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Admission

Adults \$11 Seniors (62+) \$8 Children (3-12) \$7 Members and children 2 & under are FREE

Hours

Sunday 1-5PM Monday 10AM-5PM (June 5-August 28) Tuesday 10AM-8PM Wednesday – Saturday 10AM-5PM Closed Major Holidays

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Have you checked out the new and improved website? In April the museum launched an updated website that places Union Station and Art Deco architecture center stage! The redesign focuses on user experience while preserving the cultural heritage of the museum. Key features include:

- \cdot A clean look and feel \cdot Simplified navigation \cdot A responsive design
- · An interactive historic timeline · Dynamic photography and video
- An improved calendar that can be searched by category and keyword, with the ability to register for many activities online.



Letter from the EXECUTIVE director

Let's celebrate!

As you know, The Durham Museum's mission is rooted in preserving Omaha's rich history. It's a job we don't take lightly and one that we are tremendously proud to do. On April 7, we had an opportunity to celebrate one of our community's most treasured accomplishments: the design, construction and preservation of Omaha's Union Station. The Durham team was joined by a number of volunteers, supporters, business leaders and government officials to unveil the plaque recognizing Nebraska's newest National Historic Landmark. It reads:

"Designed by Gilbert Stanley Underwood for the Union Pacific Railroad, Omaha's Union Station is an exceptional and highly complete example of art deco architecture. It is one of a very few art deco designs that references ancient Egyptian temple construction. Built between 1929-1930, the station brings together the mutual values of the railroad industry and the art deco style: modernity, progress and glamour. The station served as a showpiece for the Union Pacific's headquarters in Omaha, near the eastern terminus of the Transcontinental Railroad."

During the event, special guest Dr. Bob Bryson, Associate Regional Director for the National Park Service said it best: "This is a big deal." It's a simple statement but one that generated several nods and even more smiles. It is a big deal. Omaha's Union Station has joined the prestigious ranks of the White House, the Brooklyn Bridge and Nebraska's own state capitol building. All of these treasures tell a story and hold an important place in our nation's history. We know that it is because of you and the many people who came before you that we are able to celebrate this historic milestone. Thank you for being part of our story. Speaking of modernity and progress, we are pleased to include the newest inductees of the Omaha Business Hall of Fame in our permanent exhibit. This display pays tribute to the men and women who have demonstrated exceptional business leadership and vision in the community. We extend our congratulations to these inductees and their families for all they have done to help shape our



remarkable city: Todd A. Becker (President and CEO, Green Plains, Inc.); Leo Bozell (d.) (Co-Founder and Partner, Bozell & Jacobs, Inc.); Edson L. Bridges II (President and CEO, Bridges Investment Counsel); Jim Clifton (Chairman and CEO, Gallup); Morris Jacobs (d.) (Co-Founder and Partner, Bozell & Jacobs, Inc.); Jane Miller (Chief Operating Officer, Gallup); and PJ Morgan (Owner and CEO, PJ Morgan Real Estate). Their contributions have helped strengthen our community, and their stories are worth sharing.

Omaha is a diverse and vibrant cultural hub and whether we are recognizing our past or looking toward our future, there is so much to celebrate.

With sincere appreciation,

Christi Janssen Executive Director



Secret agents, suspects and science converge for a family adventure unlike anything you've experienced in *Top Secret: License to Spy!* This highly interactive display will put visitors' skills to the test as you experience the science, technology and psychology employed in the intelligence field.

Created by the renowned Scitech in Perth, Australia, and based around a James Bond-style fantasy of exotic locations, high-tech equipment, and of course, a mystery to solve, *Top Secret: License to Spy* features an immersive way for visitors to interact with more than 20 displays as they progress through the exhibition. Upon arrival, each visitor receives a "Spy File" containing a scenario and a list of six suspects. The visitor is challenged with gathering intelligence from selected exhibits to uncover information on the suspects, leading them on a journey of discovery, puzzles and intrigue. Hands-on activities include cracking the code on the lock of a transparent safe and using an oscilloscope to find a hidden bug. Visitors will also use a night vision camera to see in the dark and dodge laser beams without setting off alarms. Never before has an exhibit been so...Top Secret!

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Top Secret Programming

Up Close with Top Secret

Saturdays, July 8, August 5 and September 9, 9-10AM

Join local experts for a special presentation and commentary of subjects related to the exhibition *Top Secret: License to Spy.* Guests will enjoy a 30-minute presentation in the Mutual of Omaha Theater and then have access to the exhibition before the museum opens to the public. Space is limited on these tours (25) so please make reservations by calling 402-444-5071 or email reservations@DurhamMuseum.org. Regular museum admission applies; free for museum members.

JULY 8 - Dr. Spencer Davis of Peru State College will explain George Washington's role as the master of an effective spy network, painting our first president in a new light. The scope of American spying provides another element to explain the Patriots' victory in the American Revolution. **AUGUST 5** - General Grenville M. Dodge had many superior talents, but the most surprising of these was that he was the spymaster for General Ulysses S. Grant. Dodge employed spies from the South, escaped slaves and women. Danette Hein-Snider of the Historic General Dodge House will portray a female spy able to get secrets to help the North. **September 9** - Eva McLelland kept her secret for 31 years as she lived a reclusive life married to a mystery man she discovered to be Howard Hughes. Through extensive research and physical artifacts, Mark Musick, U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. (ret.) and local author, will recount this story of secret identities that may just rewrite the historical record.

Top Secret: License to Spy and The Historic General Dodge House Dual Tour

Saturdays, June 17, August 19 and September 16

Experience TWO National Historic Landmarks in one amazing event! Visitors will begin at 9AM at The Durham Museum, with an opportunity to experience *Top Secret: License to Spy* before the museum opens to the public. Then at 10:30AM, travel to the Historic General Dodge House for a one-of-a-kind tour detailing General Dodge's work with the spy network under General Grant.

Admission is free to members of either organization. The cost is \$10 per person (adult or child) for non-members. Transportation between venues is not provided. Space is limited, so please make reservations by calling 402-444-5071 or email reservations@DurhamMuseum.org.

Top Secret Programming

Top Secret for Tots

2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month in June, July and August, 10:30AM

Stop by during *Top Secret: License to Spy* for a story and craft time geared toward toddlers. No reservations



needed! This programming is included with museum admission and free for members. Each week will feature a new story and activity, so mark your calendars!

June 14 - The Secret Knowledge of Grown-Ups by David Wisniewski

Discover how to create secret messages using invisible ink and write messages grown-ups can't decode!

June 28 - Secret Pizza Party by Adam Rubin

Create a paper plate pepperoni pizza to take home for your own Secret Pizza Party.

July 12 - My Teacher's Secret Life by Stephen Krensky Design your own secret self! What would you look like if you were a spy? What's your code name?

July 26 - How to Spy on a Shark by Lori Haskins Houran Make your own shark disguise for the next time you want to go spying on sharks!

August 9 - Spy Guy: The Not-So-Secret Agent by Jessica Young

Make your own spy jar game to practice your observation skills at home.

August 23 - Olivia the Spy by Ian Falconer Every spy needs a tool kit. Create your own magnifying glass to help you investigate cases. **Top Secret Scout Night at The Durham Museum** *Tuesday, May 23, 4-7PM \$5 per person (Scout or adult)*

Attention all Scouts! Grab your spy gear and join us for a special scouting event featuring *Top Secret: License* to *Spy*! Scouts will have the chance to enjoy an evening in the exhibit, complete a spy scavenger hunt in our permanent galleries and enjoy



spy snacks and trivia! If you complete all three spy tasks, you will earn a special prize: Super Secret Spy Certification!

Registrations are required. Call the Education Department, at 402-444-5027 or email education@DurhamMuseum.org to sign up!

Teacher Workshop

Tuesday, May 23, 5-7PM

Teachers (with proper security clearance), are invited to a night of super sleuthing at The Durham Museum! Join us for a cocktail hour before compiling a dossier on *Top Secret: License to Spy.* Explore hands-on activities, learn how to book a tour for your students and receive materials you can take back to your classroom. This event is provided at no cost to teachers but registration is required.

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to call the Education Department at 402-444-5027 or email education@DurhamMuseum.org to sign up!



Carl Hans Lody: World War I German Spy and Nebraska Immigrant*

Tuesday, August 15, 6:30PM Presented by Tony Foreman, History PhD candidate, University of Nebraska at Lincoln Stanley and Dorothy Truhlsen Lecture Hall

Few Nebraskans know that one of the most famous spies of World War I lived in Omaha, Nebraska. Carl Hans Lody, a native German, met the daughter of Gottlieb Storz, millionaire founder of the Storz Brewery, during a luxury ocean cruise across the Atlantic. After a whirlwind courtship, they were married in a wedding that became the social event of 1913. After a domestic abuse scandal, Lody returned to Germany in 1914, and sought to restore his honor by volunteering as a German spy operating in London. Posing as an American tourist, Lody sent back critical information about British Royal Navy operations to the Kaiser's intelligence services, including the outfitting of the Lusitania. Lody was soon caught and his trial in the British High Court became a media sensation in England, Germany and Nebraska. Tony Foreman has pieced together the biography of this enigmatic character from Germany to Nebraska to Britain and will share his unique story of romance and heartbreak, espionage and folly, heroism and cruelty.

Tony Foreman is a native Nebraskan and a History PhD Student at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. His research interests include modern German history, European immigration to America, the Holocaust, German military honor codes and espionage history. The case of German spy Carl Hans Lody will represent a chapter in his upcoming dissertation on the role of honor codes in military courtrooms.



The "Top Secrets" of Storytelling: Creating Espionage Thrillers for the Masses*

Tuesday, September 12, 6:30PM (book signing to follow) Presented by Gayle Lynds Stanley and Dorothy Truhlsen Lecture Hall

"The reigning queen of espionage fiction." Library Journal "Today's best espionage writer." Lee Child "Master of the Modern Cold War spy thriller." The Associated Press



New York Times best-selling author Gayle Lynds is the award-winning writer of ten international political novels. In honor of The Durham's summer exhibition, *Top Secret*, Lynds will share some of her own writing "secrets." From her childhood in Omaha and Council Bluffs, to her experiences as an editor with rare top secret security clearance

at a California think tank, to publishing her most recent novel *The Assassins*, come explore the genre of espionage fiction with one of the great writers of present day.

Gayle Lynds was born in Omaha and grew up in Council Bluffs, where she was editor of the Abraham Lincoln High School paper. At the University of Iowa, she was managing editor of The Daily Iowan. She began her professionl writing career as as a reporter for The Arizona Republic where her investigative journalism made such an impact that it led to changes in state legislation. Her books have been honored as People magazine Page-Turner of the Week and Beach Read of the Week and are "strongly recommended" by Library Journal. With Robert Ludlum, she created the Covert-One series, one of which, The Hades Factor, was a CBS miniseries. A member of the Association of Former Intelligence officers, she is co-founder (with David Morrell) and former co-president of International Thriller Writers, Inc.

*Reservations are required and regular museum admission applies; free for members. Please call 402-444-5071 or email reservations@DurhamMuseum.org to reserve your spot.

Upcoming Events

Hanging with Heroes

Saturday, May 13, 10AM-1PM

Come celebrate the opening of our newest community exhibition partnership, *Omaha Police: Answering the Call Since 1857.* Visit with uniformed officers, explore the Able 1 helicopter, see a police motorcycle, cruiser and SWAT truck, pet a Police horse and much more! Admission is free for this event thanks in part to the generous support of Cox Communications and Great Western Bank. Visit DurhamMuseum.org for more information.

Railroad Days 2017

July 15-16, 9AM-5PM

Let's Celebrate Working on the Railroad! For more than 180 years, railroads have been the backbone of commerce and transportation in the United States. Union Pacific employees, part of that history for 155 years, are proud to carry on the tradition of hard work and commitment. In 1869, it took a crew of more than 20,000 to build our nation's first transcontinental railroad. Today, it takes more than 40,000 dedicated men and women, living in 7,300 communities spread across 23 states to operate America's premier Class I railroad. From the hands-on labor of the 19th century to the high-tech engineering jobs of today, railroaders know how to get things done, every day, working on the railroad.

"Freight Train" Frank will be back at The Durham playing railroad songs, so sit back and enjoy the music or grab an instrument and get in on the fun yourself! Visit House of Trains and Missouri Valley Free-Mo on Track Level to view model trains and have the chance to speak one-on-one with model railroad experts. For this year's Railroad Days, The Durham Museum will showcase Union Pacific's Missouri Pacific Heritage locomotive and the Air Forced One snow blaster. The equipment will be located trackside for guests to see up close and take photographs. Plus, visit with Union Pacific staff and see high-tech track maintenance equipment.

Thanks to the generous support of the Union Pacific Corporation and a grant from the Iowa West Foundation, a family pass for Railroad Days is only \$15! One \$15 pass admits two adults and your dependent children or two grandparents and up to four grandchildren, for both days. A \$5 pass is also available for one additional adult with purchase of a family pass. This includes transportation between locations and all the special activities that each location has to offer.





Purchase your tickets the day of the event at any of the participating venues:

Lauritzen Gardens The Durham Museum RailsWest Railroad Museum Union Pacific Railroad Museum Historic General Dodge House

Visit omaharailroaddays.com for complete details!

Root Beer Float Day

Saturday, August 5, 10AM-5PM

Don't forget to mark your calendar for one of our favorite holidays, National Root Beer Float Day! Stop by The Durham Museum to enjoy a free 8 oz.

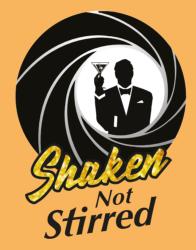


Root Beer Float at our old-fashioned Soda Fountain to celebrate one of our signature sweet treats. Regular museum admission applies.

Shaken, Not Stirred

Friday, September 15, 6-10PM \$20 members, \$25 non-members

Channel your inner James Bond, enjoy private-access to *Top Secret* and sip on signature martinis at this 21 and older event. Walk the red carpet lined by Corvettes from the Cornhusker Corvette Club. Dress the part as your favorite Bond girl or Bond villain then hit the dance floor and roll the dice in our "Casino Royale." Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.DurhamMuseum.org.



Teachers' Night 2017 SAVE THE DATE! Friday, October 6, 2017, 5-8PM

Teachers: Mark your calendars for October 6, 2017 for The Durham Museum's annual Teachers' Night. We'll be celebrating Nebraska's 150th birthday, so don your party hats and join your colleagues for a fun evening of food, drinks and resources. Online registration opens August 11.

Current Exhibits



Ak-Sar-Ben: A Good Place to Race Now - May 28, 2017



Through the Perilous Fight: "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the Civil War Now - June 18, 2017



Orchestrating a Nation: Musical Nationalism in the Nineteenth-Century Now - June 18, 2017

Opening Soon!



Omaha Police: Answering the Call Since 1857 May 13 - September 24, 2017

For 160 years, the men and women of the Omaha Police Department have been keeping Omaha's citizens safe. The Durham Museum honors their service with an exhibition drawn from the department's historic archive of original artifacts including firearms, clothing, photographs and more.

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Omaha Police Headquarters Building, 15th and Farnam Streets, May 1970 The Robert Paskach Collection /*Omaha World-Herald* Collection The Durham Museum Photo Archive | RP-35mm-2567-001

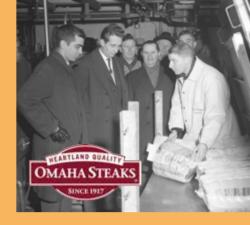


Hola Omaha! A "Flashback Friday" Retrospective May 13 - January 7, 2018

Developed by Durham Museum Intern and University of Missouri-Columbia MLIS candidate, Caitlyn Lombardo

If you subscribe to The Durham Museum's Facebook page you probably know and love Bill Gonzalez, Photo Archive Associate. For the last five years, Bill has shared photos and personal memories related to his favorite images of Omaha's history. This special bilingual presentation (English/ Spanish) will highlight Bill's favorite images across three specific subjects: Snapshots in Time, People in Omaha and Buildings We've Lost.

Streetcar along 17th and Harney Streets in front of the Old Courthouse, 1908 The Bostwick-Frohardt/KMTV Collection | BF15-333A



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A Look Ahead

A Century of Omaha Steaks: The Story of America's Original Butcher

June 10 - November 11, 2017

In 1898, J.J. and B.A. Simon journeyed to the U.S. to escape religious persecution and arrived in Omaha. They began working in the meat business and eventually started their own company – Table Supply Meat Company, which was renamed Omaha Steaks International in 1966.

Family owned since 1917, today Omaha Steaks employs over 1,800 people and its facilities include three manufacturing plants, two distribution centers and a freezer warehouse. This exhibition pays homage to this fifth generation family business and will showcase photographs, archival documents and historic artifacts from the company archive.

Meat Inspection at Omaha Steaks Packing Facility, January 1961

The John Savage Collection/Omaha World-Herald Collection

The Durham Museum Photo Archive | JS11H-042

Mid-Western Missions: Agents and Expeditions

July 1, 2017 - January 14, 2018

Developed by Durham Museum Intern and University of Nebraska at Omaha undergraduate, Mallory Boyle

In 1803, the United States doubled in size with the Louisiana Purchase. Settlers making their way into this new territory encountered thousands of people who already lived there. The U.S. government looked for ways to negotiate trade with the Native Americans. Cooperation with Indian Agents gave privileges and protections to willing tribes. These agents informed the government of the concerns and problems experienced by their assigned tribe and were responsible for educating the tribe on government policies and laws. By cooperating with the government, it was expected that the tribe would follow government laws, and would have to pay the consequences if any laws were broken. Through documents in the Byron Reed Collection, trace the interactions of the U.S. government with the Indian Agents and explore these early tribal relations.

"For Wa-ba-kee-shick the Winnebagoe Prophet" Written by Thomas Forsyth, Indian Agent to the Sauk and Fox Tribes | October 3, 1828 Byron Reed Collection | 5C1.12

A Lifetime of Objects: The Story of Byron Reed, 1829-1891

July 1, 2017 - January 14, 2018

Developed by Durham Museum Intern and University of Colorado-Boulder museum studies MA candidate, Clint Hofeldt

Byron Reed moved to Omaha in 1855, one year after Nebraska became a territory. He established the first real estate company in the city, the success of which allowed him to amass a vast collection of books, documents and rare coins. Reed's life spanned the 19th century. From national stories of emancipation to the local history of the Nebraska Territory, events are reflected in the breadth of items in his collection. Explore a number of national, local and personal pieces from the Byron Reed collection and learn a bit more about the man who collected them.

Notarial Commission Granted to Byron Reed October 29, 1860 | The Byron Reed Collection | 37.4



A Look Ahead

Zoom Into Nano October 7, 2017 - January 7, 2018

Advances in nanotechnology are likely to change the way we design and fabricate almost everything – from faster computers, to stain repellent clothes, to new medicines to treat diseases, and technologies that are beyond our imagination. *Zoom Into Nano* presents a variety of large-scale, immersive experiences in the world of nanotechnology. Zoom into tiny structures and devices to see the amazing beauty of natural and manmade objects at very high magnification. Immerse yourself in models of atoms and molecules that are enlarged to 100 million times their actual size. Check out the full body interactive, where you use your hands to grab and pull apart the ends of a virtual RNA molecule. When you let go, the molecule folds back up into its natural shape. Try dissolving a virtual salt crystal by using your body's movement to generate heat. Explore the shapes and structures of things in our world – at the nanoscale!

Zoom Into Nano was developed by Sciencenter of Ithaca, NY, through a partnership with Cornell University, with funding from the National Science Foundation.

Bridges: Sharing Our Past to Enrich the Future

November 24, 2017 - January 7, 2018

Endorsed by the Nebraska 150 Commission as a "Signature Event," Hildegard Center for the Arts, in collaboration with the Nebraska Tourism Commission and the Nebraska State Historical Society, issued a call to both amateur and professional photographers to capture images of historic sites or hidden treasures from all 93 Nebraska counties. Photographers were invited to share photos of community or personal significance to tell Nebraska's story. Over 800 photo submissions were received! The winning images are featured in this statewide exhibit that promises to link history, generations and cultures as it travels across Nebraska for the state's sesquicentennial celebration this year.

The Sesquicentennial Traveling Photo Exhibit "Bridges: Sharing Our Past to Enrich the Future" is supported in part by Humanities Nebraska and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment. Statewide Exhibit Sponsors include: The Ethel S. Abbott Charitable Foundation and Johnson Hardware Company.







The winning photo from Douglas County was taken at The Durham Museum!

Shown above, winning photograph from Douglas County, Photographed by Gary Andrews | Departed

Educational Programming

River City History Tours

Climb aboard and join us for another season of our popular River City History Tours. Select from seven different tours featuring historic Omaha landmarks, mansions, breweries and more. Tours are \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Membership discount applies to those in the household. Or, book a private River City History Tour for you and up to 42 of your friends! Tours begin May 28, 2017. Visit DurhamMuseum.org for a full schedule and to book your seat today.

Guided Tours of The Durham Museum

First Sunday of the Month, 1:30PM

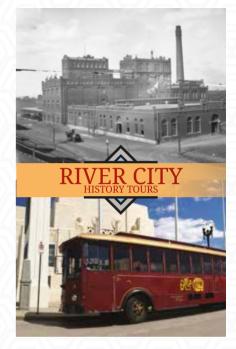
Join one of The Durham's talented docents the first Sunday of the month for a guided tour of the museum. You will learn about Art Deco architecture, explore the history of Union Station and find a new appreciation for our grand structure during this hourlong tour.

"Hola Omaha!" Flashback to Old Omaha with Bill Gonzalez

Tuesday, May 16, 6:30PM • Stanley and Dorothy Truhlsen Lecture Hall

Bill Gonzalez has been with the museum 12 years, first as a volunteer and then working 10 years part-time in the museum's Photo Archive. He is a South Omaha boy, born and raised, and has lived and worked in our city his whole life. Five years ago Bill was asked to pull together a few images and stories for The Durham's Facebook page. He started each of these posts with "Hola Everybody!" and that has become his signature tag line. Today, his posts are the museum's most viewed and some say, most entertaining.

In honor of National Preservation Month, we invite you to come reminisce with Bill, as he shares some of his favorite Flashback Friday images and stories of his childhood growing up in South Omaha. Take a trip down memory lane and maybe learn something new about your city as well. Please call 402-444-5071 or email reservations@DurhamMuseum.org to reserve your spot.





Want a summer break that is sure to go down in history?

We invite you to join The Durham Museum **May 30-August 4** for a one-of-a-kind camp experience that sparks the imagination! Half-day and full-day programs are available for children grades first through sixth. (Please note these are the grade levels your child will be entering in the 2017-2018 school year.) All camps are led by certified teachers with additional staff to create an engaging camp experience.

Camps are held 9AM-4PM and topics include Lego Apprentice, Fossil Fever, History with Heroes, Top Secret, Meet the Metr"O" plus many, many more! The Durham Museum also offers a "Beyond the Camp" experience for campers who want to arrive early or stay late. "Beyond the Camp" runs from 7:30-9:00AM and 4:00-5:30PM. During this time, campers play games, draw, read and participate in other activities supervised by the summer camp staff.

Registration is open and spots are filling fast! Visit **CampsAtTheDurham.org** today for complete details.

For more information, contact The Durham Museum's education department at 402-444-5027 or education@DurhamMuseum.org.



CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY PARTY INCOGNITO WITH THE DURHAM MUSEUM THIS SUMMER! In conjunction with our summer exhibition, *Top Secret: License to Spy*, we are offering limited time "Top Secret" birthday parties for you and your spy network. Enjoy your very own party room before experiencing this interactive exhibit where you'll have a chance to use night vision and dodge laser beams while you celebrate your special day. Top Secret birthday parties are available May 20th-September 17th. Schedule your party today by calling 402-444-5027 or email education@DurhamMuseum.org.

From the Curator

A Historic Experience

This spring The Durham Museum proudly partnered with Montessori, Henry Doorly Zoo and Lauritzen Gardens in the inaugural semester of the Pracademia USA project. Pracademia USA was visualized by Omahan John Adair as a way for foreign high school students to come to the U.S. for ten weeks within their academic school year. The goal is to complement the student's educational instruction in their home country.

Fenna Bosse, a high school junior from Germany, spent ten weeks in the U.S., exploring potential careers and a bit about American culture and language. Her course of "study" focused on internship-like experiences in her areas of interest: horticulture, history and animal science.

Throughout her experience, Fenna participated in a wide range of projects at The Durham:

EXHIBITS – assisted with gallery installation of the *Searching for the Seventies* exhibition, padded mounts for objects and served as a gallery guide.

PHOTO ARCHIVE – processed almost 1,000 images onto the online database and assisted with photo selection for upcoming exhibitions.

EDUCATION – helped with check-in and served as a judging assistant for the annual Omaha District History Day competition.

COLLECTION – relocated loan objects, organized permanent collection objects in storage, and translated a number of documents in the Byron Reed collection from German to English.

Pracademia USA utilizes American institutions to create educational experiences for foreign students where they can explore career interests and benefit from a student-centered agenda outside the classroom.





Fenna Bosse explores potential career options at The Durham Museum.

Volunteering

Recently, The Durham Museum honored its over 150 volunteers at the 2016 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. In 2016, museum volunteers set an all-time high record of 17,099 hours of service! We would like to thank all of our volunteers for the wonderful "work" they do for the museum. We are truly grateful!

2016 VOLUNTEER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Volunteers of the Year: Kay and Marvin Andersen

Kay Andersen started her docent training in September of 1989. On her volunteer application she mentioned her strong interest in the museum came from being a former teacher and the daughter of a railroad worker.

Marv Andersen, Kay's husband of over 53 years, was recruited (most likely by Kay) to join our program in March 2000. Together, they have a combined 44 years of volunteer service to the museum. It is impossible to state the enormous impact they have had on the museum through their work in the Education Department or helping with special events, but in the last 5 years alone they have averaged over 200 hours of service per year.

Newcomer Award: Betsy Hildebrandt

2016 was Betsy Hildebrandt's first full calendar year in the volunteer program and her unbelievable enthusiasm has shown since day one. Betsy embraced her role as a gallery guide by wearing a flapper costume during American Spirits and making her own bell bottoms for DOCUMERICA. Her positive attitude shows in the way she interacts with all museum visitors. She has shown a strong dedication to the museum, even staying late on her first day when she noticed that we were short of help for that evening's event. In 2016, Betsy volunteered 359 hours. What a wonderful addition she has made to our volunteer team!

Mission Impact Award: Dennis Hynes

Dennis Hynes is a volunteer who has demonstrated excellence in his work as it directly relates to the mission of The Durham Museum: to "provide relevant educational and entertaining opportunities within the region that exceed customer expectations, while preserving our community's vibrant cultural history." Since August of 2013, his work at the museum as a Gallerv Guide and Education Docent has made a significant impact on our staff, students and quests. Dennis is a wonderful ambassador for the museum, teaching visitors about our travelling exhibitions and educating field trip students on Native American and Pioneer life. In 2016, Dennis contributed 333 hours to the museum.

Excellence in Customer Service Award: Sandy Price

Sandy Price has been a volunteer for more than 10 years. She has consistently represented The Durham Museum in a positive light to our quests through her work in the Museum Shop. In 2016, she shared her time, skills and talents for 159 hours. Sandy has been kind, helpful and energetic and directly reflects the vision statement of the museum to "be the venue of choice in our market by providing a unique, engaging, and memorable experience professionally presented to every customer." During the past years, she has gone above and beyond to make the guest experience at the museum nothing short of exceptional.









A Landmark Occasion



Omaha Union Station Designated a National Historic Landmark!

On January 11, 2017, then Secretary of Interior Sally Jewell announced the designation of Omaha's Union Station as one of more than 20 new National Historic Landmark designations. This is the first National Historic Landmark designated in Nebraska since 1993, bringing the number up to 21 for the state. The National Historic Landmarks Program, which is managed by the National Park Service, recognizes historic properties of exceptional national value and promotes the preservation of those places. All National Historic Landmarks are on the National Register of Historic Places. Few places on the National Register are eligible to be National Historic Landmarks in part because of requirements to be nationally significant with a high degree of historic integrity.



Omaha's Union Station: one of the most distinctive examples of Art Deco architecture in the nation.

Development Corner

Making an Impact

With Nebraska's sesquicentennial celebration in full swing, The Durham is connecting students to the history of Omaha and Union Station. So far this year, more than 3,000 students from Fort Calhoun to Scottsbluff in Nebraska, and New Jersey to California have taken part in the our Digital Learning Initiative, which delivers live virtual tours and programs

to classrooms through the internet. A special thanks to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska for helping us celebrate our state's history and supporting this impactful program!



Celebrate the Year with a Commemorative Brick

Looking for the perfect way to honor a friend or loved one or celebrate a special date? Consider purchasing a brick through The Durham Museum's Brickby-Brick Campaign. Your personalized engraved brick will be installed in the Brick-by-Brick Pavilion in the heart of the museum's permanent exhibit galleries and become a lasting part of Union Station. Bricks are available for a \$100 donation. Order forms are available on our website or by calling the museum at 402-444-5071.





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Omaha Gives!, our community's annual 24-hour charitable challenge, is back for its fifth year on May 24th. Since 2013, this online giving holiday organized by the Omaha Community Foundation has raised more than \$27 million for non-profits in our region. We hope you'll join us by supporting The Durham Museum and your other favorite charitable organizations that make our community great. There are two ways to give:

- Visit OmahaGives.org or The Durham Museum website or Facebook page on May 24th and follow the link to the secure giving site
- If you have an Omaha Community Foundation account, visit Omahagives.org between May 1 and May 23 to schedule your donation, which will be processed on the 24th

With just a minimum contribution of \$10, you can help grow Omaha's home to history and preserve Nebraska's newest National Historic Landmark. Thank you for your support!

Calendar of Events

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- 1 Museum Closed
- 7 Guided Tour of The Durham Museum (1:30PM)
- 8 Museum Closed
- 13 Hanging with Heroes (10AM-1PM)
- 13 Omaha Police exhibit opens
- 13 Hola Omaha! exhibit opens
- 14 Mother's Day
- 15 Museum Closed
- 16 Hola Omaha! Lecture (6:30PM)
- 20 Top Secret: License to Spy exhibit opens
- 22 Museum Closed
- 23 Top Secret Scout Night (4-7PM)
- 23 Top Secret Teacher Workshop (5-7PM)
- 24 Omaha Gives!
- 28 RCHT: Millionaires and Mansions North (2PM)
- 28 A Good Place to Race exhibit closes
- 29 Museum Closed
- 30 Summer Camp begins

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- 4 Guided Tour of The Durham Museum (1:30PM)
- 4 RCHT: Expositions to Jazz Musicians (2PM)
- 10 Omaha Steaks exhibit opens
- 13 RCHT: Gritty City (6PM)
- 14 Top Secret for Tots (10:30AM)
- 17 Dual Tour: Top Secret and General Dodge House (9AM)
- 18 Father's Day
- 18 Orchestrating a Nation exhibit closes
- 18 Through The Perilous Fight exhibit closes
- 28 Top Secret for Tots (10:30AM)

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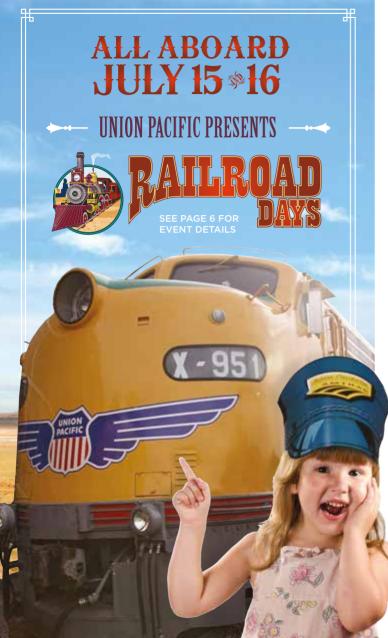
- 1 A Lifetime of Objects exhibit opens
- 1 Mid-Western Missions exhibit opens
- 2 Guided Tour of The Durham Museum (1:30PM)
- 2 RCHT: On Tap! (2PM)
- 4 Museum Closed for Independence Day
- 8 Up Close with Top Secret Tour (9AM)
- 12 Top Secret for Tots (10:30AM)
- 15-16 Railroad Days (9AM-5PM)
 - 25 RCHT: Magic City (6PM)
 - 26 Top Secret for Tots (10:30AM)

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- 4 Summer Camp ends
- 5 Up Close with Top Secret Tour (9AM)
- 5 Root Beer Float Day (10AM-5PM)
- 6 Guided Tour of The Durham Museum (1:30PM)
- 6 RCHT: Expositions to Jazz Musicians (2PM)
- 9 Top Secret for Tots (10:30AM)
- 11 Teachers' Night Registration Opens
- 15 RCHT: Millionaires and Mansions South (6PM)
- 15 Carl Hans Lody Lecture (6:30PM)
- 19 Dual Tour: Top Secret and General Dodge House (9AM)
- 23 Top Secret for Tots (10:30AM)
- 27 RCHT: On Tap! (2PM)

- 3 Guided Tour of The Durham Museum (1:30PM)
- 4 Museum Closed for Labor Day9 Up Close with Top
- Secret Tour (9AM)
- 10 RCHT: Millionaires and Mansions North (2PM)
- 11 Museum Closed
- 12 RCHT: Magic City (6PM)
- 12 Gayle Lynds Lecture and Book Signing (6:30PM)
- 15 Shaken, Not Stirred (6-10PM)
- 16 Dual Tour: Top Secret and General Dodge House (9AM)
- 17 Top Secret Exhibit Closes
- 17 RCHT: Last Call for Alcohol (2PM)
- 18 Museum Closed
- 24 Omaha Police Exhibit Closes
- 25 Museum Closed





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