

Shiloh Museum of Ozark History

2007 Annual Report



Education



Museum volunteer Walter Reed helps a young visitor peel an apple during a Saturday family program.

- Authorization by the Arkansas State Department of Education to offer certified teacher workshops
- Development of a living history program
- Creation of a *Color the Ozarks* coloring book for grades K-2 with a \$2,500 grant from Northwest Arkansas Community Foundation (available at the Shiloh Store)
- Partnership with EAST Lab students (Har-Ber High) to develop digital teacher resources
- A record number of schoolchildren at the annual Sheep to Shawl program (672) and regional History Day competition (407)
- Upgrading of discovery boxes to include teacher lesson plans, artifact guides, and local history resources

Collections

- Upgrading of collections storage with new shelving, providing more space for collections
- Preparation of the interior spaces of the Shiloh Meeting Hall for upcoming restoration work, including packing and moving hundreds of Odd Fellow items and archival materials
- Basic entry of 20,000+ old catalog cards into our photo database
- Initiation of a new negative storage system, making it easier to find and retrieve images
- Generous donations of books to the research library

Exhibits

- *Tech•Knowledge•Gee!*, an interactive, child-centered exhibit on telecommunications
- *20th-Century Quilts*
- *Open Season*, an exhibit on hunting
- Photo exhibits: *Rodeo Days*, *Ozarks at Play*, *Scenes of Boone County*
- *Say Cheese*, an exhibit on studio photographic equipment
- A grant from Northwest Arkansas Community Foundation (\$2,500) to assist with the *Ozark Voices* exhibit opening in June 2008



Learning about telephones (when they were too big to fit in a purse or pocket) in the *Tech•Knowledge•Gee!* exhibit.

Facilities

- A grant from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (\$69,448) for the Shiloh Meeting Hall exterior renovation
- Progress on resolving the museum building's insulation/condensation problem
- Repair of the Searcy House porch
- Two fallen trees by the log cabin (white oak and willow)

Mission Statement

The Shiloh Museum of Ozark History serves the public by providing resources for finding meaning, enjoyment, and inspiration in the exploration of the Arkansas Ozarks. [Adopted by the Shiloh Museum Board of Trustees, 13 July 2006]

Events



John McLarty, vice-president of the Arkansas chapter of the National Trail of Tears Association, addresses a packed house during the “Cherokee Footsteps in Northwest Arkansas” symposium.

- Annual events including Pettigrew Day, Tontitown Polenta Smear, Springdale Teachers’ Breakfast, Ozark Quilt Fair, Old West Film Fest, Feather Fest, Jones Center Fall Family Fest, Holiday Open House, and 11 Shiloh Sandwiched-In programs
- Two well-attended special events: “Cherokee Footsteps in Northwest Arkansas” symposium and “Talking Ozarks” symposium

Personnel

- Hiring of Alma Cruz (education assistant), Don House (photographer), Mark Gwatney (maintenance), and Jacanna Wyatt (weekend assistant)
- Susan Young’s invitation to speak at the Appalachian Studies Association annual conference in Maryville, TN
- Election of Allyn Lord to the Board of Trustees of the American Association of Museums

Board

- Work on growing and upgrading the Museum’s endowment funds
- Development and launch of a new logo
- Sponsorship of the StoryCorps© visit to Northwest Arkansas (and receipt of all interviews and associated materials)



Miscellaneous

- Enlargement/improvement of our podcast program, production and posting of our first vidcast, and an award from the Arkansas Museums Association for our podcast program
- Upgrading of our website, with on-line exhibits, lots of teacher and student downloads, more research information, and podcasts
- A record-breaking May, with the largest number people served in a single month: 3,426



Museum collections assistant and podcast producer Heather Marie Wells receives the Arkansas Museums Association Education Program of the Year award for our podcast program.

Shiloh Museum by the Numbers

In 2007 we had:

\$1,017,766	in the Museum endowment
\$559,980	in the annual operating budget
500,000 to 1 million	images in the photo collections
\$109,190	in grants awarded
\$54,189	worth of volunteer hours
35,000+	objects in the collection
25,757	visitors and people served
16,781	hits on our podcast page
3,619	children using discovery boxes
3,239	podcasts downloaded
2,887	volunteer hours donated
730	active members
672	students at Sheep-to-Shawl
513	researchers using our services
256	public programs offered
84	individual/homeschools served
11	teacher in-services conducted
7	exhibits opened
1	new logo launched

Our Partners in 2007

Accident School alumni
Arkansas Archeological Survey
Arkansas Community Foundation
Arkansas Country Doctor Museum
Arkansas Game & Fish Commission
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
Arkansas Historical Association
Arkansas History Day
Arkansas Living History Association
Arkansas Museums Association
Arts Center of the Ozarks
AT&T
Boger's Petting Zoo
Boston Mountain Chapter,
National Railway Historical Society
Boston Mountain Grotto,
National Speleological Society
Botanical Garden of the Ozarks
Center for Ozark Living Traditions
ASU Folklife Program
Clements & Associates, Architects
Crystal Bridges Museum of
American Art
Experience Works
Fayetteville Free Weekly
First Security Bank
Fishback School alumni
Har-Ber High School EAST Lab
Heritage Trail Partners

Homestyle Assisted Living
Jones Center for Families
KIDCARE
KUAF radio
Life Writers
Marion Chapter, Daughters of the
American Revolution
Mobley Architects
The Morning News
Newton County Library
NWA Civil War Roundtable
NWA Community College
NWACC College at the Crossings
NWA Community Foundation
NWA Education Renewal Zone
NWA Handweavers Guild
NWA Museums Consortium
NWA Quilt Study group
NWA Reading Council
NWA Sacred Harp Singers
Northwest Arkansas Times
OMNI Center for Peace,
Justice, and Ecology
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute,
UA Division of Continuing Education
Ozark Wireless Society
Pettigrew community
Rogers Historical Museum
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Springdale Chamber of Commerce
Springdale City Planning Dept.
Springdale Public Library
Springdale Public Schools
Springdale Street Dept.
StoryCorps©
Tellers of Tales
Tontitown Historical Museum
University of Arkansas Dept. of Animal
Sciences, Dept. of Communication,
and Dept. of Elementary Education
University of Arkansas
Museum Collections
Uptown and PITstop Schools and
The Factory
Washington County Arkansas
Genealogical Society
Washington County Historical Society
Washington County Library System
Washington County Master Gardeners
Wool & Wheel Handspinners Guild

Cover photo: Collections manager Carolyn Reno (right) and collections assistant Heather Marie Wells take inventory in the collections storage area, which was upgraded with new shelving in 2007. Photo by Don House

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