Top Accomplishments

10. *Digging Up Arkansas*, an Arkansas history play written by Mike Thomas and performed by Trike Theatre, engaged 1,350 students over five days.

9. “Viñetas Latinas: Daily Life in Northwest Arkansas,” a program featuring local Latino/a citizens, energized the audience and resulted in a commitment to work together more often.

8. Several museum photographs were featured in Ken Burns’ documentary *Prohibition* on PBS.

7. Kenneth Reed of Fayetteville donated the original stone step from Dr. Carter’s office; it was placed nearby as a bench.

6. The annual Beans & Cornbread fundraiser went big in 2011 as an evening supper, celebration, and silent auction, feeding nearly 200 supporters and raising over $1,300.

5. The library assisted 549 researchers with photographs, challenging history questions, and genealogy concerns, the largest annual number to date.

4. The museum won 2nd place in the statewide Dept. of Parks & Tourism’s “Top 175 Places to Visit,” which honored Arkansas’ 175th anniversary of statehood.

3. Our redesigned website launched in June with added content and a simpler address: www.shilohmuseum.org.

2. The museum was one of just three organizations featured in the new XNA airport wing’s showscases. Our *Welcome Home* exhibit was designed and installed in just 18 days!

1. Former museum board president, Springdale newspaper owner, and one of the most influential women in local history, Maudine Sanders left in her estate a gift of $100,000 for the museum endowment.

By the Numbers

In 2011 we had:

- $1,075,484 in the museum endowment
- $572,100 annual budget
- 500,000+ images in the photo collection
- $103,336 in endowment gifts and memorials
- 67,092 visitors & people served
- $47,908 worth of volunteer hours
- 40,000+ objects in the collections
- 35,539 podcast downloads
- $20,562 in membership dues
- 8,831 children using discovery boxes
- 2,950 volunteer hours donated
- $1,930 in grants awarded
- 764 students who attended “Sheep to Shawl”
- 549 research and photo requests
- 513 active members
- 242 public programs offered
- 32 active volunteers
- 14 board members
- 13 staff members
- 11 new exhibits opened
- 8 new podcasts posted
- 1 donated van

Did You Know?

Our 2011 walk-in visitors were from 43 states and 14 countries: Australia, Bolivia, Canada, Denmark, Ecuador, England, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Scotland, Switzerland, and Trinidad/Tobago.

The Shiloh Museum is a department of the City of Springdale. In 2011 we received 58% of our revenue from the City.

Museum activities and work revolve around a five-year strategic plan, approved by our Board in February 2011.

Shiloh Museum staff members hold offices or volunteer with: American Association of Museums, American Association for State and Local History (AASLH), AASLH Nomenclature committee, Arkansas Chapter of the Trail of Tears Association, Arkansas Humanities Council, Arkansas Living History Association, Arkansas Museums Association, Heritage Trail Partners, Historic Springdale, NWA Civil War Sesquicentennial, Springdale Trails Task Force.
**Event Highlights**

- **Open House:** “Cabin Fever Reliever: Collectors’ Edition 2”
- **Talks:** “The History of Midwifery in Northwest Arkansas” (Shawn House), “Under Cover of Darkness: Buried Treasure, Magic, and Deception in the Ozark Mountains” (Robert Myers)
- **Homecomings:** Pettigrew Day, Tontitown Polenta Smear
- **Workshops:** Cherokee Genealogy (Gene Norris), Rain Barrels (Washington County Cooperative Extension Service)
- **Book signings:** *Growing Up Rich, Though Dirt Poor* (Bruce Vaughan), *In My Mind’s Eye* (Pauline Beckman), *Bentonville* (Monte Harris)
- **Activities:** 34th Ozark Quilt Fair, Artifact Identification Day
- **Reunions:** Fishback School, Accident School

**Collections Highlights**

- We added more than 120 new collections, including:
  - Core samples & topographic maps from the construction of Beaver Lake
  - Johnson post office mail boxes
  - White River Red’s carnival roulette wheels
  - Items from Levi Strauss of Fayetteville
  - 1950s Springdale High School memorabilia
  - Papers of Gerald Tweedy; several extension homemaker clubs; KBRS radio; Araminta Richardson; and Springdale Fuel and Supplies, Inc.

**Facility Highlights**

- Construction of a medicinal plant trail was completed.
- We began work with architect Gary Clements to develop plans for the Shiloh Meeting Hall’s interior renovation.
- Four new Ozark chinquapins were planted.
- The McDonald/Ritter Log Cabin was evaluated in preparation for repairs.
- Emergency lighting was updated; an inspection and battery replacement plan was developed.

**Exhibit Highlights**

- A photo display was created and installed for Springdale Fire Station 6.
- Items from our collections were featured in Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art’s “Community Showcase.”
- Items from our collections were loaned for exhibits to Rogers Historical Museum, Clinton House Museum (Fayetteville), Old State House (Little Rock), National Inventors Hall of Fame and Museum (Alexandria, VA), and National Constitution Center (Philadelphia, PA).
- The last of our DVD-based video kiosks were upgraded to solid-state digital devices.
- An early 1900s buggy donated by Charlotte Steele was installed in our meeting room.

**Education Highlights**

- Living history was incorporated into all education programs.
- Summer 2011 featured “Let’s Play” Family Day, doll and toy making workshops, and a week-long history camp.
- More than 1,028 schoolchildren participated in our “Log Cabin Christmas” program.
- The new Common Core curriculum was researched and begun to be incorporated into programs.
- Five sessions on the Civil War were taught at the Old State House in Little Rock, attracting over 2,500 people.
- Professional development workshops for teachers were conducted on the 1930s, Thanksgiving, and farm life.
- We met 1,500 teachers at Springdale’s Teacher Appreciation Breakfast.
Our Partners in 2011

Accident School alumni and friends
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American Assn. for State & Local History
American Association of Museums
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Arkansas Living History Association
Arkansas Museums Association
Arkansas State Rep. Jon Woods
Assn. of Latino Professionals in Finance & Accounting.
Benton County Historic Preservation Commission
Benton County Historical Society
Benton County School of the Arts
Cherokee National Historical Society
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College of the Ozarks
Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art
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Endeavor Foundation
Engholm “White River Memoirs” project
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Fayetteville AAUW/Delta Kappa Gamma
Fayetteville Business & Professional Women
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First Security Bank
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Ghost Hunters of South Tulsa
Har-Ber High School EAST Lab
Har-Ber High School FFA
Heritage Trail Partners
Historic Springdale
Hobbs State Park
Holcomb family
KUAF radio
Leadership Springdale
Legacy National Bank
LifeWriters
Lyrasis
Magnolia Inn
NWA Airport Authority (XNA)
NWA Civil War Roundtable
NWCAC
NWA Handweavers Guild
NWA Herb Society
NWA Master Naturalists
NWA Newspapers
NWA Sacred Harp Singers
Northwest Technical Institute
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
Ozark Chinquapin Foundation
Ozark Wireless Society
Pea Ridge National Military Park
Pettigrew community
Photo Identification group
Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park
Quilters United in Learning Together
Laura Redford
Rich Mountain Community College
Rogers Historical Museum
Rogers Public Library
Sons of Confederate Veterans
Springdale Chamber of Commerce
Springdale City Planning Department
Springdale Fire Department
Springdale Public Schools
Springdale Public Works Department
Springdale Trails Task Force
Still on the Hill
Tellers of Tales
TheatreSquared
Tontitown Historical Museum
Trike Theatre
Tyson Foods, Inc.
UA Fine Arts Gallery
UA Museum Collections
UA Vice Provost for Diversity
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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, July 13, 2006]

Cover photo: Collections manager Carolyn Reno (left) and education assistant Molly Throgmorton help exhibits manager Curtis Morris reconstruct a nineteenth-century loom for the exhibit, Working Dawn to Dark: Lives of the Homesteaders. Photo by Don House