



CENTRAL KANSAS FLYWHEELS YESTERYEAR MUSEUM



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*A Living History Museum
Memories of our Heritage*

President's Message

To all our Members and Friends



Seasons Greetings

and

Best Wishes for the New Year

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Mission Statement

For the collection, preservation and display of artifacts that pertain to our heritage and provide enjoyment and education for our members and the general public.

EVENT

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Postponed to
December 2021

Featured Exhibits

Salesman's Display
Chest

Mano & Metate

Volunteer Opportunities

The following is a list of projects that need to be done around the Museum. If you have an interest in working on or wish to fund one of these projects, please contact Monty or Will.

Projects

- Paint Bleachers - any or all
- Repair and paint Chuck Wagon
- Repair back porch of the School House
- Repair and paint picnic tables
- Caulk and paint Church windows
- Wooden posts on front fence need replacing
- Sort and organize exhibits of south balcony in the Agricultural Display Building
- Make new signage for exhibits

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

7 p.m. - Heritage Building

January 7, 2021

March 11, 2021

May 6, 2021

July 8, 2021

September 9, 2021

November 11, 2021 (Election)

2020 Board of Directors

2020 Officers

President - *Monty Hole*

Secretary - *LaVonne Sutton*

Treasurer - *Will Cooper*

Board of Directors

2021 Term Expiration

Jamie Samson

Dave Rettele

2022 Term Expiration

Kenny Fuller

2023 Term Expiration

Adam Hummel

2021 Elections

The annual election of the Officers and Board of Directors was held on November 12th, 2020. The Board and Officers will remain the same for 2021.



Salesman's Display Chest



In the early 1900's a unique occupation was that of a traveling salesman. In order to increase sales, a salesman would travel to rural customers who were not conveniently located near stores. The traveling salesman was a common sight and residents expected visits for promoting their wares.

Our Museum has a Salesman's Display Chest that was used by a traveling salesman in this area. It is a trunk specifically designed to promote doorknobs, door plates and locks. All the materials in the trunk are removable and were convenient for displaying items that the customer wished to inspect more closely. Some of the merchandise is ornate while others are simple in design. All come in a variety of materials such as brass, iron, porcelain and glass.

Albert Schwartz of Salina's Lee Hardware Company donated this unique artifact which is on display in the Heritage Building.

Mano & Metate

Early grain grinding was done by the Native American population with a Mano (mealing stone) and a Metate (mealing slab). Seeds, wild grains and maize were some of the earliest food available in Kansas. The grinding made it more digestible.

The native people in this area used this grinding method. Earthen lodges up to 50 foot square were built from the trees found along the rivers and creeks. A fire hearth would have been located in the center of the structure and used to cook the grain based foods.

We still use this ancient Mano and Metate to grind corn. It is located in the Heritage Building.



From the Office

As we come to the end of the Central Kansas Flywheels 40th year of operation, we have much to be grateful for. Although 2020 was a difficult year for everyone, we continue to be an educational and informative venue for local visitors and groups as well as travelers.

We are not without challenges though. You could make a difference! We are in need of volunteers for various types of activities and functions. Your willingness to devote several hours towards the museum would have a positive impact on the quality of our activities.

Look for 2021 membership renewal information coming up in January. We welcome your continued association with the Museum.

Merry Christmas from the Central Kansas Flywheels! Have a safe and blessed holiday season!

Prairie Breaker Plow Bottom

Different types of soils require different shapes of plow bottoms to accomplish the results desired in plowing. The texture of the soil and the amount of moisture it contains determine whether it should be thoroughly pulverized or merely turned over, to be pulverized later by other implements.



The pulverizing effect of a plow depends upon the shape of its bottom. A bottom with a long, gradual curve in the moldboard turns the furrow slice gently and does very little to disturb its composition. The other extreme is the short, abruptly curved moldboard that twists and shears the soil as it passes over, making a mellow, well pulverized furrow.

The thick root-bound sod of the American prairies was too tough for regular plows. The type of plow bottom used for Kansas soil conditions is shown on the plow in the photo. It is a prairie breaker plow bottom from the late 1800's. It was specifically designed to break through the unplowed prairie soil. This historical plow is located in our Agricultural Display Building.

Information Kiosk

The entryway into the Museum has a new addition! We now have an information kiosk with a map depicting the various areas of the Museum along with building descriptions.

It will be helpful and informative for the people who walk around the grounds after business hours, especially those coming over from the KOA Campground. The descriptions will give information that would otherwise be unavailable at that time.

The composite material of the map will ensure that it lasts for quite a long time.

The kiosk was the Eagle Scout project of Carter Hess and is very much appreciated. Thank you to Carter, his family and all the scouts who participated!



Family Activity Area

Volunteers have been working on developing a family activity area in our Agricultural Display Building. This area will provide hands on activities such as broom making, rope making, corn grinding, and apple pressing.

Look for the area to be ready in early 2021!

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