

Letter from the President – Ray Rothgeb

THE LIST

There are days when one wonders, how will everything on the LIST get done? Surely readers of this article can relate to the challenges posed by an overwhelming list of tasks begging completion. Today was one of those days for me! As I sat down to write a belated newsletter article (on my LIST), I'm thinking: We need to plan for the next year, keep the water out of the basement, review the museums insurance policy, increase membership, secure new funding for the research center, create meaningful activities for the Landon house, create an "Ag." Exhibit, finish the "Law Enforcement" exhibit, deaccession non-essential artifacts, improve marketing and promotions, create signage for the gift shop, finish signage for the Landon House, work out relocation details for the KCHoF, finish the renovation fund drive, establish a viable education program; and, did I mention get Phase II of the renovation project started? There is more, but I shall spare the reader of a seemingly non-ending LIST of to get done! Where are the hours in the day? Then a small voice within reminds me that this is indicative of an active, vibrant organization that is on the move. Ah, solace from the LIST, and comfort in the fact that this organization has staff, a board, membership, and volunteers that get things done! So much has been accomplished from their efforts. I am humbled by the contributions of so many and thankful for the time and money that has been given to make The Independence Historical Museum & Art Center a remarkable cultural center. Think about it: Art, music, Literature, and history all come together at IHMAC. This is so, because we have a LIST! We have come a long way and offer so much. Thank you, each and everyone for your efforts in helping to manage the LIST!

WISH LIST – MUSEUM

Coffee
Coffee Filters
Lemon Oil
Furniture Polish
Volunteers
Room Chairs

WISH LIST – LANDON HOUSE

Cleaning Supplies

WISH LIST – RESEARCH CENTER

File Folders
Cleaning Supplies
Volunteers

COMING EVENTS:

Verdigris Valley Art Exhibit – June 16 to July 16

Photography Club Meetings – 2nd Thursday of each month – Research Center

Art Club Meetings – 2nd, 3rd & 4th Monday of each month – IHMAC

“Kansas Awes” Art Exhibit – September 20 to October 15

Arts & Crafts Fair – December 3

Monday Music Club-Carols & Canapés – December 11

TOPEKA BUS DAY TRIP – SHERRY EPP

In keeping with the tradition of bus day trips begun by First Federal Savings & Loan, Sherry Epp is planning a day trip to Topeka on Wednesday, June 15. It will be a great day of touring the beautifully renovated Capitol Building, Seeing the gorgeous Tiffany stained glass windows at the First Presbyterian Church and then enjoying a driving tour of several historic sites in the greater downtown area with narration by a Washburn University history professor.

As people who have a love of history and its preservation, Sherry believes you might be interested in this trip, and hopes you will join her on that bus on June 15th.

For more information, stop by the museum or contact Sherry at 332-3025.

MAY LUNCHEON – MAY 12TH

Menu: Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Rolls, Tea & Coffee

Program: State of the Museum, Introduction of Board and Mayor Gary Hogsett

Please make your reservations by noon on May 10th.

Cost of the luncheon is \$8.00.

IT'S UP TO EACH OF US – TIM EMERT

Your museum, like most non-profit organizations can always use additional funds. There are special projects that can enhance the operations as well as satisfy essential operating expenses. I am going to attempt to write a short article on a regular basis that will explain various methods contributions can be made to the museum. Every contribution is important regardless of the size.

Of course membership fees are the foundation upon which the budget is built and the activities are determined. Every membership, whether large or small, is appreciated. Each of you can help the board by one simple action, an action that will not involve payments, fees or cash. That action should be to find a friend who is not currently a member and encourage him/her to join. Sylvia is always ready with membership forms to send to suggested individuals and this is an easy way to not only grow the number persons active in the museum but to add to our financial basis. Consider asking a friend to join.

In next month's newsletter, we will start a series of suggestions on how you can be more involved in the finances and, if any one of you has ideas about building up our finances, please feel free to contact me at 331-1800 or any member of the board.

ART CLUB CALENDAR:

May 9 - Louise Woodard - FIX-IT BOOK - 9 AM - \$5

May 16 - Steve Greenwall - Portrait Lesson - 9 AM - \$20

May 23 - Monte Toon - Tree & Cloud Workshop - 9AM to Noon & 1:30 to 3
Members- \$40 --- Non-Members - \$45

A 3-day Pastel Workshop with Steve Greenwall is in the planning stages.

63RD ANNUAL VERDIGRIS VALLEY ART EXHIBIT

Entries received on June 16-18 from 10 AM to 3:30 PM

June 24 - Critique & Reception 7 PM

Exhibit on display June 25 to July 16

July 16 - Artwork Picked up - 10AM to 3:30PM