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# SECOND QUARTER NEWSLETTER



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# UPCOMING EVENTS, CLASSES, & EXHIBITS

A Place to Call Home Exhibit.....	through June 17
Annual Meeting .....	March 30
Fabric Wrapped Rope Baskets .....	April 12
Joy of Painting.....	April 26 & 27
Albin Watercolor Workshop.....	May 15 & 16
Homemade Egg Roll Class.....	June 5
Railroaded: The Industry that Shaped Kansas.....	June 8
STEM Camp.....	June 9 - 11

# ARTIST OF THE MONTH



## APRIL

**JANICE KENNEY**  
Elm Creek, NE  
Home Décor

### MUSEUM BOARD

Carol Bales  
Tiffany Becker  
Debra Berg  
Gene Bugbee  
Mariana Kemper  
Jim McDonald  
Janene Schneider  
Linda Toll  
Betty Baird,  
*Honorary*



## MAY

**ANGIE BERENS**  
Colby, KS  
Bath & Body

### MUSEUM STAFF

Shari Buss  
*Director*  
April Teves  
*Office Assistant*  
Ryann Kats  
*Freelance Designer*  
Dave Schneider  
*Building & Grounds*  
Shannon Kats  
*Weekend Attendant*  
Shirley Mendoza  
*Weekend Attendant*  
Paige Pabst  
*Housekeeping*



## JUNE

**LORIE NICOLAUS**  
Alma, NE  
Embroidery



# TRAVELING EXHIBIT

A SPECIAL EXHIBIT FROM THE SMOKY HILL MUSEUM

## A PLACE TO CALL HOME

Step back in time and experience the challenges and triumphs of Kansas settlers in *A Place to Call Home*, a special exhibit from the Smoky Hill Museum. This immersive display brings to life the resilience, hardships, and determination of those who journeyed to Kansas in search of a new beginning.

From the mid-1850s through the early 1900s, thousands arrived—some by wagon, train, or boat, others with nothing but hope and perseverance. Through powerful diary excerpts, visitors will hear firsthand accounts of the struggles and choices early settlers faced as they braved the unpredictable Kansas frontier.

Engage with history through two interactive experiences:

- **Who Will Prevail—You or the Trail?** Test your pioneer survival skills in this hands-on challenge.
- **The Immigrant in You** Trace your own family's journey to Kansas and connect with the past.

Don't miss this opportunity to explore the inspiring stories of those who risked it all to call Kansas home.



On View Through June 17, 2025





## *Hansen Museum Annual Meeting*

March 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. | Community Room

### Entertainment:

Connie Cox presents

“Who Will Prevail—You or the Trail?”

### Give Away:

All Museum Members present will be entered to win a chain saw carving from Blair Smith

### Exhibition on Display:

A Place to Call Home

*Refreshments served*



## Fabric Wrapped Rope Basket Class

Saturday, April 12 • Community Room • 9–11 a.m.



\$20/  
participant

Join us for a creative sewing class where you'll learn to make a 7"x10" fabric-wrapped rope basket! This hands-on workshop will guide you through wrapping bias strips of fabric around cotton clothesline and stitching them together using a zigzag stitch to create a stylish and functional oval basket. Round basket instructions will also be covered by Monica Sellens!

Some materials provided, others need to be brought (see registration form or call the Museum).

# MUSEUM NEWS

Friends,

No matter who you credit with the phrase “*Go West, young man,*” all can agree it captures the spirit of the 19th-century pioneers who left the Eastern United States to start anew in the West. Our current exhibition, *A Place to Call Home*, beautifully explores the hardships, resilience, and determination of those who journeyed to Kansas in search of a better life. Combining entertainment and education, this exhibit offers something for visitors of all ages. Don't miss your chance to experience this immersive look at Kansas history.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to invite you to our Annual Meeting on March 30th. The afternoon will kick off with a brief review of 2024 highlights, followed by recognition of our dedicated Board Members for their years of service. We'll also share exciting plans for the future of the Hansen Museum. A highlight of this year's meeting will be a special presentation by local historian Connie Cox (from Long Island, KS), titled “*Who Will Prevail—You or the Trail?*” Dressed in period attire, Connie will transport us back in time as she recounts the bravery, fortitude, and struggles of early pioneers facing the unpredictable Kansas frontier. Known for her engaging storytelling, Connie promises an entertaining and enlightening experience for all who attend.

In keeping with the pioneer spirit, we're expanding our continuing education offerings with new classes designed to inspire creativity and skill-building. Coming up in April is *Fabric Wrapped Rope Baskets*, a sewing class taught by Monica Sellens. Monica warns that this activity can be addictively fun! Be sure to check



out page 5 of this newsletter for more details about this exciting opportunity.

We're also blazing a new trail with our Open Call Christmas Quilt Exhibition! From December 5, 2025, through January 25, 2026, we invite quilters of all skill levels to share their festive creations with us. This exhibition will celebrate the artistry and warmth of quilting during the holiday season. Participants will have a chance to win prizes while contributing to an unforgettable Christmas display. See page 11 for submission guidelines and prize details.

Much like the pioneers who forged new paths across Kansas, embarking on new ventures is both exhilarating and challenging. The Hansen Museum takes pride in expanding its programming and growing its reach. While there may be trials along the way, we remain committed to honoring our mission of preserving history and promoting cultural enrichment.

As spring unfolds and we reflect on the resilience of those who came before us, we hope you'll join us in celebrating their legacy through our exhibits, events, and educational programs. Whether you're attending Connie Cox's presentation or participating in one of our creative classes, there's no better time to engage with your museum.

Thank you for your continued support as we strive to honor the past while paving new paths for future generations. Together, we can

ensure that the Hansen Museum

remains a vital cultural hub for Logan and beyond!

I hope to see you at the Museum!

Shari





JOY OF  
**PAINTING**  
*with Hope Blakely*



**SUNDAY**  
Night Ocean

Come paint a painting like Bob Ross with Hope Blakely! All supplies provided; you just bring paper towels! Hope, a Certified Bob Ross Instructor, will guide you step-by-step in completing a painting just like Bob on TV. Beginner friendly—no experience needed to leave class with a beautiful painting.



Out in the Valley

**SATURDAY**

**Date:** Saturday and/or Sunday,  
April 26 & 27 • 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Location:** Hansen Museum  
**\$90/day** with discounts available



**TWO-DAY ALBIN**  
WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

Join accomplished watercolor artist **LAURIE ALBIN** for a two-day immersive painting workshop designed to inspire and refine your artistic skills. On the first day, Laurie will guide participants through the delicate art of painting florals, focusing on techniques to capture the vibrancy and softness of petals, leaves, and natural compositions. The second day will shift to landscapes, where participants will learn to paint sweeping skies,

textured terrains, and dynamic light effects while exploring depth, atmosphere, and color harmony. Through step-by-step instruction and hands-on practice, students will gain confidence in their watercolor techniques and leave with fresh inspiration. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from a skilled instructor in a supportive and creative environment!

MAY 15 & 16

COMMUNITY  
ROOM

9:30 - 3:30  
EACH DAY

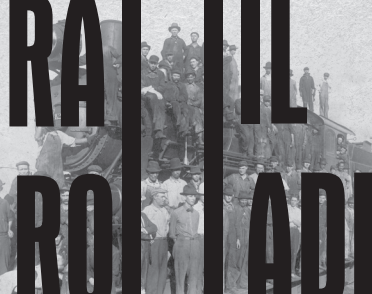
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# HOW TO MAKE EGG ROLLS

Egg rolls—YUM! Learn to make these popular appetizers with Anna Schremmer. Participants will learn how to prepare better-than-takeout egg rolls from scratch using fresh, high-quality ingredients. Anna will guide you through prepping, filling, rolling, and frying.

Thursday, June 5 • 6:30 - 8:30 PM  
Logan City Building • Cost TBD



# RAILROADS

The Industry  
That Shaped  
Kansas

June 8, 2025  
2:00 p.m.  
Community  
Room

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the influence of the railroad industry was vast. Some claim that Kansas was created specifically to accommodate westward expansion of railroads. Railroads brought immigrant settlers, created jobs, and fed beef markets in the East.

They enabled regular mail service and the adoption of standard time. Most Kansas towns were founded because of the railroad, and few survived without it. This progress came at a cost to the Plains Indians who were forcibly displaced by this westward expansion. This presentation examines the complicated legacy of railroads. Presented by Leo Oliva.

An astronaut in a white spacesuit is floating in the dark void of space. The Earth's blue and white horizon is visible at the top of the frame. The astronaut's helmet reflects the Earth. The suit has various patches, including a NASA logo and a number '7'.

# A S T R O N A U T

## EXPERIENCE LIFE BEYOND EARTH!

Prepare for liftoff! The Museum's next exhibit, *Astronaut*, is set to launch on June 30th, bringing an out-of-this-world experience to visitors of all ages. This interactive and hands-on exhibition explores the incredible physical and mental challenges of space exploration, offering a glimpse into what it takes to become—and live as—an astronaut.

From pre-flight training to daily life aboard a space station, *Astronaut* takes visitors through the full journey of space travel. Test your grip strength using gloves that simulate a pressurized spacesuit, experience the force of a rocket launch, try your hand at space station maintenance, and even discover the challenges of eating, sleeping, and showering in microgravity. With a strong emphasis on teamwork and problem-solving, this exhibit highlights the skills needed for a successful mission beyond Earth's atmosphere.

Built by Scitech in Perth, Australia, and produced by Imagine, *Astronaut* is an exciting, immersive adventure designed to spark curiosity and wonder. As Imagine CEO Tom Zaller explains, "For decades, the challenges of space exploration have captured our imaginations. *Astronaut* allows visitors to not only imagine life as a cosmic explorer, but to actually experience the incredible ways humans survive in outer space."

Don't miss your chance to train like an astronaut and discover the realities of space travel!

ON VIEW JUNE 30 – SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

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**OPEN TO 2<sup>ND</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADES**

**SCIENCE** **TECHNOLOGY** **ENGINEERING** **MATHEMATICS**

**HANSEN MUSEUM'S 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**

**camp**

Instructor: Brad Schmolesky

Camp t-shirt included if registered by **MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9-11 • SUPPLIES PROVIDED**

**\$75** per student • discounts available to members

10:30 - 12:00 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Grades • 1:30 - 3:30 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grades

Featuring: Projects, Games, & Basic Coding

## CALL FOR ENTRIES:



The Hansen Museum invites quilters of all skill levels to participate in our **Juried Open Call Christmas Quilt**

**Exhibition**, on view from December 5, 2025, through January 25, 2026. Celebrate the season by showcasing your creativity and craftsmanship in this special holiday display. A **top prize of \$1,000** will be awarded, along with additional cash prizes for selected entries. Don't miss this chance to have your work exhibited and recognized! Submission guidelines and entry details are available

for all interested participants. **For more information, call 785-689-4846.**





# OUR HOURS

M-F 9-12 & 1-4, SAT 9-12 & 1-5, SUN 1-5

