder, the "Historical Research Center" and "Landon House" are accessible, as well. \* Coming up: Watch for the "Kansas Celebrity Hall of Fame" guitar night. Mike and his committee have been working on the event that will occur mid-August. Make plans to attend and bring a friend. \* Your museum Board works hard to maintain facilities, provide programming, and insure that the community is entertained. This is not done with one meeting a month, but on a continuous basis. You will find board members in the museum almost daily carrying out tasks that contribute to these activities. Please express your gratitude for their service. \* As the 2014-2015 membership year winds down, I hope you will join me in renewing your membership to one of the most active and unique museums in Southeast Kansas. Invite a friend to join with you!

## Landon Center – Housewarming Shower

On Thursday, June 25, 2015, Joy Barta and Kym Kays hosted a come and go housewarming shower for the Museum's membership for the Landon Center. The idea was to get the house prepared for future rentals and events. It was an overwhelming success and we want to thank those of you who supports this effort: Tracy Oakes, Shanda Chambers, Marge Beckmann, Bev Smith, Linda Trouskie, Judi Harris, Barbara Schmidt, Val DeFever, Lisa Wilson, Ray & Donna Rothgeb, David & Marlene Bannwarth, Norman & Michelle Chambers, Gayleen Sullivan, Linda Schnurbusch, Danny & Sandy Turr, Donna & Jim Dittmer, Philomena Fromong, Tim & Barb Emert, Jim & Eloise Kelly, Jean Barnett, Commie Harding, Tom & Debbie Schroeder, Betty Meyer and Mark & Kym Kays.

We also want to thank the person who donated the Oneida Knife Set from Sayers. The card was not on the present and we are trying to find out the name of the giver(s), but wanted to thank you in this newsletter until we do. We apologize for the delay in your thank-you note!

The Landon Center is open to the public for event rentals such as wedding or baby showers, anniversaries, dinner parties, club meetings, etc. Please call the office to book your space and for details on the cost.

Once again, thank you IHMAC membership for your constant show for generosity and support!

## Kansas Celebrity Hall of Fame

The KCHOF Advisory Group will be meeting soon at the Museum to finalize the plans for the "Be a Celebrity Guitar Night" event. The concert finale is scheduled for Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Museum. The current plans are for the fundraiser event to be a guitar musician talent contest to feature the great amateur solo guitarists from the area. The preliminary auditions will be via YouTube with the finalists performing at the concert in the Museum gallery for prizes. Those currently involved are Debbie Schroeder, Sylvia Augustine, Mary Hugo, John Koschin, Tony Wood, Ray Rothgeb and Mike Flood. If others would like to be involved with this unique and exciting event please contact the Museum at (620) 331-3515.

## Gift Shop

New changes are coming to the Gift Shop. A new location and new items are just the beginning.

Bottled water is now for sale in the gift shop.

## Landon Center – Norman Chambers

The Landon Center Committee met recently to discuss ways to improve the use of the Center, especially in areas that would generate revenue. Many items were discussed. It appears we are going to be able to develop a program by which Independence Community College will conduct some classes at the Landon Center. We are in negotiations with Greenbush for possible uses. I visited with a representative of the Landon Lecture Series at K-State about partnering with them on broadcasting the Lecture Series at the Landon Center. We had talked with them when we acquired the house about this but all the players have changed since then. We are essentially starting from the beginning.

The Landon Committee decided to have a "Landon Center Shower", similar to what you would do for a baby or marriage shower. This was held on June 25, 2015 and was a great success. There were a total of about 30 people that actually came to the Center. We registered at Sayers Hardware and Newton's. The registration was for items the Center would need for full use of the facility. I am not sure with Newton's, but the Sayers Hardware list of items selected by the Committee was filled completely. A lot of very nice items were received. Plus there were enough cash donations to purchase three lightweight, 4 foot tables to use with meetings at the Center.

Thanks to all that attended and to those that donated items and/or money. It is very much appreciated and needed.

## "Independence: A Bat and a Ball"

The Independence Historical Museum and Art Center will be a companion site for another traveling Smithsonian exhibit beginning October 6<sup>th</sup>. The exhibit will focus on the first night lighted game in Organized Baseball which was played here in Independence on April 28, 1930. Lots of fun and exciting events are scheduled. There will be book discussions, a special luncheon, a vintage baseball game (with 1896 rules) and much more. The exhibit will be on display through November 21<sup>st</sup>.

If you have stories to tell or items (to loan for the exhibit) you would like to share please call the office.

Lots of volunteers are needed for this special event, so, if you would like to be a part of this event contact the Museum at 331-3515.

## Historical Research Center

Here are the instructions for accessing Kansas newspapers up to 1922 at Newspapers.com

Accessing Newspapers.com

1. Go to the Kansas Historical Society homepage at: [www.kshs.org](http://www.kshs.org)
2. Click the RESEARCH tab
3. Under ONLINE COLLECTIONS, click the link "Digital newspapers"
4. Click the link "Verify your Kansas Driver's license"
5. Fill in the required information: First Name; Last Name; Driver's License Number; Date of Birth
6. Click "Finish"
7. Click the link "Newspapers.com"
8. Begin Searching the Kansas newspapers

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## Special Request

Here is the recipe for the punch served at the VVAE Critique. It was requested by several in attendance.

### GREEN TEA PUNCH

1 gallon of green tea (premixed ice tea)  
4 liters of sparkling lemonade  
4 liters of ginger ale  
1 orange, sliced  
1 lemon, sliced  
1 lime, sliced

Be sure all are cold before mixing so only enough ice is added to keep it cool.

## Verdigris Valley Art Exhibit

The Independence Historical Museum and Art Center is proud to announce that the 62<sup>nd</sup> Verdigris Valley Art Exhibit will be on display until July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mark Grosserode, of Tulsa, won Best of Show with his watercolor, "From Above". The first place winners are:

Lacy Franko, Independence, with her painting, "Serenity"; Monte Toon, Cleveland, OK, with his watercolor "Plein Air A Southport; Ann Marie Buster, Caney, with her drawing "1934 Plymouth" and Anita Wilson, Thayer with her mixed media entry "Sunlight and Shadows".

Caney resident, Alice Bradford is being honored this year because she has exhibited in most of the sixty-two VVAE exhibits. Alice is a self-taught artist and is showing four of her works this year. She's not sure how many times she has placed, but she won Best of Show in 2000. She has exhibited extensively in Oklahoma and Kansas.

The VVAE is also featuring a silent auction. An archival print titled "Indonesian Rain Forest" was donated by former Elk City resident, Sandra Wimbish. The auction will continue until July 24<sup>th</sup>.