

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Celebrating the Museum's 80th anniversary as it dovetails with the City/County Sesquicentennial provides us with an ideal opportunity to launch a museum membership drive. When the Museum was chartered 80 years ago with endorsements from over 350 enthusiastic supporters, Wichita and Sedgwick County were a mere 70 years old with a population equal to a quarter of what we are today. We are using this historic information to set our goal for new membership support.

It is a tall order in an era where the idea of being a card carrying member of a museum seems a bit anachronistic and when so much else vies for our attention. However, anyone visiting the Museum quickly discovers its inestimable, long-term value, and those invested in the community realize the potential significance of their support as a member of this unique, not-for-profit association.

So we ask everyone for their essential support as members, by acquainting friends with the Museum through an admissions pass and the suggestion they join in support through membership as well. Our Goal . . . doubling our current membership of 700!

Eric Cale
MUSEUM DIRECTOR



Heritage

The Wichita-Sedgwick County
Historical Museum Association

Coffee and Cocktails at the Wichita Art Museum brings together vintage furniture, designer clothes, and elegant decorative arts objects to explore the fashionable worlds of teatime and cocktail hour in the 19th and 20th centuries.

The first part of the exhibition centers on tea and coffee—two hot beverages that went from exotic imports to everyday necessities over the course of the 1800s, inspiring specialized tableware, furniture, and clothing. The second half of the exhibition takes the viewer from day to evening, and features the barware, furniture, and clothing necessary for an elegant night of drinks and conversation.

Coffee and Cocktails draws from the collections of the Wichita Art Museum and the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum to explore this fascinating moment in design history. This exhibition is on view at the Wichita Art Museum through April 26, 2020.

Peacock flapper dress
About 1925

Silk chiffon, sequins, and feathers
Wichita-Sedgwick County
Historical Museum,
Anonymous gift

Clews Staffordshire British for American market
Tea Bowl and Saucer, about 1820–1900
Soft-paste porcelain
Wichita Art Museum
Bequest of George E. Vollmer



Exhibit runs through April 26, 2020 at the Wichita Art Museum

2020

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT YEAR:

- The City – County Sesquicentennial 1870 - 2020

SPECIAL EXHIBITS

- Tot Rods (toy pedal cars from the 20th century)
- Genevieve Frickle artist retrospective – Lois Kay Walls Gallery.

EVENTS

- Kansas Day Celebration
- Senior Wednesdays
- Blue Moon Party
- Young Historians Awards
- Riverfest Admiral's Armada
- Torchlight Tour
- Wreath Festival



BUFFALO & BREWS AT FOUR MILE RANCH

Over 250 guests attended the Buffalo & Brews at Four Mile Ranch fundraiser in September. Hosts David and Rynthia Mitchell welcomed visitors to their western-themed ranch house filled with amazing historical artifacts, antiques, period furniture, interesting objects, and art. Range roving troubadour's serenaded party-goers who enjoyed bison burgers



and locally crafted beer in the twilight of the majestic Flint Hills. The Museum is grateful to David and Rynthia Mitchell for their exceptional generosity and to all the guests who supported this special event.



Wreath Festival

Thursday through Saturday!

The Annual Holiday Wreath Festival will be held on Thursday, November 21st, Friday, November 22nd, and Saturday, November 23rd 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 from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm; **lunch served on Saturday by reservation only!** The cost is \$15, and reservations will be accepted 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: Alice Smith
Vice President: Gail Williams
Recording Secretary: Nancy Mendell
Corresponding Secretary: Nancy Delaney
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 – Gail Williams and Diana Palenz
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
Social Media – Susan Osborne
Volunteer Communications – Sandy Binn

The WHiMS meets monthly and welcomes Museum Members' participation. Visit WHiMS on Facebook – listed as “Wichita Historical Museum Society” or contact WHiMS President Alice Smith 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 2019 at the Historical Museum are sponsored by Mickey Armstrong, The Trust Company of Kansas, and the Wichita Historical Museum Society (WHiMS). For more information about the Museum's Senior Wednesday programs, visit www.wichitahistory.org or www.seniorwednesday.org.



WINTER BREAK PROGRAMS

The Museum's educators have created programs designed to uniquely engage young people and their families in memorable, exhibit-focused activities. Special programs planned for Winter Break include the following:

PLAYING IN THE PAST



Playing in the Past (2 sessions)
Friday, December 20th 1:00 – 2:30
Friday, December 27th 1:00 – 2:30
During this special tour of the Child's World exhibit, we'll play with the toys children played with a hundred years ago. Test your skills with jacks, spin a top, or shoot some marbles. Have fun. Make a craft and savor some ginger snaps!

Victorian Christmas
Saturday, December 21st 1:00 – 2:30
The Historical Museum is filled with holiday wonders. Come delight in the ambience of the season through the eyes of the Victorians. Bring an old friend or meet a new one. We will tour the Victorian Cottage and make a holiday card.



Sign up today!

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

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.



The Historical Museum
presents our Eleventh Annual
Essay Contest!

Sponsored by the DeVore Family Fund.

THEME:

Breaking Barriers 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.



KANSAS DAY CELEBRATION!

Celebrate Kansas Statehood on Sunday, January 26th from 2-3 pm with a musical celebration of 159 years of statehood!

Free and open to the public.

Plan a tax-free gift from your IRA or a 401(k) in 2019

By making a gift to the Museum counting towards your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)

What you need to know about a Charitable Rollover:

If you own an IRA or a 401(k), the federal Required Minimum Distribution Rules (RMD) take effect at age 70 ½. When you receive a distribution, it will be 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.
- The distribution can count towards your Required Minimum Distribution.
- There is no tax deduction, however, 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 216-265-0314 or email sbuch@wichitahistory.org



The United States Navy Ceremonial Band of The Great Lakes Region at The Historical Museum!

PART OF NAVY WEEK IN WICHITA SEPTEMBER 9-15, 2019

An outreach program designed to build and strengthen ties to the community, Wichita Navy Week included patriotic and veterans' events in the greater Wichita area, including a special performance by the United States Navy Ceremonial Band of the Great Lakes Region in Heritage Square at the Museum. After the concert, Senior Navy leadership and sailors from the newly commissioned USS Wichita (LCS 13) enjoyed a special tour of the Historical Museum, including the exhibit featuring the WWII era USS Wichita (CA-45).

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The Importance Of Year-End Giving

The Museum's annual gift appeal is an essential source of funding for the Museum in the coming year. Your gift to the Museum, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization is tax deductible, and will be used to support the Museum's unique mission to educate the community and its visitors about Wichita & Sedgwick County through collecting, preserving and interpreting materials reflecting our history. Please be a part of next year's success with your annual gift. Look for the annual appeal letter in the mail soon.

Heritage Square Concert Series

The Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum hosted a noontime concert in Heritage Square each Wednesday in September. Hundreds of visitors attended these free concerts and enjoyed the music performed by The Home Rangers, The Tom Page Trio, Mariachi Jalisco, and The Blue Moon Brass Band.

The Heritage Square Concert Series was part of the Museum's 80th Anniversary and a celebration of our community's musical heritage. The concerts were sponsored by The Wichita Eagle newspaper, KSN-TV, and Radio Kansas 90.1 FM. The concert series was also sponsored by the Museum's business member supporters:

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Torchlight Tour

Members Only Torchlight Tour,
Thursday, October 24, 6-9 pm

Public, Friday October 25, 6-9 pm

Just in time for Halloween, join us for a MEMBERS ONLY Torchlight Tour with Heritage Square activities on Thursday, October 24 from 6-9 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 Nut House. 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 25th 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!



80th Anniversary Museum Membership Campaign

If you receive The Heritage you most likely support the Museum as an annually renewing, card carrying member of the association. Thank you for being one and responding each year to renewal notices sent to nearly 1000 fellow members. This tax deductible membership support demonstrates the Museum's importance to the community and keeps members "in the loop" regarding exhibits, programs and activities. A growing membership is vital to the Museum's sustainability, so please use the member issued admissions passes to encourage friends to visit, appreciate and join in support as new members.



Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum activities are made possible in part by the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County Board of Commissioners

MUSEUM EXHIBIT CATALOG: **TOYS OF THE FUTURE**



The Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum celebrated the publication of its first exhibit catalog “Toys of the Future” with a book launch party. Museum Director Eric Cale says: “Because of the nature of our mission, it is very rare for a museum of local history to create an exhibit catalog; this is our first in 80 years. The Museum features new exhibits frequently and when they close, they’re gone forever. This catalog ensures these amazing toys will delight enthusiasts for years to come.”

The catalog captures the artifacts featured in the exhibit which closed this past January. The catalog was made possible through the generosity of celebrated photographer Larry Schwarm who worked with the Museum’s graphic designer Greg Sullivan and the exhibition’s lender, poet Albert Goldbarth to create the catalog.

The exceptionally popular exhibit featured Goldbarth’s collection of mid-20th century space themed toys from Buck Rogers to the era of Sputnik, a time before actual space travel became reality. What we know as Science Fiction, when it emerged, likely seemed far-fetched to residents of Sedgwick County Kansas. As the 20th century progressed, new technology flourished in remote areas as well as great metropolises of the United States.

In Wichita, the 1911 Walnut Grove Air Show sparked an enthusiasm for flight that in less than two decades led to the city’s leadership in the futuristic aviation industry and fame as the “Air Capital of the World.” It became apparent that the future lay out of this world, onward and upwards. For children of the area, flight became familiar and these toys accentuated that reality, expanding their vision of the future. This child’s view would be taken further as Wichita became central to the war production of airplanes and then host to Titan II missiles during the subsequent Cold War with the Space Age setting upon us.

The Catalog is available through the Museum Gift Shop.