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
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!

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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- Traci Winscot
- Jennifer Beck
- Rebecca Zimbelman

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

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!

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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

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Rain in a Cup

Try it at home!

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!

What you need:

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

Try it at home!