

The Museum Messenger

Independence Historical Museum & Art Center

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Letter from the President – Ray Rothgeb

As I sit here in the Monte Toon workshop, facing an awkwardly unfinished watercolor painting, I marvel at the talent around me. Many of the participants are from Independence, but some from beyond: Thayer, Fredonia and Kansas City. Some seasoned artists and some beginners but, what impresses me is their engagement in the activity. These folks are enjoying one another, advancing their interest in art and learning techniques from an art professional. What a wonderful way to fulfill our mission of enriching the culture of the community, promoting the arts, and enhancing education to our community and visitors, not to mention the economic benefit to Independence. During the past three days over \$600 was added to local restaurant coffers, \$250 to motels, and an unmeasured amount to local retail. It is clear that the art club is a value added entity for the museum and community. The arts are very much alive in Independence. Looking at the remainder of the museum's calendar for 2016 I think that this is the "Year of Art." The success of your museum is dependent upon activities and engagement. Come, visit, volunteer and be engaged in your Museum and Art Center.

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HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and
Saturday 10 AM to 4 PM
Thursday Noon to 7 PM

WEBSITE

If you are responsible for an event, please be sure to email the updated information to

jean@jeanandnormanart.com.

Jean Barnett

BEST CHOICE LABELS

Save the UPC labels from Best Choice products. For 1000 labels we receive \$60.

WINE AND CANVAS NIGHT

On Friday, March 11, 2016 at 6:30 pm the Independence Historical Museum and Art Center will be hosting "Wine & Canvas" – a night to bring out your inner artist – drink, paint and have fun with friends! You don't need to know how to paint as Artist Kirsten Stotts will walk us through a step-by-step process to develop a "masterpiece." All paints, brushes, canvases, etc. will be provided. You may want to bring an apron. Cost is \$40 per person. Complementary appetizers will be served along with a cash bar including beer and wine. Don't miss out on a fun night at the Museum! Space is limited to 50 participants, so reserve your space now.

ART CLUB

The Art Club will meet the second and fourth Monday for our regular painting together. We start at 9AM. These are fun get togethers and we all learn from each other and help one another.

Cheers... Becky

9TH ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

It's time for the annual photography show. This is our 9th year for the annual event. The dates this year are February 12th through the 27th. Entries will be accepted for the event on February 12th & 13th from 10 AM to 3 PM. The exhibit will open on Tuesday, February 16th.

This year the SEK Regional Photography Associates will be co-hosting the event in conjunction with the IHMAC. The SEK-RPA meets monthly at the Museum, on the second Thursday of the month at 5:30 PM.

If you or a friend would like to enter or receive more information, contact the Museum. We would like to see you there.

SAVE THE DATE!

Spring Tea at the Museum

Spring Tea at the Museum is scheduled for March 6, 2016, 1:00-3:30 PM. Save the date on your calendar. Invitations will be sent soon. Since Easter is early this year, plans are for an Easter Parade! There will be delicious food, special tea from Magnolia Scents by Design, entertainment, and a silent auction. This is always a special afternoon of fun and socializing. Make plans to attend.

If you would like to plan a table for the tea, contact Sylvia at the Museum, 331-3515; Joy Barta, 331-3793; or Ellie Culp, 331-6141.

Luncheon

The next luncheon is scheduled for February 11th at Noon. This is a **THURSDAY!**

The Menu is Baked Potato Bar, Relish Tray, Dessert, and Coffee or Tea.

The program will be Karen Carpenter on the Inge Festival.

Please make your reservations by noon on February 9th.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Please consider helping your Museum with your time. We need someone to help on Friday, and Saturday. It could be all day or half a day; 10 Am to 1 PM or 1 to 4 PM. If you cannot commit to a regular day and time each week but could help occasionally please let Sylvia know. This could provide a list of members to be on call.

Please give this serious consideration as a way you could help your Museum.



RENTAL SITES

Need a special place to rent for a family reunion, birthday party, anniversary celebration or a wedding, check out the Landon Center, the Historical Research Center and the Museum and Art Center. The Landon Center will accommodate 35, the Research Center 20 and the Museum & Art Center 140. Call the office (331-3515) to check availability.

Historical Research Center

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!

Call 620-779-0496 or e-mail hrc@ihmac.org to volunteer.

If you need research done call, e-mail or come by.