

From: Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum
204 S Main St; Wichita, KS 67202

THRIFT STYLE EXHIBITION

(with Companion Exhibit: "Thrift Finds: Thrifted Treasures from the Museum's Collection")

September 1 – October 5

Thrift Style explores the reuse of feed sacks to make clothing and other household objects and illuminates how the “upcycling” of these bags mutually benefitted twentieth-century consumers and businesses. With forty-one works from patterns to garments, it serves as an example of past ingenuity that can inform today’s efforts towards sustainability.

The exhibition, organized by the Historic Costume and Textile Museum and the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, both at Kansas State University, provides a nostalgic view into American ingenuity, sensibility, and optimism during a particularly challenging time of economic hardship and war—the period of the Great Depression and World War II. The reuse of feed, flour, and sugar sacks was a cost-saving and resource-saving approach employed by homemakers to make new items to meet their families’ needs.

Programming for this exhibit is funded through our Corporate Sponsor- Goodwill Industries of Kansas and Individual Sponsors- Steven Overstreet, Alice Smith, and The Family of Kenneth E Gerhardt

Companion Exhibit:

Museums acquire objects in many ways, including purchases from thrift stores. Thrift stores sell donated used or second-hand items to the public at moderate prices, often as a way to support charitable organizations or causes. Created as a companion to Thrift Style, Thrift Finds features thrifted treasures from the Museum’s Permanent Collection.

Check out www.wichitahistory.org for more information about these exhibitions, as well as upcoming related programs and events:

September 1 – Public Reception

September 6 – Member’s Only Reception

September 8 – Drop-in Program: Sew A Charm (in partnership with TISSU Sewing Studios)

September 14 – Sewing Workshop (in partnership with TISSU Sewing Studios)

September 25 -- Senior Wednesday – “Waste Not, Want Not: Reimagining Fashion Through Thrift Style”

The Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum is one of America’s leading local history museums and accredited by the American Alliance of Museum since 1972. It has served the community since 1939 and since 1980 has occupied Wichita’s original 1890 City Hall building featuring dozens of exhibits on all four floors.

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Museum Hours: Tuesday – Friday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm; Saturday & Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

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