

The Museum Messenger

Independence Historical Museum & Art Center

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Letter from the President – Ray Rothgeb

In an effort to keep membership apprised of Board action, I have chosen this means of sharing Board meeting information. * The access ramp is complete! A request for handicap parking stalls on the north will be presented at the May 28th City Commission meeting. The lift has been retained and is accessible on the south side of the Museum. Additionally, the AC has been reinstalled for the gallery level. A ribbon cutting for the ramp is scheduled for June 11th at 5 PM. Plan on attending and help break-in the ramp. * The Museum recently hosted the Verdigris Valley Young Artists Exhibit (VVYAE). This is a spin-off from the Verdigris Valley Art Exhibit that included both adult and student shows. Students Noah Ring and Jaycee Newton reported to the Board on the very successful event. Dates for the 2016 VVYAE are being considered. * The Treasurer's report showed healthy balances in the checking and savings accounts. * An electronic ticketing system that was used for ASTRA events in 2015 is in the possession of the IHMAC and KCHOF. A proposal for its use will be addressed at the next Board meeting. * Tax credits have been received on the Landon House and deposited in the Museum's general fund. Damage to the house in the recent hail storm included some shingles and a broken window. These will be repaired out of Museum funds as the cost of repairs are below the Museum's insurance deductible. * The tree on the northeast side of the Museum has become a hazard. The Board agreed to have it removed. * A QR Coding system (two-dimensional bar code) is being developed to provide I-phone and cell phone commentaries on artifacts and exhibits in the museums. * A two-phase gift shop upgrade plan was presented that will eventually relocate the shop in the north end of the entry. * Members are encouraged to attend the Mountain Plains Museum Association and Kansas Museum Association Conference September 27th to October 1st. Museum members may get additional information at <http://ksmuseums.org/category/conference/> * Bottled water will soon be dispensed in the Museum. This will be on a trial basis and will be available on the Gallery floor and in non-exhibit areas only. * The "Elevate the Museum" project continues. If you have not made your contribution or pledged, you can still do so. The campaign is designed to provide an affordable way to support this major project. Pledges can be made over a 5-year period and paid periodically until complete. Work on the project will be phased in as funds are available. Many thanks to those who have pledged or made a cash contribution.

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NEW HOURS

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

WEBSITE

If you are responsible for an event, please be sure to email the updated information to jean@jeanandnormanart.com.

Jean Barnett



ART CLUB

The Art Club will meet June 8th and 22nd from 9 AM to noon. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Steve Greenwall will teach another drawing class on June 15th from 9 AM to noon. The \$20 fee will be collected at the class.

The 62nd Verdigris Valley Art Exhibit Schedule is as follows:

June 17th, 18th, 19th & 20th
Accept Art Work-9 AM to 3:30

June 26th
Critique & Reception – 7 PM

June 27th – July 25th
Exhibit Open to the Public

July 25th
Pick up Art Work – 9 AM to 4 PM

Helpers are needed each day. To volunteer contact the office

The refreshment committee is providing a cheese tray, a fruit tray and punch. If anyone would like to donate cookies or brownies, it would be greatly appreciated.

Cheers... Becky

Kansas Celebrity Hall of Fame

The KCHOF Advisory Group will meet again on Monday, June 1st at 7:00 PM at the Museum to continue the planning for the "Be a Celebrity Guitar Night" event. The concert final is scheduled for Saturday, August 15th 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 & Mike Flood. If others would like to be involved with this unique and exciting event please contact the museum at (620) 331-3515.

Mike Flood, the new Director at the Independence Chamber of commerce Convention & Visitors Bureau, attended the Kansas Sample Festival at Wamego on; May 2nd & 3rd. The promotion of the Independence Historical Museum & Art Center, Landon Center and the Kansas Celebrity Hall of Fame was a significant part of the exhibit there representing all of the tourism activities for Independence. This year over 12,000 people attended the festival. During the festival there was a video posted on the "Get Independence" Facebook page of a young guitar player performing on the Oak Ridge Boys autographed guitar from the Kansas Celebrity Hall of Fame. This post scored the highest reach ever on the page. To check it out go to "Get Independence" on Facebook.

DOCENTS STILL NEEDED

Docents (Tour Guides) are still needed for upcoming tours. If you are interested please contact the office at 331-3515. If there is enough interest more classes can be arranged.

ADA PROJECT

A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held at 5PM on June 11th to officially open the new ramp. Hope everyone can attend.

MONTHLY LUNCHEONS

Hosts are needed for the upcoming year. If you are interested please call the office. If you would like to be added to a calling list for desserts, salads or veggies for a meal please let us know.

The Board of Directors hosted the luncheons for the 2014-2015 year.

The Board and I would like your opinion on having some of the luncheons/dinners in the evening. Please let us know by calling the office.

The first luncheon of the new year is scheduled for September 11th.

COMING EVENTS

JUNE

- 8 – Art Club Meeting
- 11- Board Meeting
- 11 – Ribbon Cutting
- 12 – Class of 1975 Reunion
- 15 – Greenwall Drawing Class
- 17 – 20 – Receive VVAE Artwork
- 22 – Art Club Meeting
- 26 – VVAE Reception & Critique

WISH LIST

- Coffee
- Coffee Filters
- Gallon Tea Bags
- Furniture Polish
- Old English Oil
- Splenda
- Dish Soap

Happy
Father's
Day

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The request for members to volunteer at the Museum to assist Sylvia has resulted in having individuals to cover Thursdays. Thank you to those who have volunteered. Please consider helping your Museum with your time. We still need someone to help on Tuesday, 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.

Past Newsletters may be read on the Museum's website along with a Calendar of Events and updates on the Art and Photo clubs. The website is ihmac.org

RENTAL SITES

Need a special place to rent for a family reunion, birthday party, anniversary celebration or a wedding, check out the Landon Center, the Historical Research Center and the Museum and Art Center. The Landon Center will accommodate 35, the Research Center 20 and the Museum & Art Center 140. Call the office (331-3515) to check availability.

Historical Research Center

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!

Call 620-779-0496 or e-mail hrc@ihmac.org to volunteer.

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

Congratulations to Bev Cross of Winfield and Darlynn Lemon of Bartlesville. They are the winners of the quilt and afghan.