

Development Corner

Learning is an imagination's best friend. This school year, it is our goal that each student that experiences one of our exhibitions or educational programs comes away inspired and eager to learn more about our community, our history, and the world around us.

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Thank you to these generous supporters of the museum's exhibitions, education programs and events this year: Are We There Yet? Douglas County Commissioners Dixon Family Foundation AAA Cornhusker Motor Club Foundation Cox Communications Nature Unleashed: Inside Natural Disasters Valmont Industries, Inc. HDR, Inc. Douglas County Commissioners First National Bank Peter Kiewit Sons', Inc. Durham Society Talvent DTM Parker Family Foundation Robert H. Storz Foundation Media Partner: WOWT Channel 6 We Lived It: Nebraska Storm Stories Nebraska Humanities Council Nebraska Cultural Endowment Omaha Public Power District Lasting Light Mary and John Wilson 100 Yards of Glory Dick and Diane Westin Additional Support: Dr. Jack and Kathy Lewis WOWT Channel 6 Dig It! The Secrets of Soil Douglas County Commissioners The Monsanto Fund Northern Natural Gas Cox Communications Steven H. Durham Family Foundation The Scouler Foundation LI-COR Biosciences Additional Support: William Buffett and Susan Kennedy Museum Programming Support The Hawks Foundation Smithsonian Jazz Appreciation Month Mutual of Omaha Fraser Stryker PC LLO Shamrock Development Additional Support: Omaha Musicians' Association Music Performance Trust Fund Summer Educational Programming Amy L. Scott Family Foundation Peter Kiewit Foundation Wells Fargo Summer Internship Program University of Nebraska Foundation Mary and John Wilson Distance Learning Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska Peter Kiewit Foundation 2010 Field Trips Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska Durham Scholars in Residence Quest Foundation Carol Gendler John K. and Lynne D. Boyer Foundation Margre and Charles Durham Foundation II Women of the World Life Insurance Society Peter Kiewit Foundation Lincoln Financial Foundation Additional Support: A. Cydog Charitable Trust Teachers' Night Cox Communications Peter Kiewit Foundation First Nebraska Educators Credit Union Metropolitan Utilities District Christmas at Union Station ConAgra Foods Media Partner: KPTM Fox 42 Ethnic Holiday Trees Pinnacle Bank Ethnic Holiday Festival On Track Guild Winter Camps Debby Durham Family Foundation Bank of the West Interested in learning how you can support an upcoming exhibition or program? Please call Corey Wilson, Director of Development, at (402) 444-5071, ext. 577.

From the Executive Director

Fall is the perfect time of year to roll up your sleeves and get your hands dirty and The Durham Museum is the perfect place to do just that! Dig It! The Secrets of Soil is our latest exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History and the entire family will enjoy this fun and engaging look at the complex world underground. Another fall staple is football. 100 Yards of Glory: Omaha's Football History tackles both the celebrated and untold stories of some of Omaha's football greats. Finally, Crowning Achievements: The Traditions and Philanthropic History of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Coronation Ball pays tribute to the deeply-rooted history of one of Omaha's most impactful organizations. Speaking of traditions, Christmas at Union Station is just around the corner and as you will undoubtedly see in

this newsletter, there is an exciting line-up of events and programs for everyone. New this year is the appearance of Santa's reindeer during our Family Night with Santa events. We hope to see you there!

As always, we thank you, our supporters, members and volunteers for your extraordinary generosity. There are so many things that make up this museum, but you are by far the most important. Thank you for making the difference.

With sincere appreciation, Christi Janssen Executive Director



Current Exhibits

Crowning Achievements Now - Jan. 2, 2011 Though other Ak-Sar-Ben traditions have long since ceased, the annual Coronation Ball has remained a part of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben's tradition. It has symbolized and supported the Omaha community for 114 years. The king is chosen in recognition of his current and past community endeavors. The queen has displayed great academic achievement, a heart for community betterment and a spirit of volunteerism. Today, the coronation ball provides over 50 scholarships to students in financial need through a partnership with the Horatio Alger Association.



Ben collection housed at The Durham Museum, including over twenty dresses worn by Ak-Sar-Ben queens, princesses and countesses. In addition, pieces from the 2010 Ak-Sar-Ben coronation will be on display such as the King's costume and the crown and scepter of the kingdom of Quivira.

100 Yards of Glory Now - Jan. 16, 2011 100 Yards of Glory offers you a rare look at the celebrated and untold stories of Omaha's football past. The exhibit explores the games, the players, the coaches, and the trophies that have defined football excellence in our community for 120 years, spanning the high school, collegiate, and professional ranks. The exhibit highlights artifacts such as Eric Crouch's Heisman Trophy, Wilburn Hall's University of Iowa jersey, and Skip Palrang's playbook, and many more!



Omaha's Gateway: 80 Years of Union Station Now - Jan. 8, 2012 From 1931 until 1971, Union Station linked Omaha and its surrounding communities to the rest of the nation. Today, The Durham Museum blends our region's own unique heritage with unparalleled offerings from our nation's finest institutions. This beautiful exhibition explores the 80 year history of Union Station's emergence from city center to the family destination it is today.



The Depot The Durham is home to Omaha's largest permanent model railroad exhibit and we've made it even better! Visit The Depot and explore an impressive array of rare, historic, and

present-day model trains. Three lines of track run throughout the exhibit and circle the town of Durham Junction. Now you can be part of the fun with our new interactives, you can start the trains, turn the lights on in the town and even move the Roundhouse turn table. See the town's new drive-in movie theater and park band shell. In the country, you will see new cattle operations and farms surrounded by beautiful trees. We invite you to explore Durham Junction and to learn how American cities grew around trains!

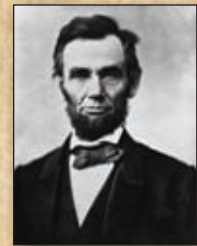


Upcoming Exhibits

With Malice Toward None: The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Exhibition Jan. 15 - March 20, 2011



With Malice Toward None: The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Exhibition commemorates the two-hundredth anniversary of the birth of the nation's revered sixteenth president. More than a chronological account of the life of Abraham Lincoln, the exhibition reveals Lincoln the man, whose thoughts, words, and actions were deeply affected by personal experiences and pivotal historic events.



Created by the Library of Congress, With Malice Toward None draws upon the vast and varied collections of Lincoln materials in the Library including the bible used in Lincoln's Inauguration, numerous letters penned to and from Lincoln, campaign and election ephemera, photographs, political cartoons, and the contents of his pockets the night Lincoln was assassinated.

By placing Lincoln's words in a historical context and presenting bedrock documents in U.S. history, such as the Gettysburg Address and the Emancipation Proclamation, the exhibition provides a deeper understanding of how remarkable Lincoln's decisions were for their time and why his words continue to resonate today.

The Durham Museum is the final stop on the six city tour of With Malice Toward None. The national tour is made possible through the generous support of Union Pacific Corporation.

School House to White House Jan. 15, 2011 - March 27, 2011 Focusing on the early education of American Presidents from Hoover through George W. Bush, the family-friendly School House to White House exhibition engages visitors of every age and interest. Documents and photos drawn from the collections of the National Archives Presidential Libraries reveal fascinating details about children that would grow up to be presidents. Journey back to a time of one room school houses, large public schools, and private tutors. See these future presidents as young sports stars, choir members, and musicians. Watch them mature into serious college and military academy students. Together these experiences demonstrate the variety of educational and extra-curricular experiences that trained and influenced our nation's future leaders.



Membership

Hitchcock Museum Shop Member-Only Specials October: Beginning October 2, come shop the new selection of Dig It: The Secrets of Soil related merchandise in the Hitchcock Museum Shop! Selections include locally grown products, organic and heirloom seeds for 2011, gardening and composting information, and natural potpourri. Or how about tempt someone with a chocolate covered ant? Children will discover how dirt can be fun with ant farms, worm observatories, rock digs, tractors and dirt moving toys! November: The Durham's Holiday Shopping Extravaganza begins November 15! Be the first to shop the one-of-a-kind ornaments and other items that will put you in the holiday spirit! See beautifully decorated

trees adorned with vintage and contemporary glass ornaments, and a special tree decorated with items for your train enthusiast. Unique gift giving ideas for the names on your list include handmade glassware and jewelry from local artisans, plus fun children's toys and books. Members receive a 10% discount on all purchases.

December: Don't forget to mark your calendar for the end of the year Hitchcock Museum Shop Clearance Sale starting December 18 through January 2. Members will receive their 10% discount, plus another 10% off all sale prices!



Metro Pass Program: Experience the Arts of Omaha - The Durham Museum is pleased to be part of the new Metro Arts Pass! The program is a partnership with 11 other Omaha cultural organizations such as Omaha Community Play House, Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, and Film Streams. As a Durham Museum member, you can enjoy discounts and other incentives throughout the year at participating venues. You are eligible for discounts by simply showing your Durham membership card at the venues. Visit www.durhammuseum.org for information about these exciting discounts!

Lectures

Kenneth Little Hawk "Celebrating Native American Heritage" UNO Milo Bail Student Center Tuesday, November 9 5PM Reception; 6:30PM Program



November is Native American History Month and The Durham Museum is honored to host Kenneth Little Hawk as a guest speaker. Little Hawk is a Native American storyteller, keynote speaker, recording artist and actor, descending from the Miamac and Mohawk tribes. During his colorful presentation, he will share Native American culture, traditions, and musical instruments in a lecture, storytelling, and musical demonstration format.

This special presentation will be held at The University of Nebraska-Omaha Milo Bail Student Center. Please call Andrea at (402) 444-5071 or aboschult@durhammuseum.org for ticket information.

Join Us for Sentimental Journey 2010

The Durham Museum will host its annual fundraiser, Sentimental Journey, on Friday, November 19, 2010. The theme of this year's event is Sentimental Journey: Have Yourself a "Mary" Little Christmas, and will pay homage to the holidays and the upcoming display, With Malice Toward None: The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Exhibition coming to the museum in January, 2011. The Honorary Chairs are Christy and Bob Turner.

The event will begin at 6PM with a cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception, followed by a presentation by Omaha humorist Mary Maxwell in the Stanley and Dorothy Truhlsen Lecture Hall. Maxwell will entertain guests with her tongue-in-cheek portrayal of Mary Todd Lincoln and offer insights on several of our country's most notable First Ladies. After the performance, guests will enjoy an elegant dinner in front of The Durham's magnificent Christmas tree in the Suzanne and Walter Scott Great Hall. The evening will

conclude with dancing in the Swanson Gallery. Tables and individual tickets are available by contacting Stacy Stohlmann at The Durham Museum at (402) 444-5071, ext. 512. Proceeds from Sentimental Journey: Have Yourself a "Mary" Little Christmas will benefit exhibition and educational programming at The Durham Museum.



Take a journey into the skin of the earth and explore the amazing world of soil in Dig It! The Secrets of Soil. Completely familiar yet largely unknown, soils help sustain virtually every form of life on Earth. Still, it is said that we know more about the dark side of the moon than we do about the Earth beneath our feet. Created by the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, Dig It! will transport you to the world of fungi, bacteria, worms and countless other organisms. Discover the amazing connections between soils and everyday life and think about this hidden world in a whole new way.

Dig It! was created with the support of the Soil Science Society of America and the Nutrients for Life Foundation, which is underwritten by The Fertilizer Institute. Dig It! is sponsored locally by the Douglas County Commissioners, the Monsanto Fund, Northern Natural Gas, Cox Communications, the Steven H. Durham Family Foundation, The Scouler Foundation, and LI-COR Biosciences. Additional support is provided by William Buffett and Susan Kennedy.

Dig It! Special Events & Programs Antique Tractor Show Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010: 1PM-5PM

Come celebrate our region's deep agricultural roots at The Durham's Antique Tractor Show! See over 30 antique tractors from the Elkhorn Valley Antique Power Association, enjoy the old fashioned tunes of the Plain Label String Band, see the beautiful artistry of the quilts created by the Omaha Quilters' Guild, and take part in docent led tours of the one room school house and log cabin. Visit www.durhammuseum.org or call (402) 444-5071 to learn more about these and the other fun activities you can take part in at the Antique Tractor Show!



Sheila O'Riley, "The Ugly Gardener" Tuesday, Oct. 12, 5PM Reception; 6:30PM Program

The Durham will welcome Sheila O'Riley also known as The Ugly Gardener for a special program. O'Riley considers being called The Ugly Gardener a badge of honor. It's not because of how she looks, but in the way she gardens. Utilizing no-till farming technology as a foundation, she gardens by layering mulches and then planting into the mulch thus preserving the natural integrity of the soil.



*Reservations are required for this special presentation; contact Andrea Boschult for more information at (402) 444-5071 or aboschult@durhammuseum.org.

"Let's Get Dirty" Day Saturday, Oct. 23, 2010: 10AM-3PM

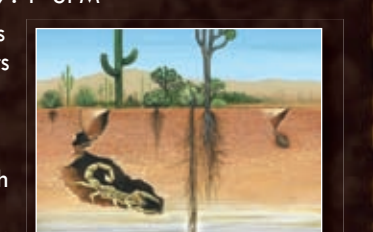
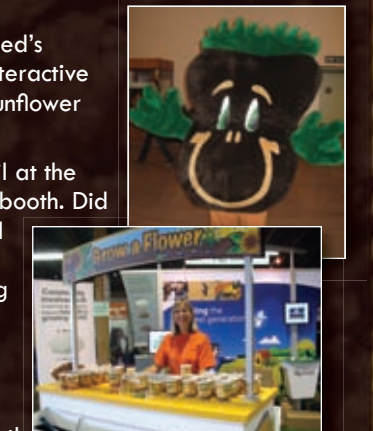
Find out about the many ways people use and move dirt with an event that takes being messy to a whole new level!

- Get up close with super-sized John Deere farming and construction equipment on display from Bennington Equipment and Murphy Tractor Equipment Company. See a variety of machines including a combine, tractor, and backhoe! Stop by the Fantastic Fun River Run exhibit created by the Upper Big Blue Natural Resource District and explore the challenges of maintaining a dynamic water system. Meet Sammy Soil, the National Resources Conservation Service mascot.

- Stop by the Nutrients for Life Seed's Survivor exhibit featuring two interactive computer games on soil and a sunflower seed planting station. Dig deeper into the world of soil at the Soil Science Society of America booth. Did you know that there's a state soil for Nebraska, called Holdrege? You will learn about the amazing world of soils -- including what's special about Holdrege soil. Soil scientists will be on hand to answer questions and help you create your very own soils project! Learn about the many types of organisms who call dirt their home and other fascinating soil facts at the Dig It! demonstration carts. Paint your own masterpiece with mud! Join the education team and use paint brushes and your fingers to create a picture with soil. These and many more hands-on activities are a perfect way for the whole family to get "down and dirty" with soil!

Dig It! Demonstration Carts Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 2 - Nov. 7: 1-3PM See fascinating science experiments given by docents trained by experts from the National Resources Conservation Center. Docents will cover a variety of topics from meeting soil critters up close through use of microscopes to learning how soil is used in everyday products such as toothpaste and make-up. Visit www.durhammuseum.org for more details.

Dig In to Our New Sweepstakes! Register for our Dig It! Sweepstakes and you could win the ultimate tractor package featuring a remote controlled John Deere Tractor compliments of Bennington Equipment! To register and see official rules visit www.durhammuseum.org. Contest runs October 2 - December 20, 2010



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