

# The Museum Messenger

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT – JOY BARTA

Dear Museum Members,

I want to thank everyone for the support extended to me and my family during my husband, Richard's recent health event. We deeply appreciate all the cards and your thoughts and prayers. It is comforting to know so many care. He is not quite ready to come home, but that day is getting closer.

My sincere gratitude,

Joy Barta

“BOO! BOO!”

We have recently revised our membership forms and many of you have received your renewal letters this year. Unfortunately, there is a “Boo! Boo!” – right before Halloween – with a typo on the form. Membership for singles is \$30 (rather than \$25) and couples is \$45 (rather than \$40). If you sent in your money already, we thank you for your continued support and hope we can count on you for the additional \$5 at your convenience. Although the amount is minimum, the IHMAC budget is supported heavily by our membership dues. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your help and understanding!

## Historical Research Center

The main objective of the Research Center is to do genealogical and historical research for those who need help, so each month, the volunteers work on queries they have received by mail, phone, in person and by Email. There is a charge for the work done by genealogy volunteers, and this helps to supplement the income for the research center. Some of the items we have looked up this month include:

1. Voter registration records for Ben and Barbara Paulen to prove the years they lived in Independence
2. Information about early Independence pioneers, Lucy Goings, R. A. Gaskins and Martha Haskins
3. Family research on Lucy Angeline (McGuire) Chaffin
4. Family research on Henry (Hastin) Hairston

This month, we also received a Query wanting to know if there were still Indians in the Caney area in 1880 and if they were at war over food at that time. Of course, the answer is, "Yes, there were indeed Indians in Caney in 1880, and probably much later than that. "

Last week an individual came by looking for information about the Bunker additions in Independence with questions about a possible livery stable, stockyards, and depot on the northwest side of town. He looked for himself in some of our books but so far, we have not found any information on that subject. If you can help us out, we would be happy to have input.

## Luncheon-November 11

Menu: Turkey, Dressing, Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Corn, Rolls, Pumpkin Desserts, Coffee and Tea

Program: Ken Brown – "50 Things I Love about Independence"

Please make your reservations by noon on November 9.

Cost: \$8

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Museum needs volunteers to help with a lot of small projects. If you would like to paint, move furniture, move artifacts, unpack and set up new display areas or just help dust and polish please call the office. Sitters will be needed for upcoming events.



## GIFT SHOP

It's getting that time again – the holiday season will be upon us before we know it and we ask that you keep your IHMAC Gift Shop in mind as you do your holiday shopping. We have recently added several new items and hope you will check it out.

## ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

Help is still needed for the 2016 Arts & Crafts Fair. Please call if you would like to help with this. Part of the work has already been taken care of: Janet Demo is making the flyers and posters and Sylvia Augustine has made the entry forms. Committees still needed are Kitchen (get the food and workers), Bake Sale (get the food and workers), Door Prize Table (get the workers) and Clean Up (get the workers).

## 2017 COMING EVENTS

There are several events coming up next year. The four Craftsman events are:

January 7 to February 4 – Pottery Extravaganza – Janelle Null – Chair

March 28 to April – Woodcrafters Fair – Ernie Loganbill

May 16 to 27 – Military Art – John Koschin – Chair

August 1 to 26 – Quilt Show – Chair needed

Other events include:

February 11 to 25 – Photography Show – Photography Club – Chair

March 5 – Spring Tea – Joy Barta & Ellie Culp – Co Chairs

April 15 to 29 – Verdigris Valley Young Artist Exhibit – IHS Art Club – Chair

June 22 to July 15 – Verdigris Valley Art Exhibit – Eenie Fitzpatrick & Kym Kays – Co Chairs

December 2 – Arts & Crafts Fair – Chair needed

If you see an event you would like to help with please call the office.

## Don't forget!!!!

The Photography Club - Contact John Koschin – (meetings are 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month)

The Art Club – Contact Donna Rothgeb – (meetings are 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month)

Historical Research Center – Contact Sue Prince – (open same hours as Museum)

## KANSAS CELEBRITY HALL OF FAME UPDATE

The installation of the KCHoF at Independence Community College West continues and is about fifty percent complete. The large exhibits of Bill Kurtis, Vivian Vance & Sherman Halsey are complete. The Jim Halsey exhibit is about half complete. Most of the individual monographs are in place. John Koschin has designed two large standing displays and the materials are beginning to arrive. The move to the new location should be substantially complete by the end of November.

The Excitement continues to build as people are commenting about the new exhibits that have dramatically changed the look inside the facility. The traffic at I.C.C. West is substantial. It has been said that an average of 100 people in addition to the teachers and students visit the facility each day. This will be a big boost to the awareness of KCHoF.

The lobby inside I.C.C. West is the location of the KCHoF and it is open 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. Admission is free. Please feel free to drop by and take a look at the progress.

# COMING SOON



### NOVEMBER

8<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>  
Steve Greenwall Exhibit  
10 AM - 4 PM

10<sup>th</sup>  
Board Meeting  
3 PM

11<sup>th</sup>  
Luncheon  
Noon

24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>  
Closed for Thanksgiving

### DECEMBER

2<sup>nd</sup>  
Set up Craft Fair  
1 PM - 7PM

3<sup>rd</sup>  
Arts & Crafts Fair  
8AM - 2 PM

8<sup>th</sup>  
Board Meeting  
3 PM

9<sup>th</sup>  
Luncheon  
Noon

11<sup>th</sup>  
Monday Music Club  
Carols & Canapés  
1:30 PM

24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>  
Closed for the Holidays

### JANUARY

7<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>  
Pottery Extravaganza  
Check for hours

12<sup>th</sup>  
Board Meeting  
3 PM

13<sup>th</sup>  
Luncheon  
Noon

Other Pottery events to be  
announced at a later date