

PRESS RELEASE – for immediate release

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

**SPECIAL EXHIBITION OPENING: “*Thrift Finds in the Museum Collection*”
Runs Feb. 25 to Oct. 31**

Since 1939, the Historical Museum has been actively collecting and preserving artifacts central to telling our local history’s stories. These artifacts are acquired in a number of ways, including purchases from local thrift shops.

Thrift Finds in the Museum Collection features objects fortunately discovered by Museum staff at local thrift stores. These items, no longer of use to their original owner, can help us to tell the story of our community.

Some of these notable finds include designs by Halston and Victor Costa, a Nehru jacket retailed by Henry’s department store, and a 1950s Shocker Lounge bowling shirt.

Collection artifacts not previously seen are revealed and interpreted in this exhibition.

Produced by the Museum, this exhibition was made possible through funding from Stev Overstreet, Alice Smith, the family of Kenneth E Gerhardt, and Goodwill Industries of Kansas.

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, a National Historic Landmark 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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OUR VISION: To provide a world-class museum experience, advancing the understanding and exploration of the rich historical and cultural heritage of Wichita and Sedgwick County Kansas.

