



# Heritage

The Wichita-Sedgwick County  
Historical Museum Association

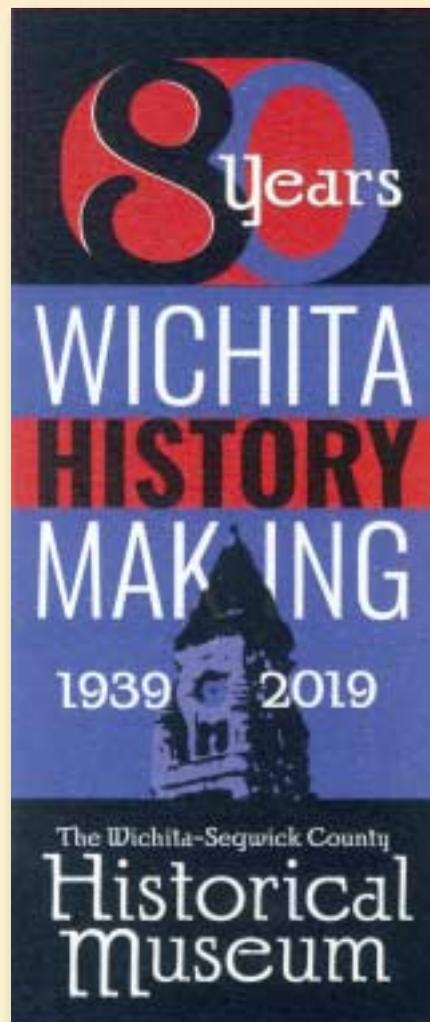
## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Anniversaries prompt reflection and reflection is our business! How is it that

the people of the nation's 50th largest city have created an exquisite museum of local history ranking in the top 5% of all museums? I hope that you will come and see **80 Years of History Making**, and enjoy all we offer from new exhibits to the natural beauty of spring in Heritage Square. You've joined many others who, over the generations, have built on the enthusiasm for our local story. Thank you for your support.

Eric M. Cale  
Museum Director



## Members only exhibit opening

Thursday, April 18, 4-6pm

This year marks the 80th Anniversary of the Museum and celebrates its work to collect, preserve and educate through the interpretation of our local history. Over the years the Museum has featured an encyclopedic range of exhibits telling stories using artifacts – material culture bearing tangible evidence of the past. Accredited by the American Alliance of Museums since 1972, the Museum is one of America's finest museums of local history and a tremendous community asset. **80 Years of History Making** celebrates the sharing of local stories and the collection of artifacts that will inspire and instruct future generations.

### EXHIBIT SPONSORS:

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## A NEW CARILLON

The inaugural concert of the new Wichita Bloomfield Carillon, located away from public view on the Museum's 5th floor, will be held on **Saturday, May 11th at 2:00 PM**. The concert shall be in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of Wichita's decorative Victory Arch over Douglas and the victory parade which took place on May 9, 1919. It will be performed by Lynne Davis, WSU's Robert L. Town Distinguished Professor of Organ and the carillon's Artistic Director.

The new carillon is a present to the City through the Arts Council from the Sam and Rie Bloomfield Foundation and a private donors' group led by Eric Engstrom and Robert Bell, including Paul and Phyllis Buchanan, Michael Easton, Jerry Martin, Bill and Mary Lynn Oliver, and the Ross Foundation, Hal Ross, trustee. The new carillon, replacing the carillon that failed in 2018, continues the Bloomfield Foundation tradition of providing music for Downtown Wichita for over half a century.

## Prairie Print Makers of Wichita

When The Prairie Print Makers organized in 1930 "to further the interest of both artist and laymen in printmaking and collecting" they were following a tradition of print societies established in the nineteenth century to promote fine art and cultivate patronage. From a charter membership of ten, the Prairie Print Makers roster grew to include dozens of artist members, including nine Wichita artists. The Prairie Print Makers produced an annual gift print for its members, including lay collectors, and organized exhibitions across the country. The Prairie Print Makers disbanded in 1965 but their influence continues to resonate with artists and collectors today.



City Hall - Leo Courtney

A new exhibit featuring examples of the nine Wichita artist members of the Prairie Print Makers opens Friday, April 26th at the Museum in the Lois Kay Walls Gallery and will be on view through April of 2020. This exhibit is supported by a generous gift from the Lois Kay Walls Foundation.

# Museum featured in NEH For All

The Historical Museum was recently featured in the National Humanities Alliance Foundation “NEH for All” website, which spotlights over 100 exemplary projects funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Since 2012, the Museum has written grants to bring stellar NEH on the Road exhibitions to our community.

NEH on the Road curates smaller versions of world-class exhibitions, originally funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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These exhibitions then travel the country, reaching people in rural areas and small and mid-sized cities. The Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum has hosted *Our Lives, Our*

*Stories: America’s Greatest Generation; House and Home; Spirited: Prohibition in America;* and, most recently *Jacob Riis*. By hosting NEH on the Road exhibitions, the Museum has reached new audiences, developed popular community programming, and expanded the capacity of our staff.

The National Humanities Alliance Foundation advances the humanities by conducting and supporting research on the humanities and communicating the value of the humanities to a range of audiences including elected officials and the general public. About NEH for All, NHA Executive Director Stephen Kidd remarked that “The grant projects featured on the website are a sampling from across the country and represent the significant investments the NEH is making in our

communities. From big cities to small towns, the National Endowment for the Humanities is successfully bringing culture, history, and economic opportunities to life in the United States,” said Kidd. “The NEH for All website highlights many valuable investments in an easily searchable format that we will continue to build upon, showing the incredible impact access to the humanities has on people of all ages and walks of life.”

For those who use the site, NEH for All is an opportunity to learn about the kinds of humanities work that goes on in their communities and across the United States. Visitors can search projects by state and explore the tangible benefits the grants have on specific impact areas, including preserving cultural heritage; ensuring rural access to high-quality programming; enriching K–12 education; providing lifelong learning opportunities for diverse audiences; facilitating community dialogue; supporting cutting-edge research; fostering local tourism; supporting veterans; promoting civic education; and collecting and curating local histories.

In 2017, the NEH provided over \$107 million in grant investments to nearly 1,000 humanities projects in every state of the nation and U.S. territorial jurisdictions.

NEH for All is an initiative of the National Humanities Alliance Foundation and is supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Visit the website at <http://nehforall.org/>.



# Thank You

Blue Moon fundraising event for the Museum is hosted by the Wichita Historical Museum Society (WHiMS) and underwritten by these generous sponsors:

- Patty Armstrong
- Robert and Martha Bufford
- Sean and Melissa Conley
- Dave and Sue Crockett
- Bruce & Cecilia Gilkeson
- Carolyn and Jim Grier
- Jim and Shari Hand
- Michael Heaston
- Joanne McClelland
- John Roger and Kathy Gann McCoy
- W.A. and Mary Frances Michaelis
- Nancy and Steve Perry
- Colby B. Sandlian
- Alice A. Smith
- Gail Williams
- Liz and Bob Workman



You're invited to come celebrate in high style! Join us Saturday, May 4th, 7-10 pm for an exciting evening of dinner, drinks and music. The event will transform the Museum 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 will entertain with songs of the era as guests enjoy fine food and drink.

This is a very popular event in its 11th year – limited reservations will be accepted, so act soon. For reservations and more information, call 316-265-9314 or email [wschm@wichitahistory.org](mailto:wschm@wichitahistory.org) Admission to the Blue Moon Party is \$100 per person, of which \$50 is a tax deductible donation to the Museum, a 501(c)(3) Not for Profit Organization.

PHOTOS FROM 2018 BLUE MOON - no actual cigarettes were used in these photographs



# HONORING YOUNG HISTORIANS

The Historical Museum celebrates young historians! We partnered with Friends University for a tenth successful year in sponsoring the National History Day competition on February 22nd. 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 “Triumph and Tragedy 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 9th Annual DeVore Essay Contest will be honored during the Young Historian Awards on **May 5th at 2pm**. The event includes a special keynote address by historian and educator Mindy Tallent of Friends University.

## TOYS OF THE FUTURE



### A CATALOG!

The recent special exhibit featuring the celebrated space toy collection of lauded American poet Albert Goldbarth will be commemorated through an exhibit catalog published by the Museum this summer. Featuring photographs by acclaimed artist photographer Larry Schwarm, this catalog will be available at a special release party – stay tuned for details!



# 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

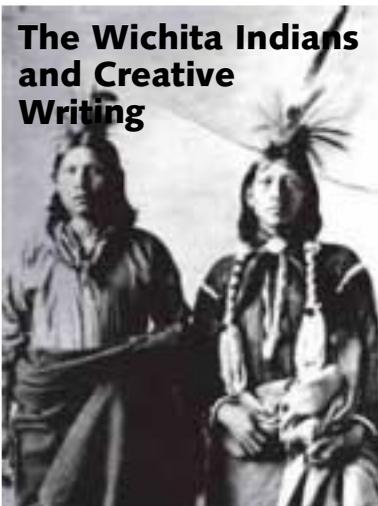
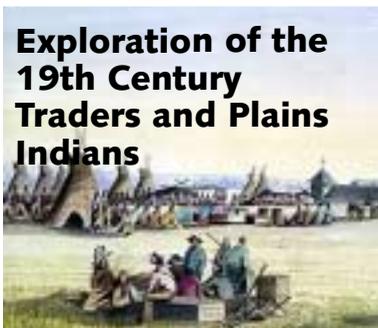
In addition, company principals will receive the biannual Heritage Newsletter, Museum mailings and email notices of upcoming events. All business members will be recognized on the Museum website and in the Heritage Newsletter. Patron members will be given special recognition on the Museum’s first floor. 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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| Aero Plains Brewing                       | Hyatt Regency                     | RE/MAX Premier                              |
| Ambassador Hotel                          | IMA Financial Group               | Goebel Foundation                           |
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| Frame Guild                               | One Source Technology             | Wichita Independent<br>Business Association |
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| Hillside Nursery                          |                                   |   |

For additional information including levels of membership, contact Sally Buch, Development Director, 316-265-9314.

HISTORY PROJECTS  
**SUMMER  
STUDENT  
PROGRAMS**



# An Adventure In Time!

The Museum's Summer Programs are presented by seasoned professional educators and designed to engage and inspire youngsters, 3rd – 12th grade, through our own local history. Classes fill quickly and capacity is limited. Contact the Museum to reserve space.

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## **Song Writing Workshop**

June 11 – 14, 1:00 – 3:00

Students tour exhibits to acquire understanding of local history, learn how songs are created, then create songs that celebrate our community and common heritage.

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## **Penmanship Class**

June 25 – 28, 1:00 – 3:00

Penmanship Class introduces students to the skill of writing in cursive, also known as script or longhand; a flowing manner of writing by hand which provides efficiencies that include speed and critical thinking.

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## **Dolls on the Prairie**

July 9 – 12, 1:00 – 3:00

Students explore historic dolls, games and the timeless place they hold in our lives as well as what they teach us about the past.

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## **Exploration of the 19th Century Traders and Plains Indians**

July 16 – 19, 1:00 – 3:00

Students tour exhibits and engage in activities illuminating the settlers' relationships with the many tribes of local Plains Indians and how it shaped the future.

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## **The Wichita Indians and Creative Writing**

July 23 – 26, 1:00 – 3:00

Students learn writing skills and story construction while also learning about the American Indian tribe from which the city's name was taken - the Wichita. Exploration of this history will provide inspiration for story writing.

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Visit the Museum's website at [www.wichitahistory.org](http://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](mailto:wschm@wichitahistory.org)

*Sign up today!*

## Museum elects Trustees

At the Annual Membership Meeting on March 20th, Museum members unanimously elected the slate submitted by the Nominating Committee of the Board of Trustees.

**New Trustees welcomed:** LaShonda Garnes, TeOndra Phillips, and Elizabeth Workman.

Accepting a second three year term: Patricia Armstrong, Dr. Cheryl Golden, David Hawkins, and Ron Ingle.

**Trustees continuing to serve:** Jim Bothner, Sam Chandler, David Crockett, Orin Friesen, Bruce Gilkeson, Cynthia Hand, Andee Higgins-Hull, Richard Honeyman, Kay Janssen, Donte Martin, Joann McClelland, David Mitchell, Terri Moses, Steve South, Robin Spurrier, Roger Turner, Dave Unruh, and Gail Williams.

**Officers elected at the following Board of Trustees meeting were:** Richard Honeyman, President, David Crockett, 1st Vice President, Joanne McClelland, 2nd Vice President, Cynthia Hand, Treasurer, and Patricia Armstrong, Secretary.

The Board bids farewell to outgoing Trustees Judge Paul Buchanan, Martha Linsner, and Dale Richmond.

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.

## 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.

Maggie Barglowski

Glenda Campbell

Barbara Caudle

Terry Allen Chilcott

Curt & Taeko Clonts

Judy Combs

Janiece & Curtis Dixon

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Charlotte Duloherly

Marc Durfee

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Sue Gleason

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William Mason

Kay Mathias

Mike & Wanda Maxton

Cathy McElroy

Richard & Vicki Miller

Victoria Mohr

Cathy Mong

Suzie Peak

Mindy Powers

Carla Rebenstorf

Rachael Redler

John B Schwartz

Dwight Sharp

Alan & Julie Siegman

Stephanie Skillman

Trudy Smith

Greg & Shelly Stoner

Carol Taylor

Dana Taylor-Perry

Kent R Thomas

Julie Piper & Brent Townsend

Alberto Urbano

Tracey Velazquez-Wallace

Paula & Gary Weber

Patricia D Wilson

Joe & Lee Wurtenberger

## WHiMS announces new officers

The Wichita Historical Museum Society (WHiMS) provide support to the Museum in ways that reflect our mission and vision, enhance visitor experience, and attract the public. The committee provides a dynamic connection to many Museum volunteers. Connect with WHiMS on Facebook under “Wichita Historical Museum Society” to learn more.

President – Alice Smith

Vice President – Deborah Oller

Recording Secretary – Nancy Mendell

Corresponding Secretary – Nancy Delaney

Treasurer – Jeanne Urban

Gift Shop Manager – Nancy Shawver

Gift Shop Scheduler – Gail Williams

Social Media Administrator – Susan Osborn

Volunteer Communications – Sandy Binn

Blue Moon Chair – Barbie Parsons

Public Relations – Janice Van Sickle

## Salute to museum docents!

The word “docent” comes from the Latin verb docere, which means “to teach.” These volunteer tour guides are trained to facilitate learning on field trips by leading discussions with students and providing additional information about exhibits. Our stellar docents foster museum literacy and increase understanding of local history through definitive, evocative interpretation of the Museum’s encyclopedic exhibit and programing spectrum. The Museum is grateful for our current roster of docents:

Barbara Brotton

Twila Brown

Kathryn Compton

Terri Evans

Margaret Floyd

Gary Huffman

Sharon Huggins

Cathy McElroy

Mary Sloan

DJ Spaeth

Merlene Switzer

Kent Thomas

Nancy Tush

Mary Watson

## VOLUNTEERS IN DEMAND!

Volunteering in the Museum gift shop is fun! Volunteers meet interesting visitors from around the world, catch up on their reading, enjoy interaction with Museum staff and docents, and record sales of the shop’s unique merchandise. Most of all, volunteers improve visitor experience while contributing to the Museum’s annual average of 5,000 volunteer hours given the Museum. To learn more, call the Museum at 265-9314 or contact WHiMS through Facebook under: “Wichita Historical Museum Society.”

## MEMORIALS

The following have been honored with gifts to the Museum’s Memorial Fund from April 20th, 2018 – through April 5th, 2019:

Denzil Alcorn

Thelma Borresen

Ian Conner

Harry Dobbin

Dr. James C. Mershon

Warren Wandling, Sr.

Dr. Marc Webb

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY, *Wichita*

**Saturday, July 20th  
1-5 pm**

The Museum is celebrating a special birthday on Saturday, July 20th—the 149th 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. This event is free to those individuals and small groups bringing a Birthday Card!



## 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 2019. A collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and museums across America, the program, established in 2010, 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.

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## WICHITA RIVERFEST

**Admiral's Armada at the  
Historical Museum**

**Sunday, June 2, 1-5 pm**

Enjoy free admission to the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum with your Riverfest button and discover Wichita and Riverfest history!



# 2018 MUSEUM ACQUISITIONS

THE MUSEUM BEGAN ASSEMBLING ITS 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 2018.

Laura Black Auchterlonie – Photograph of Carnahan Golden Wedding celebration, 1908.

Sandra Carter – Collection of Victory Arch photographs, Wichita, 1919.

John Chambers – Steffen's Dairy calendars, 1960s.

Dennis Copp (on behalf of the John T. McKenzie Family) – Photograph of the M.A. McKenzie Wichita Carriage Works interior, circa 1915.

Sue Grant Creegan – Collection of handmade Christmas cards created by citizens of Orleans, France for citizens of Wichita, 1949.

Kathleen Dever – Photographs of Maytag Toy Racer, Cowie Electric Company, Wichita, 1930s.

Lillian C. Dinkins – Mt. Carmel Day School diploma, 1940.

Claudia Jean Dunlap – Collection of photographs of the Wichita Water Company from the estate of Lucile and Robert Hill, 1930s-1940s.

Orin Friesen – Coleman Camp Stove with associated documents, circa 1966.

William Gawthrop – Photographic postcard of the Bowlus Bedding Company, Wichita, 1915.

Nancy Glenn – Photographs and documents related to Wichita artist Fred Wassall and Wichita poet and musician Irma Wassall, 1940s-1950s.

Rebecca A. and Donald E. Gragg – Framed needlepoint of the Sedgwick County Seal, displayed in the office of County Commissioner Donald E. Gragg, 1982.

Michael Heaston – Collection of Charley Jones' Laugh Book magazines, published in Wichita, 1944-1964; Wichita promotional booklets, newsletters, and documents, 1870s-1990s; cyanotype of Wichita writer Bliss Isely; lithographs, etchings, and painting by Wichita artist and Prairie Print Maker Clarence A. Hotvedt, 1920s-1970s.

Ted Heithecker – Millison Office Supply brochure, Wichita, 1904.

Troy Houtman, Director of Parks and Recreation – Baseball home plate from Lawrence-Dumont Stadium, 2018

James R. Hukle – Supertone "chuck wagon" stenciled guitar, 1937; owned by Clifton "Clif" Major.

Dorothy J. Kalfa – Collection of three quilts created by Zentner family, 1920s.

Elizabeth Kay – Photograph of group in front of the Walter Morris home at 1155 North River Boulevard, circa 1921.

James E. Mason – Carte-de-visite photographs of Kate Murdock, 1870s; photograph of politician Alf Landon at the Wichita Forum, 1936.

Babs Mellor and J. Eric Engstrom – Terra cotta bust of prohibitionist Carry A. Nation, sculpted by Babs Mellor, 2018.

Allan Milbradt – Color architectural rendering of Truesdell Junior High School by Lloyd Foltz, 1960; color architectural rendering of Mayberry Intermediate School, 1955.

Mosby Lincoln Foundation – Collection of prints by Kansas artists and Prairie Print Makers Arthur W. Hall, C.A. Seward, and Norma Bassett Hall, 1930s-1940s.

Diana Palenz – Board of Park Commissioners brochure, 1960; Wichita Fire Department brochure, 1956.

Phillis Schumaker – Large collection of Wichita promotional materials and souvenirs, 1870s-1950s, collected by the donor.

Gay Simpson – Man's straw boater hat with Henry's Wichita label, 1930s, and woman's velvet dress, 1930s.

Keith Stevens – Collection of Kansas Coliseum belt buckles, 1970s.

Lynne Tinker – Material related to the opening of Mark Arts, Wichita, 2017.

Marilyn A. Webb – Wichita High School East varsity letter sweater, worn by Marc Webb, 1952; Wichita University letter jacket, worn by Marc Webb, circa 1954; photograph of Marc Webb in a Wichita University baseball uniform, circa 1954.

Wichita Public Library – Collection of USS Wichita sterling silver produced by the Gorham Manufacturing Company and presented to the ship as a gift from the City of Wichita, 1939; bronze plaque, originally mounted on the Carnegie Library, 1913.



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## *Senior Wednesdays*

**AT THE WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM – HOSTED BY WHIMS**

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 in 2015 at the Historical Museum are sponsored by a generous grant from Mickey Armstrong and the Trust Company of Kansas. 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).

**APRIL 24 – The Victory Arch** by Gary Huffman. This program examines the local response to World War I, including the construction of the Victory Arch erected in 1919 to honor Wichita soldiers returning from the Great War.

**MAY 22 – Wicked Wichita** by Joe Stumpe. Local author Joe Stumpe tells the real stories of the city's best-known and least-known criminals and misfits.

**JUNE 26 – The Four Horseman and a Sage** by John Burchill, Kansas Wesleyan University. Fighting the rising tide of nativist sentiment in the early 20th century, a few Kansas leaders took a stand to stop the

forces of intolerance in our state. This program is made possible by Humanities Kansas.

**JULY 24 – Personal Story of Dockum Drugstore Sit-in** by Dr. Galyn Vesey. In July 1958, Black students gathered at Wichita's Dockum Drugstore to stage a peaceful protest against the unequal practice of segregation. It was a catalyst that would shake the nation and change the fabric of Wichita. Hear Dr. Vesey's personal story as an original participant in this landmark event.

**AUGUST 28 – History of Vietnamese in Wichita** by Dr. Anh Tran. Dr. Tran will share her personal immigration story and an overview of how Vietnamese immigrants made Wichita their home.

**SEPTEMBER 25 – Fresh Produce: Kansas' Orchardists, Market Growers, and Truck Farmers** by Cindy Higgins. The history of commercial specialty crops and agriculture experimentation in Kansas are highlighted in this program. Learn about our state's nationally-known heritage apple; the successful grow-secrets of freed slaves, entrepreneurs, and early suburbanites; the state's connection to exotic fruit introduction; and the 1960s counterculture influence on today's market mainstays.

This program is made possible by Humanities Kansas.

