

# The Museum Messenger

## Independence Historical Museum & Art Center

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### Letter from the President – Ray Rothgeb

Two items I want to share in this issue: **Membership and Board action.**

**Membership - Now is a great time to invite a friend or business associate to join the Museum. In just reading through this newsletter you will see the many activities available to members; exhibitions, receptions, art shows, concerts, special events, and lunches. With the new membership tracking system someone can join at any time during the year and have membership for the next 12 months. Consider a gift membership for someone who has yet to visit the museum! Invite them to the luncheon and encourage them to visit the exhibits. Your museum has much to offer. A visit to the research center is a must for genealogists and researchers of local history. Make arrangements to visit the Landon Center and get a feel for living in an early 20<sup>th</sup> century home while learning more about one of our notable citizens. Speaking of notables, take a walk through the Kansas Celebrity Hall of Fame and explore more locals that have made a mark on the world. And be sure to tell your friends to explore the 20 rooms on the museum's lower level.**

**Board Items – Although I was unable to be at the last Board meeting I do want to share some items from the February meeting. The Grand Piano was moved to the Landon House with help from Independence Firemen. Grant funds are being sought to help cover some expenses for 1<sup>st</sup> floor renovations at the Landon Center and a yard sign was approved. A contract was approved for Pro Carpet to provide weekly janitorial services. The newly formed investment committee was given approval to invest funds on behalf of the Museum. A number of special Board meetings have been held specifically to plan the Renovation Campaign. As you can see, your Board has been busy serving the members and supporting the mission of the museum.**

Thank you to all.

2014-2015  
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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.

### *OF CREATURES AND CHILDREN: GLIMPSES OF PEOPLE AND ANIMALS FROM AROUND THE WORLD*

Sandra Kimzey Wimbish, a Montgomery County native, will have some of her art work on display from March 14 to April 4.

She will be teaching a Colored Pencil Drawing Class on March 21. The class has two sessions: 10-11:30 AM and 1-2:30 PM. The cost is \$40 and includes all supplies. The class is limited to 15.

A "Meet & Greet the Artist" is scheduled for 6:30 PM on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Kansas Celebrity Hall of Fame

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Valentine's Day Concert featuring the Vogts Sisters was a success. It was the most successful financially to date due to the attendance and the support of the sponsors. Special thanks should go out to Midwest Real Estate, Uncle Jack's Bar & Grill, Yerkes & Michels CPA and Community Video Archives.

There are three more events being planned this year. One person suggested we have a comedian as a concert and we have located one that may be good. We are also considering solo guitarists as a concert featuring multiple guitarists from the area. This could also be made into a talent contest and we are considering this. Please feel free to provide any feedback you may have on future concerts.

The KCHOF plans to participate in the expanded hours of 1:00 to 7:00 PM on Thursday evenings. The possible programs are dramatic presentations, speakers and video programs.

The Kansas Celebrity Hall of Fame operates with an advisory committee that reports directly to the Independence Historical Museum & Art Center Board of Directors. The advisory committee currently has two positions open. If you know of anyone that would be good or might be interested, please let us know. They may contact the museum office at (620) 331-3515 or call Mike Flood at (620) 330-0675.

## ART CLUB

We have re-scheduled our drawing workshop class with Steven Greenwall, because of weather, until March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Hopefully everyone can come...weather permitting.

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

## HAVE YOU MADE YOUR RESERVATION?

Spring Tea at the Museum is scheduled for March 8, 2015, 1:00 – 3:30 PM. There will be delicious food, special tea from Magnolia Scents by Design, entertainment, and a silent auction. This is always a special afternoon of fun and socializing. Make plans to attend.

If you would like to make a reservation stop by the Museum.

### “THE SPIRIT IS WILLING”

The bronze statue “The Spirit is Willing” by artist Greg Todd was purchased by Georgene Sewell and presented to the Citizens National Bank, Independence, KS in memory of her husband Ernest Sewell Jr. on April 19, 1994. It was her wish that the sculpture remain on display at the Citizens National Bank as long as the bank was locally owned by stockholder of the Independence, Kansas area. In the event that the bank is purchased by non-resident stockholders, she wanted the sculpture to go to the Independence Museum for permanent ownership. The Citizens National Bank sold to Commerce Bank of Kansas City and the statue was presented to the Independence Museum.

Georgene Sewell of Tulsa, OK, died December 8, 2014, and was buried with graveside services in Bartlesville, OK. The Museum is grateful for her gift which is displayed by; Miss Justice in the main room of the Museum in the Northeast corner.

### COMING EVENTS

March 8 – Spring Tea

March 13 – Luncheon

March 14-April 4 –  
Wimbish Art Exhibit

March 21 – Colored Pencil Class

March 28 – Special Event –  
Watch for more details

### CHECK IT OUT

Be sure to come by on Thursday evenings and check out the Museum and all the special exhibits or activities.

We are open from Noon to 7 PM.

#### Luncheon

The next luncheon is scheduled for March 13th at Noon.

The Menu is Baked Potato Bar, Dessert, Coffee & Tea. The program will be RSVP with Kathy Shepard.

Please make your reservations by noon on March 11<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.

## PHOTO SHOW WINNERS

John Koschin and Leigh Beeson, Co-Chairs, announce the winners of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Photography Show: Best of Show – Kena Haley; 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Professional – Ron Osborn, Rob Morgan & Reese Richardson; Landscape – Susan Stephenson; Portrait – John Lynch, Steve Tate & Gloria Leyda; Miscellaneous – Susan Stephenson & Hugh Huffman; Animal Life – Monica Einsel (2); Architecture –Shawna Drews & Hugh Huffman; Vehicle – Gloria Leyda; Students 13 to 18 – Kena Haley and Students 12 & Under – Aiden Drews.

Second place winners are: Harold Click-Landscape; Gail Misch-Miscellaneous; Edna Janzen-Animal Life; Hugh Huffman-Architecture; Shawna Drews-Vehicle; Autumn Robinson-Student 13-18 and Browyn O'Malley(2)-12 & Under.

## 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.