



Hello Historical Society Members,

The History Museum will reopen on Thursday, June 18th, with regular hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. In discussions with our volunteers we have identified several changes needed to open safely. Our volunteers will wear masks and we will require visitors to wear masks. We will have hand sanitizer and Clorox wipes available to keep door handles and other surfaces sanitized. Our water fountain has been covered and will not be available. We are currently trying to purchase a forehead thermometer for use with our volunteers and visitors.

In addition to personal protection items we have also activated additional security alarms which will be turned on whenever the museum is closed. An additional locking mechanism has been added to the basement door, which was opened during the recent burglary. We will continue to monitor needed changes to maintain a safe, secure building for our volunteers, our visitors and our artifacts. We are very appreciative of the many volunteer hours spent by Rick Wasson, John Wisniewski and Fred Grogan who have worked with the security company, the insurance company, the city and the police following the burglary. Their efforts have enabled us to make plans to reopen with better procedures in place for all.



We look forward to implementing the new safety and security procedures for ourselves and our visitors as we transition and reopen the museum on June 18th.

The June membership meeting has been cancelled. The next membership meeting is currently scheduled for August 7th. The scheduled speaker is Linda Goin from Missouri Town. However, if future meeting plans need to change we will communicate it in future emails and Facebook updates.



Around the Museum

While the museum has been closed, work has continued behind the scenes. Newly installed is the vintage Vogue Theater Now Showing sign, just inside the front door of the museum. This sign board will be very helpful in welcoming special guests, announcing events and showing admission fees and other general information for visitors to the History Museum (click the photo above for the full image). John Wisniewski worked with Fossil Forge to get this artifact restored and in place. Also in place is the mural for the Lee's Summit at War exhibit, pictured here. Fred Grogan led the design and installation of this exhibit. He will discuss the new mural in his message to us below.

New World War II Exhibit Installed

The new, permanent World War II exhibit has recently been installed by Fossil Forge in the Lee's Summit at War exhibit area of the Museum. The exhibit focuses on the impact of the war on the Lee's Summit community and the role Lee's Summit citizens played in the war effort. The new exhibit was developed by a subcommittee of the Museum Exhibit Planning Committee chaired by Fred Grogan. Check it out when the Museum re-opens.



Great Work by the Lee's Summit Police Department

Our great thanks go out to the Lee's Summit Police Department for their outstanding work in apprehending the recent Museum break-in suspect and recovering six of seven stolen historic guns. A full investigative team and the ongoing work of Detective Steve Owings worked tirelessly to help us retain an important part of our historical record. Many thanks to all Police Department personnel who assisted with this effort.

The new website is up and already attracting attention to the museum. Remember you can renew your membership on the new website. You can also share it with potential new members to complete and become members of the History Museum.



We were very sad to hear that two of our long time members, Manne Magady and Helen Martin, passed away recently. Our sincere sympathy to the

families and friends of both Manne and Helen. Both special individuals who will be missed by all who knew them.

During this 2020 Covid 19 pandemic, we received a request from a student at Lee's Summit High School for information on Lee's Summit in 1920. The article at the link below was prepared and sent to the student for reference in his Hi-Life (school magazine) article. We thought our members might find it interesting as well.

[100 Years Ago...Lee's Summit in 1920](#)

Hope you are safe and healthy. We look forward to seeing you at the museum soon.

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