

Old Independence



2009-2010 Annual Report & Newsletter

4th Annual Fall Family Day To Feature the Indian Inter-Tribal Association of Arkansas

Have you ever wondered how Native Americans kept rain from pouring into the smoke flap of their teepees, or how long it took to flint knap an arrowhead? Find the answers to these questions and more at Old Independence Regional Museum's 4th Annual Fall Family Day featuring the Indian Inter-Tribal Association of Arkansas. The event will take place on Saturday, October 23rd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For the past two years the Inter-Tribal Association has entertained and educated Family Day audiences with Native American Pow-Wow dance demonstrations. This year visitors can look forward to an exciting new program with an emphasis on Native crafts and traditions.

The day begins with visitors being invited to join members of the Inter-Tribal Association as they set up a 15 foot teepee on the Museum lawn. Throughout the day visitors will have an opportunity to interact with tribal members as they demonstrate various activities including flint-knapping, beadwork, storytelling, leatherwork, fire-starting techniques as well as atlatl and bow & arrow demonstrations.

In addition, the Museum staff and volunteers will be demonstrating corn husk doll

making and visitors will have a chance to try their hand at grinding corn and making their own mini pinch pot. Museum volunteer, Beverly Grigsby, will demonstrate the process of making hominy and will speak about the many uses of corn by Native Americans. "We encourage families to come out and spend the day with us having fun and learning about the Native American culture," remarks Amanda Nikkel, the museum's Humanities Educator.

At noon the museum will conduct its annual meeting and the winners of the 2010 Dennis & Twyla Gill Wright Awards will be announced. The awards are presented annually to volunteers who "go above and beyond the call of duty."



Perry Crowder of the Indian Inter-Tribal Association of Arkansas demonstrates storytelling in front of a lodge.

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Special points of interest:

- Visit page two to learn about our effort to "Go Green"
- A new group programming guide is now available find out how to get your copy on page three.
- If you are already on the lookout for Christmas gift ideas make sure you check out pages seven and nine!

A Thrilling Award

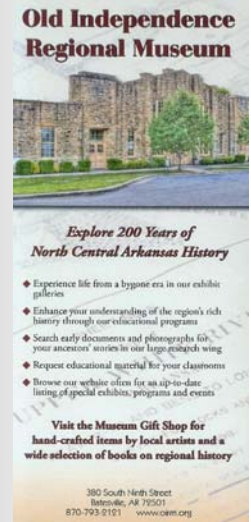
At the Arkansas Museum Association's annual conference this past March, our "Living Off the Land... Season by Season" exhibit won first place in the category of "In-House Exhibit Production." We were told that it was a unanimous decision! We created an award winning exhibit at a fraction of the cost of what we would

have paid an exterior exhibit designer. Plus, we had the fun of doing it!

Many of our visitors have commented on how much they have enjoyed this exhibit. If you have not seen it, please do so right away because it comes down at the end of

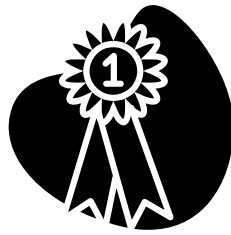
A New Public Face

We are looking forward to a new 4" x 9" brochure card in living color. Linda Matthews took our ideas and designed the brochure for us. Soon you will see our "new face" in businesses around town and statewide through the State Parks system. We'll welcome visitors who haven't found us yet!



Repairs Are On the Way

For the past few years, we have become acutely aware that the museum building's exterior woodwork is deteriorating. Desperate to find a way to correct this problem, the Board members worked with Senator David Wyatt and Representative James McLean. The Arkansas Department of Rural Services awarded the Museum a grant for this capitol improvement. M & A Jones will be starting work on the building as soon as possible.



Winter Night At The Museum

On January 15th, 2010 over 300 people braved the bitter cold to gather in the museum for a fund-raising event in partnership with the Batesville Arts Council. It was a hilariously good time with 18 volunteers in costume and stationed in various exhibit areas, playing their historical parts.

There was a doctor and wife riding in the carriage with driver, a woman canning food while her husband told of his fishing exploits, a woman toiling over a black pot and a man telling about hog killing, men ready to pump gas in our service station, two women talking on the back porch, a family riding to town in a wagon, a hunter and a spinner telling tales, a Shawnee woman making a trade with a white man, a woman writing a letter with a quill pen. And in a special darkened room, two women made hand shadow puppets for all to try.

High above, on the Mezzanine, groups of musicians rotated throughout the evening as they performed instrumental music. People hurried about searching for items that were "out-of-place" in order to enter a contest to win a Wii Gaming System.

Wonderful pieces of art—paintings and sculpture— were displayed, ready to sell by the Arts Council, while one of the council painted children's faces. A popular and fascinating mime, Patty Carreras, traveled from room to room performing her "Charlie Chaplin" impression. There was a beautifully decorated food table, complete with bountiful refreshments. At evening's end several public prize drawings were held, giving away five gifts supplied by local businesses and banks. The entrance tickets netted over \$2,300, and fun was had by all.

Going Green?

How can you help the environment while at the same time help the Museum save on printing and mailing costs? By providing your e-mail address! Starting next year the Museum will begin sending e-mail versions of the newsletter and other publications to those who wish to "Go Green". Contact the Museum to make the switch. (870-793-2121 or april@oirm.org)

Looking Forward to Our New Exhibit

In January, 2011, we will be installing a new exhibit in the Barnes-Simmons Main Gallery and in the First Community Bank Gallery. Its title is *“Looking Back: How Toys, Tools, and Togs Have Changed.”*

In Toys on Parade, you will see mannequin children playing in the dirt and playing “house” with dolls, and one swinging high above you. You will view many antique toys and more toys on wheels. There will be wonderful sections in which children will play “dress up” and use magnetic paper dolls. A kite will fly high above the room and a toy train will wind around on our train platform.

Tools of the Trade will showcase a blacksmith forge and bellows, plus tools that were made about 1900. A beautician will use an electric permanent wave machine, a seamstress section will feature several sewing machines and sewing tools. A “stitching horse” for leather working will be on display, and a school room with an old desk will bring back memories. The Maxfield store will feature a merchant’s tools including a desk, sign, and safe. A wall of “mystery” tools will keep you guessing.

Togs On View features a 1920s couple in their formal attire beside furniture on loan from the McGinnis family. (Togs is an early word for clothes.) Many early dresses, shoes, “underpinnings” and sleepwear will be displayed. An electronic guessing game about men’s hats through the ages, plus a catalog of fashion through the decades will invite visitors to participate in discovery.

Make plans to attend our exhibit opening the first part of February!

Free Field Trip Grant Program

Old Independence Regional Museum was the recipient of a grant, from a private donor, for the 2009-2010 school year. This grant funded field trips for a limited number of classes to visit the museum from our 12-county region: Baxter, Cleburne, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Jackson, Marion, Poinsett, Sharp, Stone, White, and Woodruff. We are pleased to report that the Field Trip Grant program had a very successful first year!

Over 900 students visited the museum because of this program alone, making this year one of the most successful years for school visits. For several schools this was their first visit ever, and many were only able to come because of the grant program. Schools participated in the program from 7 counties, one coming from as far away as Mountain Home in Baxter County.

The donors were so pleased with the success of the program that they have decided not only to fund the grant for another year but to increase their donation. We are so excited to be able to offer this grant to our schools again this year and know that it will encourage our public schools to take advantage of the regional educational opportunities that the museum has to offer.

We have a new Group Programming Guide! The Guide features “hands-on” tours that are available to schools and other groups. The guide offers 16 different programs that can be customized for your group.

Whether they’re experiencing how WWII rationing worked in the game “My Fair Share” or sampling the cheese they made in the “Say Cheese” program visitors are guaranteed to have fun while learning. In many of the programs participants will make a craft that they can take home - like a pressed flower bookmark in “From Oklahoma With Love” or a pinch pot in “Squirreled Away”. Contact the Museum (793-2121) to request your copy.

Gifts and More Gifts and a New System

It is amazing that over the past eleven years our museum gift shop has taken in over \$100,000! Last year alone it took in over \$15,000. That income goes directly into our operations budget, with some set aside for restocking the shelves. The shop is a major money-making arm of the museum in these economically difficult times!

Our gift shop manager, Frances Mathis, has just retired from this position but it has been her good work and foresight that has been responsible for this great success. Claudia Nobles is now taking over the management of the shop as a volunteer, with Brianne Reed as her assistant. Due to the shop’s ever-growing inventory of items and more school groups buying from our shop, we needed a more efficient system of recording purchases and sales.

The answer? A bar-code system. It is costly, but due to the generosity of Anne and Jim Bechdoldt, Mary Ann Marshall, Kate and Sam Cook, and Twyla Wright, we have raised the needed money and will purchase a Inventory Management System featuring Quickbooks Point of Sale software, complete with barcode scanner. By January, we hope to have it up and running!

Curators Column

Ninety-three donors have entrusted their treasures to us so far this year, some numbering one item, others up to the hundreds of items. These gifts allow us to place many of them on exhibit, and to preserve them for the future, or to provide information for genealogical and historical research.

All people who process and care for our collections do so as volunteers. That includes Twyla Gill Wright as Curator, Sharan Pittser as Assistant Curator, and ten others who computerize, digitize, clean and store—photos, documents, objects and library books.

Do you know that we continue to copy, digitize and index obituaries from our region? Thanks to George and Dody Pouliot!

Mary Ann Marshall has single-handedly culled and categorized several thousand photographic negatives from the Estes photographs that had been given by the Moore family a few years ago. She has given over 800 hours to accomplish this.

Scott Blackwell has joined our museum family and gives hours each week digitizing our large collection of taped oral history interviews, assisting Steve Massey (who donates his time as our computer administrator), and will be helping us update our website “in-house.”

Since space will not allow us to list all our donors and their items this year, we have selected only a few to show you the variety of donations.

- Ozark Mountaineer monthly magazine (from 1952 through the

2000s)— **from Raymond Williams, Harold and Billy Joe Tatum, and Craig Ogilvie.**

- Clothing from 1880s and 1910s, certificates, plus an 1850s Parian Ware pitcher, a cup and saucer dating pre-1844, photographs, and toys — **from Frances Williams**

- Photos of the Wolford Country Estates development, quarries, and family — **from William and Alice Wolford**

- Early 78 records, recorded in the 1920s and 1940s, including recording artists Sister Rosetta Tharp and the A.P. Carter family. The first song recorded by the Carter family, “Wildwood Flower,” in 1928 is one of them— **from Freda Edley**

- A large, standing Nestle electric permanent wave machine used in Mrs. Myrtle Edward’s Beauty Parlor in Newark — **from Charles and Kathy Magness**

- Clothing from the 1890s – 1925, worn by Ethel Beard Robertson, Mrs. Lockie Ball Barnett, Catherine Robertson Barnett and Mrs. Louise Barnett Hathcock, and I.N. Barnett — **from Nelson and Sandy Barnett.**

- A Lady Sunbeam hair dryer, 1967— **from Brianne Reed**

- Numerous photographs and records from the Allen Hospital in Batesville, which was owned by the donor’s parents— **from Connie Crymes**

- Batesville High School yearbooks— **from Juanita Felts**

- Six original tape recorded interviews (and slides) of Neal Crow, Almeda Riddle, Jim Collins, Hubert Carpenter, and Joe Johnson— **from Marilyn Brewer**

- Photos of the Kennard family and other African-American families— **from Raymond Kennard**

- Historical documents and scrapbooks— **from B Chapter of the Business and Professional Women’s Club**

- Items relating to the history of railroading in northern Arkansas— **from Frank Brooks, Jr.**

- Personal letters to Sidney Pickens (beloved educator) and family, plus Batesville High School programs and booklets— **from Don Winkle**

WANTED—If you have Batesville High School yearbooks that we need to complete our collection, we will be thrilled to receive them. Ours starts with the 1913 edition. We need: 1930-1938, 1940, 1941, 1948, 1949, 1954, 1956, 1958, 1961-1963, 1971 - 1975, 1987, 1996, 2001, 2006 – 2010.



Williams Cup and Saucer (pre-1844)

School Age and Families Report

2010 brought continued growth to Old Independence Regional Museum's school age and family visitation. We strive each year to expand the programs for all ages from toddlers to senior citizens.

An underserved group in our community is toddlers and preschoolers. Educational activities for this age are hard to find. To help fill this void the museum started a story time program, and we have enjoyed a lot of success. We saw over 100 1-5 year olds through the course of the year. They come to enjoy simple stories, often focused on an area of the museum, a season, or a holiday, and crafts.

In June 2010 the Museum hosted its 3rd Annual Summer Day Camp. This was a week long camp held for two weeks, with 3rd and 4th graders coming the first week, and 5th and 6th graders attending the second week. The theme for 2010's camp was the Great Depression & World War II. Much of the camp focused on "making do", a concept well known to folks living during the Great Depression and World War II. Thank you to Jim Barnett and Ann Rhodes who shared some of their childhood experiences growing up during the Depression with the campers.

Campers had the opportunity to try their hands at homemade musical instruments, make braided rag rugs, and plant victory gardens. They also heard from or about some local residents' experiences during the Great Depression and WWII. During the segment on War Dogs the campers were visited by Independence Co. Sheriff's Department Officer John Carroll and his K-9 partner Nick. This was the favorite event for many of our campers.

We had a really great group of kids this year and several of them were returning campers from the previous two years. As with most of our programs, we asked the campers to fill out a comment card. Some of their comments were:

"I enjoyed coming and hope to come next year!"

"This was so awesome!!"

"I love the crafts."

"It was fun!"

"It was great, hope to see you next year!"

"Thanks. I will miss coming next year."

"Christian loved this week."

"I loved the camp. Thank you for doing it."

Our 4th Annual Summer Day Camp will be in June 2011. The planning has already begun, and the theme will be the Civil War in celebration of the sesquicentennial.

Our Home School Day events have been so successful that we have had to add an additional day in the fall and spring to accommodate our registration. Home School Days are 3 hour, in-depth events with several hands-on and demonstration elements. We serve pre-K through high school during these events. In the spring of 2010 we focused on the Great Depression and WWII and over 100 students participated. This program has begun to draw homeschoolers from other areas of the state. At the last event we had students from Conway, Little Rock, Heber Springs, and Cabot, as well as many from Independence County and Batesville. Some of the comments that we received are as follows:

"We have a lot of fun and it's educational. Our family enjoys it every time we come. Very informative & lots of activities

for all ages. Also very interactive. Thank you for offering this to our children!"

"Very enjoyable. I really enjoyed watching the children ration for their family groups. Very good program."

"Enthusiasm of the directors! The rationing game really conveyed the frustration of the time. This was very unique. Thanks for making a special homeschool day."

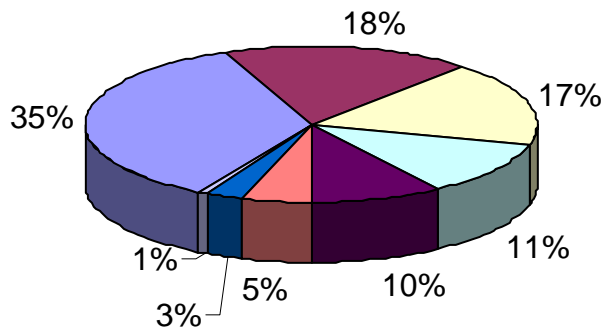
"Do not know of ways to improve. Liked that this covered a subject good for older kids. Enjoyed the projects that help kids understand what they were learning."

"Thank you so much for organizing today's homeschool day. My children really enjoyed it. Isaac spent all afternoon making paper cranes. We appreciate your hard work!"

The Museum hosts three Family Day events each year – Spring, Fall, and Christmas. These events are designed to introduce families to the fun of a museum. There are often several hands-on activities and demonstrations that multigenerational families can participate in, relating to a theme from our region's past or to an exhibit. For three years now we have had the opportunity to host the Indian Intertribal Association of Arkansas for the Fall Family Day. This has proven to be a very successful collaboration, and we have enjoyed visitation surpassing 300 on these days. Another very popular event is the museum's Old Fashioned Family Christmas. During this event visitors experience some of the Christmas traditions and crafts of days gone by.

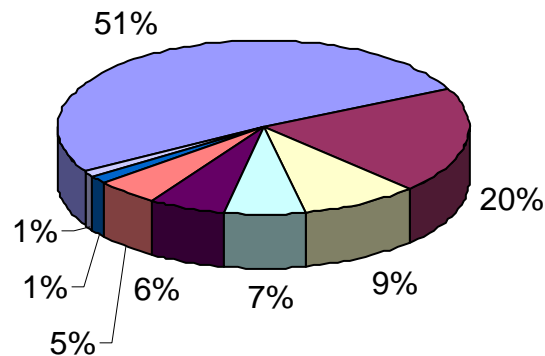
We have also had success with our Scout Days and hands-on workshops for adults. Please join us and experience for yourself some historical fun!

2009 Revenues



- 35% Bequests
- 18% Grant Revenue (Local, State, Federal & Private)
- 17% Membership and Day Sponsors
- 11% Memorials, Honors, Donations & Pledges
- 10% Admissions, Archives, & Gift Shop Revenue
- 5% Interest Income
- 3% Workshop Fees, Special Projects, Rental Fees and Other Income
- 1% Benefits and Fundraising

2009 Expenses



- 51% Salaries, Payroll Taxes, Benefits & Professional Fees
- 20% Utility & Security Fees
- 9% Maintenance & Repair Costs
- 7% Exhibit, Collection, Grant & Special Event Expenses
- 6% Postage, Office Supplies, Travel & Other Miscellaneous Expenses
- 5% Insurance
- 1% Advertising
- 1% Interest Expense

Old Independence Regional Museum Gift Shop

Gift Shop Manager Claudia Nobles

The money the Gift Shop produces helps support the Museum's operating costs. It features products that reflect the Museum's permanent and temporary exhibits. The Gift Shop is proud to offer many pieces that are locally crafted and handmade. An extensive collection of books, historical reproductions, and gift items related to local history and culture are available for all ages. We continually receive new merchandise, so if you have not been in the Gift Shop lately you are in for a nice surprise. Below we have listed some "Gift Shop Favorites" selected by our volunteers and staff.



McBride Stone Quarry Gift Items

Are you an Arkansas Fan? Show your state

pride with Arkansas paperweights. Quarried from McBrides' in Batesville the Museum carries a range of gifts including bookends, desksets and paperweights available in several types of stone to complement any décor. \$8.00-\$75.00



Handcrafted Aprons

Beverly Grigsby

Our selection of handcrafted aprons are created using vintage patterns. The materials used are reproduction 1930s pattern designs. They come in a wide variety of patterns and styles so come in and browse our selection. \$25.00



Bonnets

Children's and adult's bonnets are available in many sizes, colors and patterns.

If you're looking for a bonnet to play dress up or work in the garden, we have the right bonnet for you. \$5.50

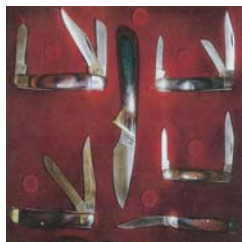
Civil War Caps & Coonskin Caps - are also available for men and boys of all ages! \$5.50 - \$8.00.



Necklaces, Bracelets, Earrings & More...

The gift shop offers a wide range of jewelry in an assortment of styles and prices.

Many of our pieces are crafted with semi-precious stones or vintage beads. Prices vary so please visit our gift shop to view the full selection.



McCoy Knife Co. & Sharpeners

Made in Mt Ida, Arkansas these knives all have high carbon stainless blades with bone,

wood, or antler handles. A number of styles and prices are available including gift box sets. Arkansas whetstones can also be found in the Gift Shop.



Crazy Quilt Pillows

Sylvia Crosby

Handcrafted from a vintage crazy quilt these pillows are a stylish and comfortable match for any home. Featuring hand embroidery work that was part of the original quilt design. A variety of sizes and designs available. \$18.00-\$25.00



Old Fashioned Cloth Dolls

Lonoke Co. Museum

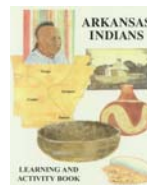
Introducing our new line of handmade cloth dolls just in time for the Christmas season. Available in a wide selection of hair and clothing styles. Small (pictured) \$10.00 Medium \$20.00 Large \$30.00



Teepees

These 8 inch teepees are fashioned to look like the real thing. Made of leather and wood. \$6.50

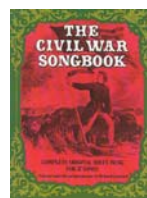
Be sure to check out our full range of Native American items from "The Cherokees Co." including drums and headdresses.



Arkansas Indians

A learning and activity book introducing kids to the history & culture of Indians.

Paperback 32 pgs. \$5.00

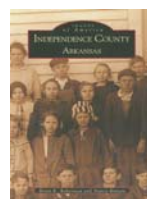


The Civil War Songbook

Richard Crawford

37 popular songs from the Civil War period from both sides of the battle lines and home front.

Paperback 157 pgs \$16.95



Independence County

Nancy Britton & Brian Robertson

Documents in photos the development of Independence County.

Paperback 128 pgs. \$20.00



Medicinal and Other Uses of N.A. Plants

Charlotte Erichsen-Brown

Guide to how Native Americans used plants for medicine, food, and other needs.

Paperback 512 pgs. \$17.95



American Folk Tales & Songs

Richard Chase

Compilation of folk stories and songs with music and guitar accompaniment

Paperback 240 pgs. \$9.95



Arkansas/Arkansaw

How Bear Hunters, Hillbillies & Good Ol' Boys Defined A State

Brooks Blevins

Learn how Arkansas's image began and how popular culture stereotypes have been perpetuated and altered through the generations.

Hardcover 242 pgs. \$ 29.95

Museum Membership

Day Sponsor Members are individuals and businesses that support a day of operating costs at the Museum. For each day sponsored, the member can "name the day". Many choose to honor a birthday, anniversary, friendship or express support of a local business.

Seven or More Days

Doyle & Raye Rogers
Yellowbook

Four or More Days

Batesville Preservation Association
First Community Bank
Judge & Mrs. John Norman Harkey
Jane Jameson
LaCroix Optical Co.

Two or More Days

Arkansas Lime Company
Dave & Cindy Allen
Charles & Betty Barnett
Jim & Jean Crouch
FutureFuel Chemical Company
George Lankford
Polly Livingston
MaryAnn Marshall
Steve & Ellen Massey
Midwest Lime Company
Mrs. Lisenne Rockefeller
Frank & Loretta Shell
Dennis & Twyla Wright

One Day

I.N. Barnett Family
Nelson & Sandy Barnett
Batesville Kiwanis Club
Batesville Rotary Club
Anne Bechdoldt
Steve Bell
Faye Bone

Wayne Boyce
Nancy Britton
Paul & Joni Bube
Sylvia Crosby
Delta Beverage Group /Pepsi-Americas
Econo-Mart Pharmacy
Entergy
Robert & Gayla Griffin
Bill & Sandra Hughes
Ketz Family
Raymond & Diane LaCroix
Liberty Bank of Batesville
Matthew Luoma
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Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Montgomery
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Individual Membership

Judy Babcock
Denise Baker
Batesville Collectors Club
Jo Blatti
Ernestine Boyce
Marilyn Brewer
Robert Doty Broussard
Arvie "Bubba" Burks

Membership Continued...

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John Davis
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Dwight Ford
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Marion "Tony" Thompson
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Senior Memberships

Amanda Ashby
Betsy Benton
Jimmie Jean Pate Bowman
Judy Boyd
Joanna Buchanan
Robert Carius
Connie Crymes
Kenneth Crymes
Janice Eddleman
Lois Ethridge
Janet Galvan
Velma McSpadden Gould
Mary Harmon
Jack Helm
James Hester
Theodora Hightower
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Valerie Holler
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Evelyn Hunt
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Phyllis Terhune
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Are you looking for a fun way to meet people and learn more about our area? Do you have some free time on your hands? VOLUNTEER! We have a variety of volunteer opportunities available. Call 793-2121 or email amanda@oirm.org

Looking for Christmas Gift Ideas?

Consider Museum Gift Certificates, Membership, Honors, & Memorials

As the Christmas season approaches and we all begin our search for that perfect gift for our loved ones, please keep the Museum in mind. The Museum offers several gift ideas for those hard to buy for individuals.

The Museum Gift Shop offers gift certificates that can be purchased at a variety of levels starting at \$10. Gift Certificates come inside a decorative envelope celebrating the holiday season. With a wide selection of books and gift items to chose from certifi-

cate recipients should have no problem finding "that perfect something."

For those interested in history you might select a Museum Gift Membership - available in a variety of levels beginning at \$20. Memberships give individuals free admission and publications about upcoming events and programming.

For those who "have everything" you might consider giving a donation in their Honor. Both the donor and

honoree receive a card acknowledging the contribution. This is an excellent way to support the Museum and its programming.

Memorials are also available and provide an opportunity to honor the legacy of those who have passed away. The donor and honoree's family each receive a card acknowledging the contribution. This is a great way to remember someone special during the holiday season.



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In 2009 our museum began participating in the Presidential Volunteer Service program. We had over 20 volunteers who were awarded pins for their hours of service. Those with 100-249 hours were awarded a bronze pin, 250-499 a silver pin, and those over 500 hours were awarded a gold pin.

The volunteer hours for 2009 totaled 6,232. That is an in-kind monetary gift of \$126,198.

Thank you volunteers!

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