



Come Play,
Learn,
Grow!

Quarter 1, 2016

Notes from the Director's Desk

Whoa! We're already three months into 2016! Last year was a success with updating exhibits and we have even more in store this year. It takes many hands to create a great children's museum, and we couldn't fulfill our mission without our loyal supporters and volunteers. We are truly a product of our community. There is always something new happening, so we invite you to stop by for a visit and see what's new!



Traci Winscot
Executive Director

Museum Hours
 Monday – Closed for Cleaning
 Tuesday – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 Wednesday – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 Thursday – 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
 Friday – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 Saturday – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 Sunday – 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission
 Members – FREE
 Children under 12 months – FREE
 Children (12 months – 12 yrs) – \$7.00
 Adults (13 to 59) – \$6.00
 Senior Citizens – (60+) \$5.00



Membership Rates
 Family-\$90 for one year | \$10 a month
 Grandparents-\$90 for one year | \$10 a month
 Patron-\$125 for one year | \$14 a month
 Daycare-\$102 for one year | \$11 a month
 Day Care Center Plus-\$192 for one year | \$20 a month
 Sharing and Caring Scholarship -\$12 for one year (Income Guidelines apply)
 *Add Plus Two -\$12 more for one year | \$1 a month

Volunteer Spotlight

We'd love to shine a light on this quarter's outstanding volunteers:

Jim and Sue Petersen

Jim and Sue have been working behind the scenes in our Science Zone for the past six years! They were involved with building the spaceship - GX-10 Explorer, maintain a variety of the science exhibits, volunteer during events, and are members of Dobytown Kiwanis.

If you see them, make sure to say thank you!

Thank You



Interested in becoming a volunteer?

Contact Jennifer Beck

Director of Community Engagement

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Virtual Treasure Chest

This year our Treasure Chest offered a whole month full of activities that the whole family could enjoy together. The Ice Block Challenge, Mystery Balloons, Pirates Key, and Family Scavenger Hunt were a huge hit.

We look forward to hosting our annual Treasure Chest event the third weekend in February each year! See you in 2017!

Treasure Chest
Winner:
Caroline Sikes



Scavenger Hunt
Winner:

The Brandt Family



Ice Block Challenge
Winner:
Jonathan Garcia



Exhibit Updates

We are always on the lookout for new activities and educational components to add to our current exhibits. Our main goal is to provide quality experiences that encourages children to learn through the process of play. With a new year comes new changes. We are in the process of looking at each exhibit and seeing how we can make it better.



If you see this sign, you know something BIG is coming!

- ◆ Construction
- ◆ Toddler Trains
- ◆ Agriculture
- ◆ Public Safety: Fire & Police
- ◆ Performing Arts: Theater-Music-Dance
- ◆ Science
- ◆ Founders Nook
- ◆ Party Room



Whew! That is a lot of changes coming our way, but we are excited to see the end result. These changes would not be possible without the generous support of our zone sponsors, zone volunteers, grants and other donations.

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Museum Leadership

Traci Winscot
 Jennifer Beck
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Museum Staff

Makenzie, Laura, Belbeth,
 Nicole, Tyler, Hailey, Anna, Paul

KACM Fun Facts!

- It took Kearney Kiwanis more than 1,000 hours to build our GX-10 Explorer!
- The museum houses four full size vehicles.
- The scenery for Dobytown Junctions model trains was completely build by hand.
- In 2015 the museum reached to having 1000 members.
- A real fossil is located in our Dinosaur dig exhibit. Can you find it?
- Many exhibits in the museum have been with the museum since the beginning in 1989.
- The Kearney Public Library's Book Mobile brings new books for our Reading Area every two weeks.
- Our horse in the Agriculture area was made by a local business, Icon Poly.

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Thank you for helping make a difference!

Engaging Children and Community

Everyday I see children enjoying the comfort of being themselves and embracing their own imagination as they play. What a joy that is!



Each child learns differently, and the museum offers a variety of experiences that help them find their creative niche in a way they learn best. Children are invited to learn at their own pace through free play in our exhibits or engage in guided activities.

We also love our community! Museum outreach consists of taking educational activities to school fairs, fellow non-profit events, fundraisers, and community or state events. You never stop learning, so make it fun!

Jennifer Beck
Director of Community Engagement



April 2016 Programs & Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Friday Fun Activities are New!</p> <p>Join us each Friday and enjoy a creative activity in one of our exhibits. This activity is available all day so you can enjoy at your leisure! There is no extra cost to participate in this activity.</p>	<p>NEW!</p>	<p>Is your membership expiring soon? Renew before it expires and get \$10 OFF and a free month!</p>	<p><i>Don't Forget</i></p>	<p>1 Summer Camp Registration Opens!</p>	<p>2 CLOSED 9AM-12PM FOR UNK BIG EVENT</p>	
3	4 Closed for Cleaning	5 National Read A Road Map Day	6 Morning Mingle 9am - 10am (Members Only)	7	8 Friday Fun Activity My Little Farm Ag Zone	9
10	11 Closed for Cleaning	12 National Grilled Cheese Day	13	14	15 Friday Fun Activity Alphabet Obstacle Course KidsFit Zone	16
17	18 Closed for Cleaning	19 National Garlic Day	20	21 Free Family Fun Night with Safe Kids Platte Valley 4pm - 8pm	22 Friday Fun Activity Animal Check Ups Vet Zone	23
24	25 Closed for Cleaning	26 National Audubon Day	27 Make It & Take It 3:45pm-4:45pm	28	29 Friday Fun Activity Floss Those Teeth Dentist Exhibit	30

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Rain in a Cup

Try it at home!

What you need:

- Clear plastic cup
- Shaving cream
- Blue food coloring
- Water

What you do:

Fill your cup 3/4 full with water. Squirt shaving cream onto water and fill to the top of the cup to create a cloud. Ask your child to guess how many drops of color it will take to make the cloud rain. Slowly drop the food coloring on the top of the shaving cream until you see it start to rain into the water! It's raining!

