

Events 2009



AWAKENING A PASSION FOR OUR HISTORY

Washington County Historical Association

Currently on Display

Bonnets and Beaus at the Frahm House

The City of Fort Calhoun at the museum

Upcoming events

Participation at Gateway to the West, June 11-14

Picnic at Fontanelle Town Hall, June 20

Summer Classes at the museum all summer long.

Participation at the County Fair August 7-11

Special events at the museum to be announced.

Annual Meeting on August 10

Tractors Tall and Small August 15 at the museum

Schools of the County at the Frahm House opens August 28

Fontanelle Town Hall Open House September 20

Halloween at the Museum, October 31

The Communities of Kennard and Herman opens at the Museum, November 20

Christmas at the Museum and Frahm House every Saturday in December

Stop by and say Hello to Faith and Mark at the museum anytime.

W-CHATs

June 24th with Georgiann Regan from the Omaha Community Playhouse on Hats

August 26th with Lowen Kruse on the history of the Legislature.

Check our web site for details on all these events and more. Volunteer!!

Tractors Tall and Small is August 15, 2009

A model farm scene contest sponsored by the UNL Larsen Tractor Museum will be held in conjunction with the Washington County Historical Association's "Tractors Tall and Small" event on August 15, 2009. The function will be held at the Washington County Museum in Ft. Calhoun, NE. The hours are 9AM to 4PM. The competition, open to all ages, may incorporate model farm machinery and buildings or farm related settings in any scale. Among other awards, winning entries will be displayed at the

UNL Larson Museum Tractor booth at the Nebraska State Fair. From there, the judges' top choice will be shown at the National Farm Toy Museum in Dyersville, Iowa. Jeremy Steele, museum development associate at the Larsen Museum, is coordinating the contest. "Tractors Tall and Small" will also include collections of antique tractors

outside the museum and at the park. We hope to have 20 to 40 tractors built prior to 1960 on display. Toy farm machinery will be on display inside. Collectors interested in displaying their tractors or toys at the event may contact event chair, Judy Rohwer at 426-5879 orrohwer@huntel.net. Several vendors will also be selling collectors items.

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Special points of interest:

- Thanks to all who attended the Meet the Director and to those that hosted. The refreshments rivaled Catering Catering.
- Thanks to all who attended the W-CHAT in April and to John Dennison, John Martelle and Liz Verduyse for an excellent presentation on pottery.
- Check out our web page for all the latest information: www.newwashcohist.org

From the Director

Well, I have started to get my bearings after six months at the museum. It has been an exciting time and now I am told it will only get more exciting with the coming of summer. Each community has its own unique "being." Part of my learning curve has been to try to learn that "being" for all the communities of Washington County. Meeting all of you has been great and I look forward to meeting even more of you at the various events this summer. Stop in the museum and say Hi!

We have some exciting programs going on here. Classes at the museum will include a two week junior curator program that looks to be very exciting. We have a picnic at Fontanelle and a parade in Blair.

We will also have two W-CHATs this summer. In June, Gorgeanne Regan will speak on hats. In August we will have former Senator Lowen Kruse to speak on

the legislature.

In August we have the county fair and our big event at the museum-Tractors Tall and Small. It promises to be a fun event for all. Mark August 15, on your calendar now and bring the entire family. Don't miss it!

On another note, all these events don't just happen. We have some income coming in, but we depend on your membership support. Watch for information on this. You will note there are fees for some of the summer programs this year. It will pay to be a member of the museum.! We are currently developing our fee structure for the museum and the services we offer. As much as we would like to do everything for free, that just cannot happen any more. I do promise we will be a bargain compared to most other museums.

Do not hesitate to talk to me or become involved. We can always use volunteers at the museum.

Finally, we welcome Ryan Herman to the museum as a summer intern from Dana. He thinks he wants to run a museum someday-this will enlighten him.

Washington County Historical Association in conjunction with Dana College will be hosting the 2010 Northeast District History Day Contest next March. Look for details to come in the Fall issue of this newsletter.

Membership Benefits-It Pays To Join WCHA

Soon you will be getting the annual membership drive information. There are a few changes at the museum that you should know about that make it more beneficial to be a member. If you are a member, you and your family will be eligible to participate in all activities at the museum that we offer. The exception this year would be our big event-Tractors Tall and Small this year.

You also have a discount on all items you purchase at the museum and you get the Newsletter. Non-members will be asked to pay for all activities they attend at the museum.

If you should decide to join at a higher level, you will also receive additional benefits. Depending on the level, these benefits include a free reproduction of a picture from our collection, refreshments

at a W-CHAT presentation, guided tours, special children's events, behind the scenes tours and High Tea at the Frahm House for you and your family or friends.

We also plan to increase our programming for all ages. If you have any suggestions, please contact us by phone: 402-468-5740 or by email at info@newwashcohist.org.

Tractors Tall and Small-The Rest of the Story

Entry forms for the farm scene contest, exhibitors, and vendors, may be found on the WCHA web site at <http://www.newwashcohist.org/>

Further information on the farm scene may be obtained through Jeremy Steele at jsteele4@unlnotes.unl.edu or (402) 472-8389.

Another part of the event is the art contest for all youth under the age of 14. They

can draw or paint a picture of a tractor or a farm scene and submit it to the museum before July 15, 2009. The winner of this contest will receive a \$50 US Savings Bond. For more information on this, contact the museum or Judy Rohwer. This promises to be a family event you won't want to miss. Food and refreshments will also be available. And finally, a raffle of various items will be a part of this event. **Don't miss out!!**



Summer At the Museum

June 3 or 5: Primary Source Research – Students in Grades 6-12 will learn how to use Primary Source Materials while doing research. This is in preparation for participation in the National History Day contest. Participation is free to children of WCHA Family members. A fee of \$1.00 per student will be charged for non-members. **Time: 10 am - Noon**

June 3 or 5: Dinosaurs – Students in grades Kindergarten to 4th will learn about the ancient rulers of the world and work on related projects. Participation is free to children of WCHA Family members. A fee of \$1.00 per student will be charged for non-members. **Time: 1-3 pm**

June 17 & 19: Basket Weaving - Children grades 3 to 6 will have the opportunity to learn how to weave baskets. Participation is free to children of WCHA Family members. A fee of \$1.00 per student will be charged for non-members. **Time: 9 -11 am or 1-3 pm**

June 24 or 26: Sidewalk Art –Children ages 3-7 will be allowed to explore their inner Picasso and create wondrous masterpieces. Participation is free to children of WCHA Family members. A fee of 50 cents per student will be charged for non-members. **Time: 9-11 am**

June 24 or 26: Frontier Games - Children ages 3-7 will learn some of the games they might have played in Nebraska over 100 years ago. Participation is free to children of WCHA Family members. A fee of 50 cents per student will be charged for non-members. **Time: 1-3 pm**

July 1-3 and July 8-10: Junior Curator Program - Students grades 6-8 will have the opportunity to learn how a museum works. This program will include a behind the scenes tour of the museum. It will also include some research and aid in the development of an exhibit. A tour of another local museum will be a part of this program. Each youth will have the opportunity to choose an artifact, or place to research. Please fill out the on-line form to apply. This program is limited to a maximum of twelve youth. Parent permission must be given. The fee is \$10.00 for non-members and free to WCHA Family Membership youth. Each participant is asked to bring a sack lunch each day. **Time: 10 am - 3 pm**

July 15 or 17: Indigenous Peoples Arts & Crafts – Youths grade 1-6 will be able to make a number of different crafts and learn about the culture of the first settlers of this land. Arrowhead necklaces, Bear Claw necklaces, a Parfleche and other items will be available to make. The cost is determined by the item or items made and varies from \$1 to \$3 each for non-family member youth. **Time: 9-11 am or 1-3 pm**

July 22: Thomas Edison and His Inventions – Youth grades 4-6 will research Edison and his inventions based on our display on permanent loan from the Edison museum in New Jersey. A fee of \$1.00 per student will be charged for non-WCHA members to participate. **Time: 9-11 am**

July 24: Lewis & Clark in Nebraska - Youth grades 4-6 will research what this land was like when these two men visited over 200 years ago. A walk to the Fort and hands on activities will be involved. A \$1 fee will be required of all non-member participants. **Time: 9-11 am**

July 29 or 31: Primary Source Research – This is a repeat of the earlier class (see above). Students may retake for additional research opportunity. A fee of \$1.00 per student will be charged for non-WCHA Family members to participate. **Time: 10 am- Noon**

Instructors are:

Ryan Herman: Ryan is a senior history major at Dana College working on his summer internship at the museum.

Faith Norwood: Faith is the Museum Curator and has her Masters Degree in Museum Science.

She enjoys working with children and youth and has a wealth of experience to share.

Mark Schulze: Mark is a retired classroom teacher and the current Director of the museum. He has judged research papers and projects on the national level and enjoys learning and teaching about various cultures.

Contact us at WCHA 402-468-5740 or at curator@newwashcohist.org or info@newwashcohist.org or come to the museum: 102 N 14th in Fort Calhoun.

Join Us!

Summer is a time for all of us to relax, find out about those things we have always wondered about and try new adventures. Check out WCHA today!



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Volunteer of the Year 2009

Catherine Genoways of Fort Calhoun for all her help with the Frahm House Christmas and for keeping our payroll records. Thank you for all you have done for this Association and we hope you can continue to help us in the future.

Wishes of W C H A

Volunteers:

For Tractor Exhibit, August 15

To help at the desk to greet visitors and give tours

To work on the Veterans History Project interviews

To scan county records

To scan picture collection of the museum

To research exhibit materials

To keep the gardens at the Frahm House

To join the Guild

To join the Board of Directors

To help with District History Day

To help give tours for students

To serve as living history guides/re-enactors

To help index scrapbooks, transcribe letters and diaries

To help with carpentry, electrical needs of the museum

Offer your skills. . . I am sure we can place you.

Corporate Sponsors:

For Tractor Exhibit

For WCHAT

For Christmas at the Museum

For Fontanelle Picnic

For Exhibits at the Museum

For District History Day

For Halloween at the Museum

For History Related Curriculum Projects for Children and Youth

Items Needed:

Silk flowers for the Frahm House

Drinking glasses for the Frahm House

Large movie screen

Updated communications equipment-not computers

Christmas Decorations

Holiday Decorations-Easter, Thanksgiving, Fourth of July, etc.

Items of historic significance to the county

Weather controlled storage space

Most of all, we want to see your family come to YOUR county museum!