

## Director's Message

In this issue of the "Heritage," we celebrate new supporters, established loyal supporters, and what we have achieved with their help. Long-term public operational support from the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County, in addition to private support of programs and exhibits, has created one of the world's great local history museums. New support includes a Business Membership category recognizing local businesses, many of whom have been making history longer than the Museum has been preserving it! It is an appropriate way to recognize businesses who have given their in-kind or charitable support to the Museum. In return, the Museum offers employees and patrons of Business Members complementary admission, expanding our audience and enhancing our individual support base.

As you read on, you'll be apprised of the Museum's recent and upcoming work. Far from a "been there, done that" destination, our on-going programs, events, and special exhibits will keep you returning for new experiences. The Museum's core and immersive exhibits, while established, are not static. When you visit, you will discover new elements within these old favorites. Soon, we will introduce a new core exhibit focused on the role of local government, and a new immersive exhibit sets the visitor in the original 1892 Mayor's Office. I hope you will find much to appreciate here. Thank you for staying connected with us through your support.

Eric M. Cale  
Executive Director



# Heritage

The Wichita-Sedgwick County  
Historical Museum Association

## NEW CIVICS & GOVERNMENT EXHIBITS

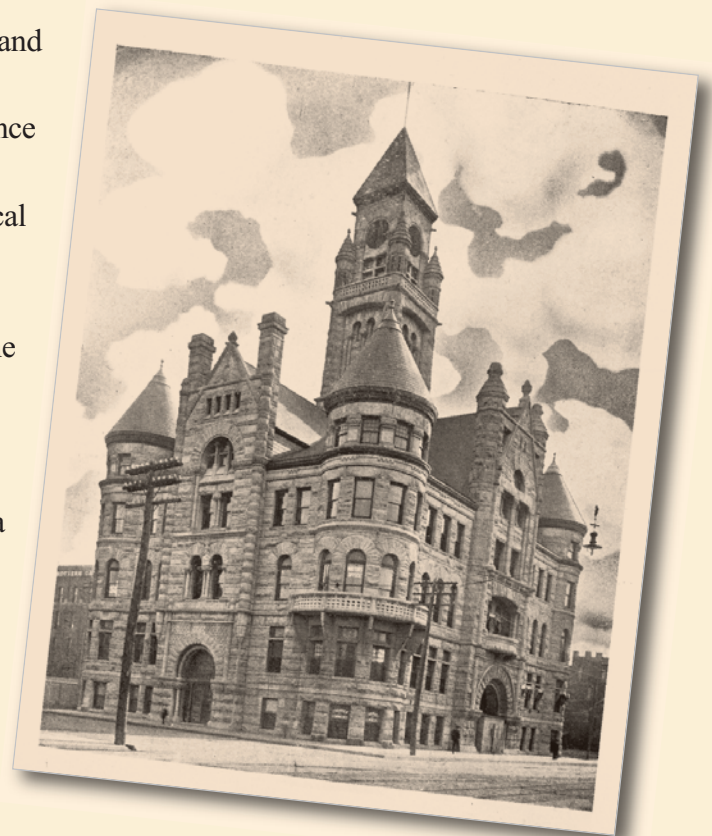
### featuring the 1892 Mayor's Office!

The role of late 19th century government is the focus of new exhibits at the Historical Museum. Using the original City Hall building construction dates of 1890-1892 as a springboard and aided by community members, Museum staff developed exhibits examining the responsibilities of government at federal, state, county, and local levels. Featured are key issues of the 1890s era including populism,

economic depression, and political conflict. The theme of self-governance continues with an additional focus on local interpretation through the 20th century.

Artifacts illustrating the concept of citizen involvement include a Waco Township ballot box of the 1880s and a dashiki shirt worn by civil rights leader Chester I. Lewis in the late 1960s.

An immersive Mayor's Office in the original 3rd floor location is a companion exhibit created to interpret the space as it appeared when first



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## Mayor's Office

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occupied in 1892, complete with window signage visible from Main Street. Museum staff spent hours researching newspapers, photographs, reports, and other records to accurately portray the space.

The Museum is grateful to the Sedgwick County Board of Commissioners for their special support of these exhibits. The Museum thanks the DeVore Family Foundation for initiating a challenge grant, answered by

## CIVICS & GOVERNMENT

**“OF THE PEOPLE  
BY THE PEOPLE  
FOR THE PEOPLE”**

*— Abraham Lincoln, Gettysburg Address*

the Harvey and Faye McCoy Family Charitable Gifts Foundation for funding the Mayor's Office Exhibit. Other contributors include Old Town

Architectural Salvage, Watermark West Rare Books, and Skip Brasted Designs. Special thanks to Heberling Associates, Inc.

The exhibits will open in June – watch for information on opening events and programs!



We celebrated in high style! On April 29th the Museum was transformed into the original Blue Moon Nightclub, which was located on South Oliver during the 1940s and 50s. The club was a popular gathering spot for adults to dine and dance to the nation's most famous orchestras. Donna Tucker, internationally renowned jazz singer, and her quartet entertained with songs of the era as guests enjoyed fine food and drink.

Special thanks to event sponsors for underwriting this WHiMS hosted event.

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# National History Day & The Devore Essay Contest

The Historical Museum celebrates young historians! We partnered with Friends University for a seventh successful year in sponsoring the National History Day competition on February 28th. This national competition engages young people by challenging them to interpret history through various mediums including exhibits, video, website design, essay and performance. Students choose historical topics related to the national theme of "Taking a Stand in History." Nearly 300 area students participated this year.



For students, nothing brings academics into focus like reflecting on one's own history and heritage. The Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum, acting as a conduit to the past, does this more effectively than any other educational institution. In support of our mission, the Museum encourages participants to use local history as a basis for their NHD projects. This begins early in the year with an Essay Contest sponsored by the DeVore Family Foundation. The essay is a warm-up exercise for their projects and challenges students to approach the theme with a local perspective.

The winner of the 6th Annual DeVore Essay Contest is Paige Schroeder of Derby North Middle School for her essay, *The Smashing Life of Carrie Nation*. Paige was honored at the Young Historians Awards held on May 7th in the DeVore Auditorium. State contest winners were also lauded at the ceremony, including Katrina Turner, Derby Middle School, Junior Historical Papers; Paige Schroeder, Derby North Middle School, Junior Individual Exhibits; Laurel Jones, Maize South Middle School, Junior Individual Websites; and Brady Volkmann, Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Senior Individual Websites.

## HISTORY PROJECTS & SUMMER STUDENT PROGRAMS

*This summer the Museum presents local history based programs for students with creative interests!*

### **CURSIVE WRITING WORKSHOP**

Tuesday, June 6th – Friday, June 9th, 1pm - 3pm.

Students will learn to write in cursive.

Recommended for students entering third grade and up.

Fee: \$20 – Scholarships available – contact the Museum for details.

### **WICHITA SONG WORKSHOP**

Tuesday, June 13th – Friday, June 16th, 10 am – 12 pm.

Each day students will tour Museum exhibits and put what they learn to work with our Music Educators to create songs celebrating local heritage. The final day includes a performance and reception.

Recommended for students entering third grade and up.

Fee: \$20 – Scholarships available – contact the Museum for details.



### **HISTORY WRITING WORKSHOP**

Tuesday, July 11th – Friday, July 14th, 10 am – 12 pm.

Students will meet each day to tour Museum exhibits and put what they learn into a writing project based on our local history. Each student or team will have a short story at the end of the workshop. Led by local author Debra Seely.

Recommended for students entering third grade and up.

Fee: \$20 – Scholarships available – contact the Museum for details.

### **HISTORY DAY PREP**

Tuesday, August 8th – Friday, August 11th, 10 am – 11:30 am. Students will tour Museum exhibits and take what they learn to explore National History Day project ideas. After this week, students can continue to meet for monthly workshops throughout the school year.

Recommended for students entering 6th grade – 12th grade. Fee: \$20 – Scholarships available – contact the Museum for details.

# 2016 MUSEUM ACQUISITIONS

**THE MUSEUM BEGAN ASSEMBLING IT'S COLLECTION IN 1939. THESE OBJECTS ARE PRESERVED IN PERPETUITY TO USE IN THE INTERPRETATION OF OUR LOCAL HISTORY AND TODAY NUMBER OVER 70,000 CATALOGED ARTIFACTS. WE THANK ALL THOSE WHO HAVE OFFERED SUCH GIFTS, CONSIDERING THE MUSEUM AND ITS UNIQUE MISSION. HERE IS THE CUSTOMARY ANNUAL LISTING OF THOSE ARTIFACTS ACCEPTED TO THE COLLECTION IN 2016.**

Victoria Barb – Wichita Public Schools newsletters, 1920s.

Don Biggs – Kit Kat Coffee Shop menu, 1946

Nicholas Bonavia – World War II officer's uniform worn by Willard Garvey.

Gloria Bonwell – Men of Webster banquet program, 1922.

Phyllis Bretches Buchanan – Photograph of the Wichita Business College Class of 1930.

Bart Brunsheen – Collection of Hamilton Intermediate School photographs, 1920s.

William Carter – Material from Wichita Police Detective D.C. Stuckey, including mug shots, Smith & Wesson revolver, and photographs, 1918 – 1926.

Martha Clothier – Photograph of *Wichita Eagle* editor and politician Victor Murdock, 1931.

Marion Cone – Hannah Aley photographs and calling cards, 1870s, and Wichita theater programs, 1880s.

Donna Dilsaver – Wooden cradle brought by the Kessler family to Sedgwick County in 1875.

Valerie Ellington – Collection of Wichita photographs and documents, 1870s-1960s; collection of pen and ink drawings by William C. Ellington, Jr., 1972.

Ben Freeman – Wichita Commercial College diploma, 1895.

Joan Friend – Boy's clothing, 1940s, and Clay Cerday campaign poster, 1971.

Anne Garvey – Limoges chocolate set retailed by Vail Jewelers, Wichita, circa 1900.

Allen Hale – Wichita pharmacy ledger, 1915.

Harvester Arts – Original watercolor by Wayne White created for Wichita River Festival volunteers, 2015.

Robert Hiller – Large collection of fine costume jewelry, 1930s-1980s.

Bonnie Bing Honeyman – Collection of women's designer clothing, 1970s-1980s.

Brenda Hubbard – Marionettes and artwork created by Wichita artist and puppeteer Jack Hubbard, 1920s-1950s.

John Hubbard – Photographs of Wichita artist and puppeteer Jack Hubbard, 1928.

Janet Huber – Women's and girl's clothing, 1970s-1980s.

Lyle Koerper – Stearman photograph, 1930s; Wichita stock certificates, 1920s; Kansas Gas & Electric souvenirs, 1980s.

Rochelle Levitt – Collection of women's designer clothing and accessories, 1980s-1990s.

Beauvais Lyons – Lithographic print, *Circus Orbis Herald, Wichita, Kansas, 1916* by Beauvais Lyons, 2016.

Jesse Major – Western-style jacket worn by Wichita musician Clif Major, 1980s-2000s.

Ann Mariposa – Hotel Lassen souvenir, 1930s.

Velma McKinney – Woman's buckskin jacket purchased at Shepler's, Wichita, 1951.

Angela McLean – Wooden desk and shelf constructed by Benjamin Franklin McLean II, early 1940s.

Rod Milne and Susan Hund-Milne – Collection of material related to Wichita pioneer William Finn, 1920s.

Diana Palenz and Carolyn Lindsey – Collection of greeting cards, 1930s-1950s.

Innes Phillips – Scrapbook with newspaper clippings related to the Innes Department Store.

James Price – Photograph of the Fourth Financial Corporation Board of Directors, 1979.

Robert A. Puckett – Collection of fine silverplate tableware, 1950s-1960s.

Elizabeth Rumley – Coleman Victory News newsletters, 1940s.

William Ryan – Photographs of the Ross and Little families of Wichita; corkscrew used by Dr. A.H. Fabrique, Wichita, 1880s.

Robert Schmidt and Tracy Harrelson, given in memory of Judy Dockum Schmidt – Important collection of material related to the Dockum family of Wichita, including photographs of Dockum Drug Stores, 1920s-1970s.

Francene Sharp – Wichita Public School newsletters, 1930s, Sedgwick County Zoo promotional material, 1970s.

Mary Balazs Shellito – Black mourning capes, circa 1890.

Julie Smith – Women’s clothing, 1950s.

David and Deborah Soles – Jimi Hendrix concert handbill, 1969 performance.

Judy Spahn – Photographs of the Jacob Johnson Paint Store, Wichita, 1920s.

Tony Spencer – Gage Brewer Orchestra photographs and documents, 1920s-1930s.

Alan L. Stephens – *Santa Fe Express* newsletter, 1945.

Byron G. “Joe” Stout, III – Photograph of a group of Wichita musicians, 1957.

Shannon Taggart – Collection of material related to the Innes department store & Innes family, 1900s – 1960s.

Estate of Carolyn Tatman – Ceramic lamp with fiberglass shades, 1955.

Mary Thomlinson – Stoneware bust of Carry Nation by Louise McCoy, circa 2000.

Adrienne Thompson – Oil painting by artist C.A. Seward, *The Reaper*, 1909.

Lynne Tinker – Photographs of Judge Thomas B. Wall, Wichita, 1880s-1890s.

Bruce Walton – Photographs of a local family, circa 1915; International Wheat Show Program, 1918; Wichita Cracker Company shipping crate, 1880s.

Brian Withers – Posters illustrated by George Withers of Wichita, 1940s.

## BUSINESS MEMBERSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE

An exciting opportunity is now available for businesses to support the Museum by purchasing an annual membership. Not only does the membership support the Museum’s varied programs and exhibits, it provides many opportunities for company employees, including:

- Free admission to the Museum and Heritage Square for employees and their guests
- invitations to special membership events
- free admission passes for clients
- 10% discount in the Museum’s gift shop

In addition, company principals will receive the biannual Heritage Newsletter, Museum mailings and email notices of upcoming events. All business members will be recognized on the Museum website and in the Heritage Newsletter. Patron members will be given special recognition on the Museum’s first floor. What a wonderful way to support the Museum that supports the community by preserving our local history!

The Museum thanks our current Business Members for their support, including the following:

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## BLUE STAR MUSEUMS

The Historical Museum joins more than 2,000 museums across America to offer free admission to the nation's active duty military personnel, including National Guard and Reserve and their families, from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2017. A collaboration among museums, the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, and the Department of Defense, the program provides families an opportunity to enjoy the nation's cultural heritage and learn more about their community, especially after a military move. The list of participating museums is available at [arts.gov/bluestarmuseums](http://arts.gov/bluestarmuseums).

Last summer, more than 900,000 military members and their families took advantage of free admission as part of Blue Star Museums, visiting historical museums, fine arts museums, science museums, music museums, nature centers, and children's museums.

Leadership support for Blue Star Families programming and promotional materials has been provided by MetLife Foundation. The effort to recruit museums has involved partnerships with the American Alliance of Museums, the Association of Art Museum Directors, the Association of Children's Museums, the American Association of State and Local History, the Association of Science-Technology Centers, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The free admission program is available to any bearer of a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), a DD Form 1173 ID card (dependent ID), or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card, which includes active duty U.S. military - Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, as well as members of the National Guard and Reserve, U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned Corps - and family members. Contact the Museum for details.

## ELECTED TRUSTEES

At the Annual Membership Meeting on March 15th, 2017, Museum members unanimously elected the slate submitted by the Nominating Committee of the Board of Trustees.

New Trustees welcomed: Cynthia Hand and Joanne McClelland.

Officers elected at the following Board of Trustees meeting were: President David Hawkins, 1st Vice President Dean Bradley, 2nd Vice President Jay Fowler, Treasurer Martha Linsner and Secretary Patty Armstrong.

The Board bids farewell to outgoing trustee Nancy Perry. Trustees continuing to serve: Paul Buchanan, Vicki Churchman, David Crockett, Myra Devlin, Bruce Gilkeson, Dr. Cheryl Golden, Richard Honeyman, Ron Ingle, Jack Kellogg, Jeff Longwell, Janet Meyer, Vernon Miller, David Mitchell, Terri Moses, Dale Richmond, Kent Shawver, Jim Skelton, and Alice Smith. We thank these trustees for their many contributions, including participation in monthly meetings, service on committees, and a wide range of other activities that benefit the Museum.

## MEMORIALS

The following have been honored with gifts to the Museum's Memorial Fund from April 20, 2016 through May 20, 2017:

Christopher P. Christian  
Marla Cohen  
Carolyn Conley  
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Tracy Sloat  
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# Upcoming Exhibits, Programs & Events

## Happening in July

### IT'S A PARTY!

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, WICHITA!**

**Saturday, July 22nd 1-5pm**

The Museum is celebrating a special birthday on Saturday, July 22nd — the 147th anniversary of the founding of Wichita! Wichita was officially born July 21, 1870 - view Wichita's remarkable history wandering the four floors of the Museum's exhibits and enjoy special tours, crafts, activities and refreshments. Admission is free to those individuals and small groups bringing a Birthday Card!

### PROGRAM & BOOK SIGNING

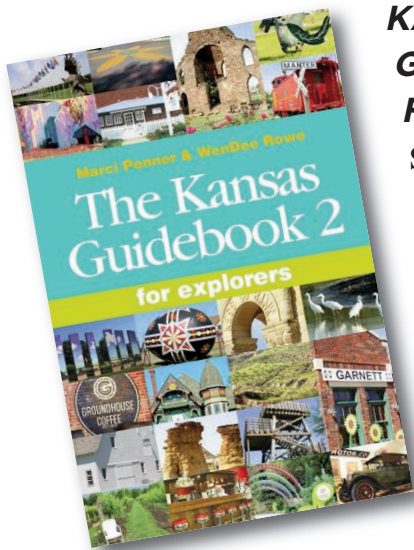
#### **KANSAS GUIDEBOOK 2 FOR EXPLORERS**

**Saturday, July 29th**

**2pm**

Kansas Guidebook 2 for Explorers co-authors Marci Penner and WenDee Rowe spent four years going to every one of the 626 incorporated cities in Kansas researching the

new Kansas Guidebook 2 for Explorers, published this spring. They will share some stories from the road and tell about fascinating things to see and do around the state all year long. From the giant grasshopper in Goodland to Pelican Pete's sno cone stand in Junction City, you'll be amazed at what Kansas has to offer! Low-water bridges, rocks and bowling balls on fence posts, touching memorials, beautiful ruins and fun food options whichever way you turn — it's a must-have for anyone with an explorer spirit! Books will be available for purchase and signing.



## Happening in September

### CONCERTS

#### **THE CARNEGIE CONCERT SERIES AT HERITAGE SQUARE**

Presented by High Touch Technologies and Fidelity Bank

The Carnegie Concert Series at Heritage Square returns in 2017 bringing live music to downtown Wichita every Wednesday in September. Presented by Fidelity Bank and High Touch Technologies, and in partnership with the Museum, this year's line-up features some of Wichita's most notable bands, playing everything from rock to zydeco. Some of the city's most popular food trucks will also be on site. Admission to each concert is free. Mark your calendars now and join us in Heritage Square for the following performances:

Wednesday, September 6 – The Mudbugs Cajun Zydeco Band

Wednesday, September 13 – The Cherokee Maidens and Sycamore Swing

Wednesday, September 20 – Carrie Nation and the Speakeasy

Wednesday, September 27 – Gooding

## *Senior Wednesdays*

### **AT THE WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

Visit the Museum the 4th  
Wednesday of each month

from January to October and enjoy special Historical Museum programs developed with active senior audiences in mind. A special \$2 admission for seniors and their guests is offered; admission is free for members. The Senior Wednesday programs at the Historical Museum begin at 10:00am, and the doors open at 9:30. Refreshments are served. Senior Wednesdays at the Historical Museum are sponsored by WHiMS. For more information about the Museum's Senior Wednesday programs, visit

[www.wichitahistory.org](http://www.wichitahistory.org) or [www.seniorwednesday.org](http://www.seniorwednesday.org).





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## Welcome to Recent Members

We are pleased to acknowledge recent Museum members. Membership is an important way to support the Museum financially and a great way to stay apprised of exhibits, programs, events and progress. While not listed here individually, our gratitude also goes out to the many who have increased their level of membership or who have contributed through an annual gift or supported an event, all of which has led to the increase of programs and exhibits over the past year.

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