

Space Patrol (Wichita Division)

Toys of the Future is an exhibit of early 1930s through early 1960s “space toys” that represent, as the lender of this collection says, “the future they promised us—and then took back.”

Here you’ll find fantastically finned rocket ships, crazy coiled ray guns from a mad scientist’s lab and robots straight from a Saturday morning science fiction adventure serial. The range covered goes from what is widely accepted as the first commercially manufactured toy space ship (1934) through the last great gasp of space toy invention in the 1960s—stopping just short of the design sensibility of *Star Trek* and *Star Wars* (which was heavily influenced by the imagination at work in these earlier toys), and just short of the realistic look of NASA-inspired products.

At a time when space travel and the marvels of the universe gripped the culture’s fancy and influenced the look of so many things—vacuum cleaners, cars and trailers, household furnishings, kitchen appliances, diner and motel décor, electric guitars—it’s not surprising that toymakers ran wild with the possibilities of space exploration, and that Cadillacs and rocket ships sometimes wound up looking like cousins.

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Heritage

The Wichita-Sedgwick County
Historical Museum Association

TOYS OF THE FUTURE

On view Saturday, September 22 – end of 2018



A new exhibit at the Museum features the stellar and widely celebrated Goldbarth Collection of mid- 20th century “space toys.” During the 20th century, when the future presented itself as a force to be reckoned with, toys took on the challenge; there is no finer example of this than “space toys,” the rockets, saucers, robots and ray guns introduced to children during the 1930s and beyond – the era of Buck Rogers, Flash Gordon, and other gravity-defying, planet hopping heroes. Space themed toys have been universally enjoyed by children around the globe.

The exhibit is made possible in part through the support of Sean & Melissa Conley, Tom & Myra Devlin, Ron O’Callaghan and Scott & Betsy Redler as well as media sponsors: The Wichita Eagle, KSNW – Channel 3, and KMUW radio. The Museum is grateful for their support of this special

exhibit and its related programs. *Toys of the Future* is presented in partnership with Exploration Place’s exhibit *Toytopia*.



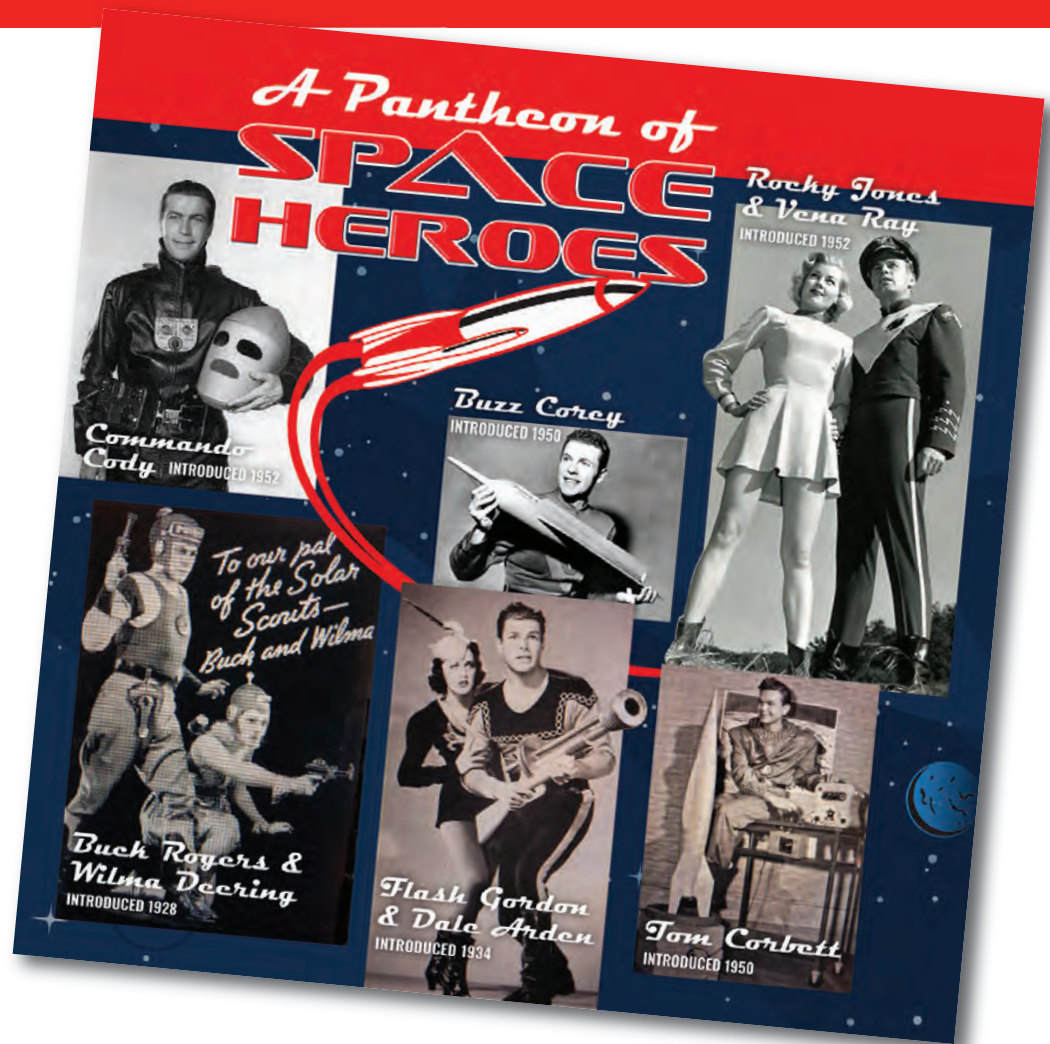
Toys of the Future and Toytopia on view through 2018

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Next year we celebrate the Museum's 80th anniversary and the fact that it is one of America's best local history museums! Our Museum, built through public support by multiple generations, gives us something every community needs but few have. Thank you for your appreciation of our local history and for your support as museum members, volunteers, and funders. I ask that you spread the word with a "family pass" or personal invitation to those who have not visited before. They will enjoy our many exhibits, programs and events, and appreciate the setting of the old City Hall and Heritage Square.

Thanks to you, the Museum continues a tradition of providing a world class experience, advancing the understanding and exploration of the rich historical and cultural heritage of Wichita and Sedgwick County Kansas.

Eric M. Cale
Museum Director



The collector, Wichitan Albert Goldbarth, invites you to a cosmos where the chains of gravity can be broken at a button's tap, and the wonders of other worlds are just a lever's touch away. The map is captioned *Astonishment* and its four directions are *zoom*, *zip*, *zowie*, and *zap*.

It is interesting to remember how, in the years that Beech and Boeing were making Wichita "The Air Capital of the World," other companies around the globe were pioneering air (and interstellar!) travel with these loony, lunar, super atomic, incredibly breath-taking hands-on toys. (Video games, eat your heart out!)

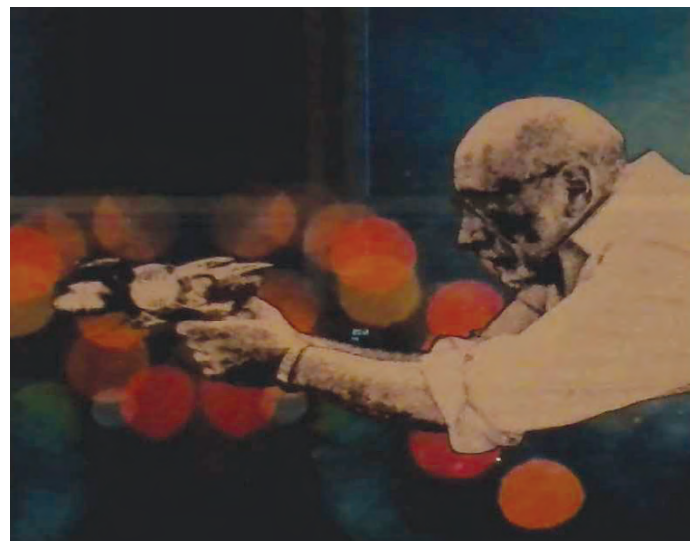


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Wreath Festival

The Annual Holiday Wreath Festival will be held on

**Thursday, November 15th
and Friday, November 16th
from 10:00 am until 2:00**

pm. The Wreath Festival will feature wreathes, holiday gifts of all kinds, delicious baked goods, festive music, and special exhibits. Lunch will be served on both days from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. The cost is \$15, and reservations will be accepted for groups of 6 or more by calling the Museum office at 265-9314. Holiday shoppers won't be disappointed by the selection of unique Christmas accessories, stocking stuffers, ornaments, and other gifts. Book lovers will have dozens of titles to choose from, appealing to every taste. You won't want to miss the Wichita Cottage, adorned to portray a traditional Victorian Christmas. Plan now to bring guests to the Wreath Festival and enjoy the holiday spirit at the Museum.



WHiMS News

The WHiMS announce new officers:

President: Gail Williams

Vice President: Robyn Young

Secretary: Nancy Mendell

Treasurer: Jeanne Urban

Advisor: Deborah Oller

The WHiMS Committee works to provide support to the Museum in ways that reflect its mission and vision while enhancing visitor experience, attracting the public, and providing a dynamic connection to volunteers. We thank WHiMS for their efforts in hosting Kansas Day, Blue Moon Party, Wreath Festival, the Museum's Senior Wednesday Programs, and operation of the Museum's Gift Shop.

Committee Chairs include:

Gift Shop – Nancy Shawver

Shop Scheduling – Help Needed!

Wreath Festival – Wreaths & Décor – Jean Trumpp

Wreath Festival – Reservations – Deborah Oller

Wreath Festival – Wait Staff – Robyn Young

Wreath Festival – Bake Sale – Mary Sloan

Publicity – Janice Van Sickle

Blue Moon Event - Barbie Parsons

Facebook – Susan Osborne

Membership Directory – Deborah Oller

The WHiMS meets monthly and welcomes Museum Members' participation. Visit WHiMS on Facebook – listed as "Wichita Historical Museum Society" or contact WHiMS President Gail Williams at wschm@wichitahistory.org for more information about this dynamic group.

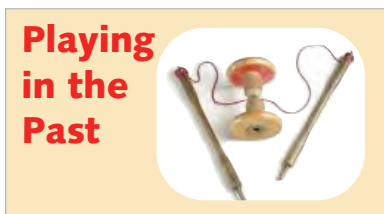
Senior Wednesdays

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 am, and the doors open at 9:30. Refreshments are served. Senior Wednesdays in 2018-2019 at the Historical Museum are sponsored by WHiMS. For more information about the Museum's Senior Wednesday programs, visit www.wichitahistory.org or www.seniorwednesday.org.



WINTER FAMILY PROGRAMS



Sign up today!

Activities abound at the Historical Museum for young people and their families this summer! The Museum's educators have created programs designed to uniquely engage these special visitors in memorable, exhibit-focused activities. All sessions are conducted by experienced, expert teachers.

Space Camp – Thursday, December 20th 1:30 – 3pm – Exclusive tour of *Toys of the Future* exhibit followed by a special space-age make & take project.

Victorian Cottage – Friday, December 21st 1:30 – 3pm – tour followed by a special Christmas card project.

Playing in the Past – Thursday, December 27th 1:30 – 3pm – a tour of the *Child's World* exhibit followed by vintage toy project.

Space Camp – Friday, December 28th 1:30 – 3pm – Exclusive tour of *Toys of the Future* exhibit followed by a special space-age make & take project.

Visit the Museum's website at www.wichitahistory.org or call 316-265-9314 for more complete, upcoming information. The programs are free, but space is limited, so reservations are strongly encouraged. Register by calling the Museum at 316-265-9314 or by email to wschm@wichitahistory.org

THE CARNEGIE CONCERT SERIES AT HERITAGE SQUARE

Presented by The Historical Museum, Fidelity Bank and High Touch Technologies

The Carnegie Concert Series at Heritage Square returns in 2018 bringing live music to downtown Wichita over the lunch hour, every Wednesday through October 3rd.

Presented by the Historical Museum, Fidelity Bank, and High Touch Technologies, 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 is free! Mark your calendars now and join us in the Museum's Heritage Square for the performances. For more information about the Carnegie Concert Series, visit www.wichitacarnegie.com/events

The Historical Museum
presents our Tenth Annual
Essay Contest!

Sponsored by the DeVore Family Fund.

Theme: **Triumph & Tragedy in History**

One winner from each of the following grade levels (6-8 & 9-12) will receive a \$200 prize and a collection of books for their class!

Contest Rules:

- All Sedgwick County students in grades 6-12 in a public, private, or parochial school, or those who are home schooled are eligible.
- The topic must be related to Wichita and/or Sedgwick County history.
- The entire essay must be the student's original work.
- Entries must be 300-600 words in length.
- Any essay with information copied directly from sources without use of quotation marks and cited resource will be disqualified.

Form:

- The essay is to be handwritten in ink, typed, or prepared on a computer word processor, using black type in a non-script font no smaller than 12 point or larger than 14 point.
- Please include a Title Page with the following information: Title of the essay, contestant's full name and age, contestant's complete mailing address, telephone number, and email address (if available), name of contestant's school with grade level indicated.
- Essays must have a Bibliography listing all references utilized. Internet resources, if used, should be cited in similar format, along with the web address used to access the document online.

Contest Parameters:

- Entries may be turned in at the Historical Museum front desk or mailed to the Historical Museum at the following address: 204 S. Main Wichita, Kansas 67202
- Entries must be received by March 31, 2019.
- Essays will be judged on historical accuracy, originality, content, adherence to theme, organization of material, spelling, and grammar.



YOUNG HISTORIANS CLUB!

Each year, hundreds of area students take part in National History Day. The subject of history attracts young people who grow into teachers, writers, archivists, attorneys, museum professionals, and historians. The Museum is actively involved in fostering their interest through the Young Historians Club which meets monthly at the Museum. The club provides young history enthusiasts with a learning laboratory featuring special behind-the-scenes access to the Museum and the study collection of artifacts, as well as resources for special projects of their own design and creation of exhibits in the Davis Gallery. Contact the Museum for more information on this special club.

Plan a tax-free gift from your IRA or a 401(k) in 2018

Make a gift to the Museum that can count towards your Required Minimum Distribution

If you own an IRA or a 401(k), the federal Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) rules take effect at age 70½. When you receive a distribution, it is taxed as ordinary income. This tax can be avoided by using your IRA or 401(k) to make a gift that supports the Historical Museum. This is known as a Charitable Rollover and works like this:

Instead of taking your required distribution (RMD), you can make a qualified distribution (up to \$100,000 per person) from your retirement account directly to the Museum.

This distribution can count towards your Required Minimum Distribution.

Although there is no tax deduction, the amount you send directly to the Museum from your IRA or 401(k) is excluded from your income for federal tax purposes, which means you pay no income tax on this amount.

A Charitable Rollover enables a tax savings to you while leaving a legacy to the Museum.

For more information, call Sally Buch, WSCHM Development Director at 316-265-9314 or email sbuch@wichitahistory.org

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The Museum's Annual Campaign

Over the past three decades, the Museum has sent out its annual appeal to correspond with the end of the year "giving season." As you reflect on your ability to support the organizations and charities you care most about, please know that your gift, whatever the amount, is fully tax deductible and will be used to support the Museum's unique mission to educate the community and its visitors about local history by collecting, preserving and interpreting materials reflecting the heritage of Wichita and Sedgwick County. Look for this letter in the mail soon.

Thank You to Business Members!

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WORLD WAR I CENTENNIAL

World War I, or the Great War, as contemporaries called it, had been brewing in Europe for more than a decade when actual hostilities broke out during the summer of 1914. The United States was determined to “be neutral in fact as well as in name,” but after the sinking of American ships by Germany, President Woodrow Wilson convinced Congress to declare war on April 6, 1917 stating, “The world must be made safe for democracy.”

At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, the Great War ended, though it profoundly shaped the rest of the 20th century. The Historical Museum is joining organizations across the country in commemorating WWI and honoring the heroism and sacrifice of those who served.

• **Saturday, October 6th – 9:00 – 11:00 am** – Wichita’s Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 112 is honoring First Lieutenant Erwin Beckley at a special commemoration event held at the **Wichita Veterans Administration Auditorium, Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center, 5500 E. Kellogg**, honoring this Wichita aviation hero on the centennial of his final flight which saved the Lost Battalion. The Museum is proud to be a sponsor of this event. For more information, call the Wichita VFW Post 112 at (316) 265-3255, email vfwpost112@gmail.com, or visit the event website at www.vfw112.org/Bleckley_Day.php

• **Saturday, November 10th – 2pm** – A lecture, exploring the impact of the First World War on our community and African Americans in particular, presented by Dr. Robert E. Weems, Jr. Dr. Weems is the Willard W. Garvey Distinguished Professor of Business History at Wichita State University. This program recognizes the centennial of the end of WWI with the signing of the Armistice on Nov. 11, 1918. Free and open to the public.

• **Sunday, November 11th – 4:30 - 6pm** – Armistice Day Centennial Reception at the Historical Museum in the DeVore Auditorium. Free and open to the public; musical performances and refreshments. Attendees are invited to view WWI related exhibits that address the Great War from a local perspective. *The Historical Museum reception is part of an Armistice Day Centennial collaboration with the Wichita Art Museum and the Wichita Symphony Orchestra.*

The Wichita Art Museum presents a lunch program related to the special exhibit Over Here, Over There – American Print Makers Go to War. The Wichita Symphony Orchestra performance of Britten’s War Requiem follows the Art Museum program at 3pm.



Torchlight Tour

Final Friday,

October 26th 6-9pm

**Members Only Torchlight Tour,
Saturday, October 27th, 6-9pm**

Just in time for Halloween, join us for a MEMBERS ONLY Torchlight Tour with Heritage Square activities on Saturday, October 27th from 6:00 – 9:00 pm! The Torchlight Tours allow visitors to explore the Museum in a new way - in the dark! Coleman Company flashlights are provided for participants to visit four floors of Wichita history in a different way, including a visit to the Clock Tower! Space is limited for this family-friendly event with Halloween treats provided by the Nifty Nuthouse. Visit Heritage Square, newly renovated and rededicated, and enjoy family activities, weather permitting. The general public is invited to attend our Final Friday Torchlight Tour on October 26th from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Family activities are planned for Heritage Square, weather permitting. See the Museum in a different light during this special event!





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Fundraising Parties in Historic Locations



The Campbell Castle in Riverside

Saturday, September 29th – Cattle baron Col.

Burton Harvey

“Barbecue”

Campbell ordered his residence build on the bank of the Little Arkansas after moving to Wichita from Texas. Completed in 1888, his home

rivaled all others as the only one designed after a Scottish castle. Hosts: Mr. Michael Heaston & Mrs. Alice Smith.

The W.C. Coleman Mansion in College Hill

Saturday, October 20th – W.C. Coleman was the founder of the famous Coleman Company and a central figure of one of the 20th century’s great American success stories. Completed in 1928, the Coleman Mansion, now owned by Kay and Peter Janssen, epitomized the roaring 20’s with a thoroughly modern interpretation of “Italianate” style. Hosts: Kay & Peter Janssen.

Only a select few communities have a Museum of History on par with The Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum. Our Museum welcomes thousands of visitors annually giving them creative exhibits, programs and events experienced nowhere else. It is a place where we celebrate and learn from our collective history, heritage and culture. A special “Thank You” to those who will attend!