



“Digging In” with Director Diana

By Diana Bolander, Museums Director

This spring at your Museums has been a delightful dervish of activity. At the writing of this article, 1,137 students have toured the mine, a new exhibit opened, and we celebrated the re-opening of the Bevans Lead Mine for the 41st tour season with a lead pour and family programs. While I have spent a fair amount of time helping fourth graders purchase rocks and minerals in the Museum Store, the boards and I have also been focusing on some bigger picture projects that are helping us to lay the groundwork for a sustainable museum.

Museum Assessment Program

The Museums are currently undergoing an Organizational Assessment of all our operational areas through the Museums Assessment Program. This program of the American Alliance for Museums and the Institute for Museums and Library Sciences is designed to analyze our planning processes and ensure that operations and resources align with the museums’ mission. We have completed the self-study

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Clockwise from upper left: Friends Board Member Deb Jenny explores rocks and minerals with a young visitor; Museum Curator Stephanie Saager-Bourret demonstrates a melting and pouring lead into pig molds at the May 13th Lead Pour; Cowboy Country Church brought horses to the May 6th Big Badger Fair Family Day; and, Intern Megan Minter and Museum Board President Tracey Roberts work in collections.

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portion of the assessment and are looking forward to a visit from our Peer Reviewer this August. The staff, Museum Board, and Friends Board have all been working very hard to ensure a sustainable and exciting museum for you to enjoy for years to come.

Museums Conference

I attended the American Alliance of Museums Annual Conference this May. The theme this year was *Diversity, Equity, Accessibility + Inclusion in Museums*. Sessions on programming, education, development, and leadership all examined the best practices of the field as they relate to the conference theme and reinforced the importance of being inclusive across departments. I am proud to work for an organization that takes these issues seriously, as demonstrated by projects such as:

- A partnership with a University of Wisconsin-Platteville history class led by Professor Eugene Tesdahl researched African-American miners in for a new exhibit opening this Fall.
- The Museums Board developed a programming template that includes programs each year to honor Black and Women’s History Months.
- Door openers were installed in the Hanmer Robbins building main entrance, back door, and bathrooms, allowing access to the museum exhibit galleries and restrooms for all, regardless of ability level and disabilities.

Earned Income Strategy

One of our 2017 goals is to develop an earned income strategy to increase earned income for operational support. Look for some changes to the Museums store merchandise this summer as we add logo items, local products, and promote our brand.

Focusing on Collections Management

Work continues behind-the-scenes in our collections area, where windows have been covered with insulating foam, and new summer intern Megan Minter, a history major at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, is working hard on inventorying the collection. Just weeks into her internship, she already cataloged over 200 objects!

Annual Fund

We are happy to report that we have raised 40% of our annual fund, which helps us to continue to offer outstanding educational tours and programs. (Check out page 6 where Board Member Herb Reichelt will update you as to why this effort is so important!)

I hope to see you all underground in the Bevans Lead Mine this summer. Please drop by my office and say hi if you have time. I know you will be as excited as I am about all of the work we are doing at YOUR Museums.

Fondly,
Diana Bolander, Museum Director

Recently Completed Grant Projects

Collections Care

\$1,825 for collections management software from the Carmen & Eva Beining Community Endowment, administered through the Platteville Community Fund, a component of the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin.

\$1,000 from the Clarence Gribble Trust administered through the Platteville Community Fund, a component of the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin to cover windows in collections storage areas.

Programming

\$1,663 from Wisconsin Humanities Council to bring Teju the Storyteller to Platteville for school and public performances for Martin Luther King Day.

Accessibility

\$2,500 to install handicap accessible door openers in the Hanmer Robbins building from the Platteville Community Fund’s Robert & Marian Graham Community Fund.

Upcoming Events



Friends and neighbors enjoy the food offerings of the Music Boosters at Heritage Day 2016.

Heritage Day Returns!

July 4, 2017, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Join us for a community picnic on July 4, 2017 and these great activities:

- 19th Century games like hoop rolling, graces, and sack races.
- Demonstrations of mechanical music boxes, gramophones, and a foot-powered jig saw.
- The Wundo Band will delight the audience with rock & rock favorites, country, and original tunes from 12:00 - 4:00 pm
- Music Boosters Food Stand
- Scavenger Hunt
- Displays of antique cars, tractors, and engines.

Sponsorships Available

We are looking for individuals and businesses to sponsor Heritage Day at the following levels:

- \$1,500 Event Sponsor
- \$1,000 Mining Train Sponsor
- \$1,000 Mine Tour Sponsor
- \$600 Music Sponsor - **SOLD!**
- \$500 Arts and Crafts Sponsor

We wanted you, our members, to have the first chance to be a part of this new effort to keep Heritage Day a free event open to our entire community. Event sponsors are recognized at the event in several ways. Contact Diana at (608) 348-3301 for details.



Young Pioneers Camp

Two Sessions:

July 10 – 13, 2017
or July 17 – 20, 2017

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Cost: \$35 (\$30 for members)

Travel into the past and see what life was like in the 1800s. Examine Native American tools, dig for lead, cook over a fire, and play games from the past. Open to students entering 2nd through 5th grade.

Call (608) 348-3301 to register.

Make Music Platteville

Wednesday, June 21, times vary

Join us at the Museums for a performance and harmonica lesson at 3:00 pm with Adam Bartels and Kevin Charles. Look for free performances all over town during this celebration of music and community. Check out www.makemusicday.org/platteville for current listings.

Volunteer Update



Marilyn Gottschalk working the Museum Gift Shop

New Volunteer Coordinator Joins Team

By Dave Ralph, Friends of the Mining & Rollo Jamison Museum Board Member

Marilyn Gottschalk recently added the responsibilities of Volunteer Coordinator to her list of museum-related roles.

She has served several years as an at-large member of the Platteville Museum Board; plus, she agreed to become chair of the Volunteer Committee that was tasked with reorganization of the Museums' volunteer program. In the process of developing new volunteer descriptions she agreed to take on the Volunteer Coordinator roll to make sure new volunteers undergo thorough training to guarantee quality experiences for visitors to the Museums.

A new handbook written by the Volunteer Committee for volunteers clearly sets forth the expectations of volunteers and staff in the roles of store clerks, tour guides, collections assistants, grounds maintenance, and various projects.

Ms. Gottschalk said that the Museums plans to offer volunteers flexible schedule options, opportunities to pursue specific interests, and support to give volunteers confidence with their new roles. She welcomes volunteer newcomers and experienced volunteers to join the team.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are lots of different ways to join our dedicated team of volunteers.

Tour Guides assist with the interpretation of the exhibits and to educate tour groups.

Office Assistants help with tasks like mailings and data entry.

Museum Store Clerks provide essential customer service to visitors by welcoming them to the museums.

Collections Care Assistants care for and catalog the museums' collection.

Events & Programs Assistants ensure that visitors feel welcome during special events.

Building & Grounds Assistants ensure the beauty, historic significance, and safety of our site.

Ready to Volunteer?

Applications are available at the Museums' Gift Shop or contact the Museums at 608.348.3301 or museums@platteville.org.

Save the Date for the
Volunteer Picnic:
Tuesday, July 18th
from 5:00-8:00 pm



We invite all Museum Volunteers, past and present, to a picnic to celebrate all of the hours of service you have given to the Museums over the years. Please RSVP at (608) 348-3301 or museums@platteville.org.

Membership

Welcome Members!

Thank you to everyone who became or renewed their membership between March 1st and June 1, 2017.

Support Levels

Rountree's Circle

The Friendly Place
Kathy Kopp

Annual Memberships

Grandparent & Household

Ben Ballweg
Michael Black
William & Adelia Campbell
Dennis Cavalier
Erik Cleveland State Farm Insurance
Elaine & Dana Harkness
Sara and Calvin Koeller
Tamar Osborne
Caitlin & Joe Rosemeyer
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Terry & Dee Woolf

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Mound City Bank
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Platteville Jaycees
Platteville Main Street Program
Wilma Stanton
Tashner Vision Clinic
University of Wisconsin-Platteville
Chancellor's Office
Waite Family Dental

Student & Senior

Mabel Bass
Duane Borgen
David Jones
Carolyn Prochaska
Dave Ralph
Jeff Schave
Carolyn Scheuerell
Gary Tuescher



Email Newsletter

In order to ensure that you get timely updates on programs and events at the Museums, please sign up for our email newsletter at www.mining.jamison.com

Museum Collections

Collections Spotlight

By Jeff Schave, Friends of the Mining & Rollo Jamison Museum Board Secretary

During the course of any military ground operation there is a need to supply the troops. These supplies are necessary to sustain the efforts and gains made by the ground forces engaged in combat. Food, water, ammunition, and even dry socks are essential to insure continued progress. Pictured here is the identification tag of a World War II Japanese Cargo/ Freight Parachute from our collection.



World War II Japanese Cargo Parachute from the Rollo Jamison Collection

Original parachutes from World War II are very rare. What makes this item so unique is that it is Japanese, not American and that it was designed for dropping supplies and not paratroopers. Most parachutes were simply discarded on the spot because they were designed for one-time use only. The information on the tag tells us that this parachute



was for freight and the thickness of the silk is 30 mil. It gives the serial number as 2325 and the year of manufacture as 1945. Lastly, the bottom line, "Dai Nippon (Empire of Japan) Industrial Company" denotes the origin.

Special thanks to the Wisconsin Veterans Museum in Madison for the translation of the tag.

Our Donors



Children playing outside of the Hanmer Robbins Building in 1935 during the school day and at the Museum's Heritage Day Celebration in 2015.

Annual Fund Update

By Herb Reichelt, Museum Board Member

As many of you know, recently the Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums have embarked on a path toward greater financial independence from the City of Platteville. As part of this effort, the Museums Board created the inaugural annual fund campaign to support the museums' general operations. Our annual fund goal is \$50,000 by December 31, 2017. I am delighted to announce as of the publication of this newsletter, you have helped us raise \$21,986. Because of generous supporters like you, we are well on our way to achieving our annual fund goal for 2017!

One of the areas supported by the annual fund is the Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums' Educational Program. In 2016 – and continuing today, the Educational Program includes group tours. These group tours involve many local and area schools and organizations who benefit from the museums' excellent preservation, education, and outreach efforts to keep the memory of one of Platteville's most historically significant industries alive in the hearts and minds of area residents.

Listed here is a small representation of the over 60 schools and organizations that have benefited from visiting the Museums last year alone. These schools and organizations represent those who have and will benefit from your generosity. Your past and continuing support for the 2017 Annual Fund Campaign is much appreciated. **THANK YOU!**

Schools

Alternative Learning Center – Dubuque
Argyle Elementary
Belleville Elementary
Belmont School
Clintonville Area Home School
East Dubuque Elementary
Fennimore School
Galena Primary, Middle
Mount Horeb Intermediate
Oregon H.S. – German Exchange Students
Platteville Area Home School
Platteville Elementary, Middle, High
Prairie Catholic – Prairie Du Chien
Resurrection School – Dubuque
River Ridge High
Saint Clement – Lancaster
Saint Joseph – Dodgeville
Stockton Elementary
UW-Platteville – History, Social Studies, English

Organizations

Boy Scout Troops 15, 84, and 104
Cub Scout Troop 83
First Baptist Church, Darlington
Red Hatters
Society of Women Engineers
Platteville Senior Center
Southwest Wisconsin Car Club
Tri-State Tourism Family Tour
UW-Platteville – History Club
Vintage Motor Car Club of America – Veterans
Wisconsin Parents of Blind Children

With Gratitude

Thank you to everyone who has made a generous donation to support the Museums so far this year. We are still accepting gifts for this year's annual fund, please fill out the form below and return it with your gift.

This list reflects all gifts received between 12/1/2016 and 6/1/2017.

\$5,000+

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Craig & Mary Trongaard
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Please consider making a donation to support our operations and programming.

- Gifts are tax deductible to the limits of the law.
- Give online: mining.jamison.museum/donate
- EFT Available
- Please consider the Museums in your estate plans.

Please return form and make checks payable to:

The Mining & Rollo Jamison Museums
P.O. Box 780
Platteville, WI 53818

Contact Diana at (608) 348-3301 or museums@platteville.org with questions.

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Your underground adventure awaits.

2017 Mine Tour Schedule

May-October, Wednesdays-Sunday at
10:30 am, 12:00 pm, 1:30 pm, and 3:30 pm



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