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the whole family!**

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SUMMER/FALL 2019  
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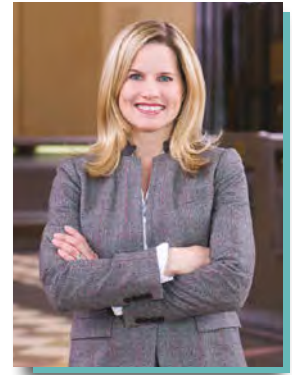
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# Letter from the executive director

We're in for a really...really big summer!

In 2013, the museum had the great pleasure of welcoming the largest *Tyrannosaurus rex* specimen ever discovered. SUE from Chicago's Field Museum was more than 40 feet long and 13 feet tall at the hip. What made this *T.rex* even more special was the fact that it was nearly 90 percent complete, giving scientists a rare opportunity to more deeply study the biomechanics, movement and intellect of the "king of the tyrant lizards." But wait...there's a new man (or perhaps woman since we can't really tell) on campus and in the words of University of Alberta paleontologist Scott Persons, it's the "rex of all rexes." Its name is Scotty and at an estimated 20,000 pounds, I guess you could say that it's got some girth. In fact, Scotty is so big that our exhibit design team needed to create a special space outside of our traditional gallery to display the colossal predator. Scotty will be joined by over 10 life-sized dinosaur skeletons and models from the *Tyrannosaur* family tree, cutting-edge technology and augmented reality to make this the biggest and most comprehensive dinosaur display to come to The Durham. Trust me, this family reunion is not to be missed!



Speaking of big, we are pleased to include the newest inductees of the Omaha Chamber's Business Hall of Fame in our permanent exhibit located on the museum's lower level. This display pays tribute to the men and women who have demonstrated exceptional business leadership and who have made a big and lasting impact in our community. We extend our congratulations to these inductees and their families for all they have done to help shape our remarkable city: Daniel J. Bishop (Founder and Chairman of the Board, The Maids International); Gail DeBoer (President and CEO, Cobalt Credit Union); John W. Estabrook (President and CEO (retired), Methodist Health System); The Kavich Family (Jeff Kavich, President and CEO, Larry Kavich, Chairman (retired), Lazier Kavich, 2nd Generation Owner, Amee Zetzman, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, All Makes); Gail L. Wickersham (Chairman and Founder, Wick's Truck Trailer, Inc.)

Finally, we continue to make big progress on our exterior restoration project. Work will commence on the north façade this summer, which means you'll get to see first-hand our on-going efforts to preserve our own colossal specimen – Union Station.

This is indeed a big summer and you – our members, volunteers and donors – are very much a part of it. Thank you for investing in our efforts and for choosing to join the Durham family. We look forward to meeting you in the months ahead.

With sincere appreciation,

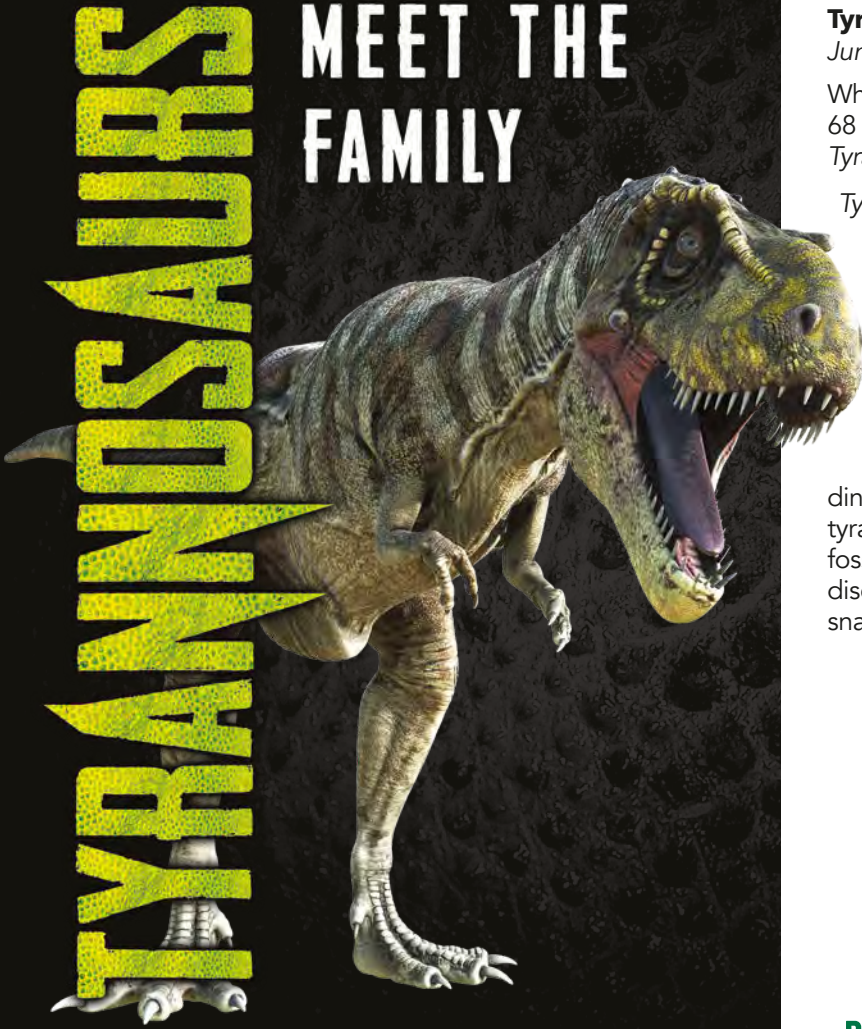
A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Christi Janssen". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Christi Janssen  
Executive Director

**Attention Members! Plan ahead for your summer visit. Due to renovation of the building some parking may be affected. Please use caution while entering and exiting the lot.**

# Good Luck Surviving this Family Reunion!

## MEET THE FAMILY



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### **Tyrannosaurs: Meet the Family**

*June 8 - September 1*

What has 60 razor-sharp teeth, bone-crushing jaws, lived 68 million years ago and is invading Omaha this summer? *Tyrannosaurus rex*...and they're bringing the whole family!

*Tyrannosaurs: Meet the Family* is the world's first exhibition showcasing the newly-revised *Tyrannosaur* family tree and shows how this group became the world's top predators with their massive skulls, powerful jaws and bone-crunching teeth. While the most famous member of this family was the mighty *T.rex*, *Tyrannosaurs* came in all shapes and sizes.

Using cutting-edge technology, this innovative, multimedia experience features more than 10 life-sized dinosaur specimens on display, including one of the oldest tyrannosaurs, *Guanlong wucaii*. With a dramatic array of fossils and casts, including "Scotty" the largest *T.rex* ever discovered, *Tyrannosaurs: Meet the Family* provides a snapshot of dinosaur life.

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# Tyrannosaurs Programming

## Members-Only Preview Days

**Thursday and Friday,  
June 6-7, Extended Hours!  
10AM-8PM**

### Welcome Scotty and the family during this sneak peek for members only!

With extended hours, members will have a chance to explore our newest exhibition BEFORE it opens to the public. After you “meet the family,” grab a bite to eat at the Soda Fountain with a hot dog or pulled-pork meal deal or enjoy our new dino-themed desserts. Registrations can be made by PHONE at 402-444-5071, EMAIL at [reservations@durhammuseum.org](mailto:reservations@durhammuseum.org) or ONLINE at [durhammuseum.org](http://durhammuseum.org). Members may register for one of the two preview days offered.

### \*Rise of the Tyrants - A family-focused presentation!

*Saturday, June 15 • 10:30AM*

*Stanley and Dorothy Truhlsen Lecture Hall*



During the last 15 million years of the Cretaceous, *Tyrannosaurs* reigned over North American ecosystems evolving a lethal combination of colossal size, exceptional bite forces, accelerated growth rates and sophisticated sensory systems. Yet, they weren't always king of the food chain. When *Tyrannosaurs* first roamed North America, they were but players on the Cretaceous stage. Join Dr. Lindsay Zanno as she introduces her team's newest discovery, a tiny *Tyrannosaur* named *Moros* that roamed what is now Utah during the dawn of the Late Cretaceous.

Dr. Lindsay Zanno is Head of Paleontology at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences and Assistant Research Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at North Carolina State University. Zanno received a B.S. in Biological Anthropology (summa cum laude) from the University of New Mexico, followed by a M.S. and a Ph.D. in Geology from the University of Utah. She was subsequently awarded the John Caldwell-Meeker and Bucksbaum Young Scientist Postdoctoral Fellowships at the Field Museum in Chicago, IL.

Despite over 20 years of global expedition experience, Zanno has a soft spot for the American West from where she has discovered many new species, including *Siats*, one of the largest meat-eating dinosaurs on the continent, and *Moros*, North America's tiniest *tyrannosaur*.

Zanno's research garners worldwide media attention and has been featured by notables such as the Science Channel, History Channel, National Geographic, CBC, PBS, NPR, NHK and the BBC, among others.

**\*PLANNING TO ATTEND? SEE PAGE 14 FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION.**

### \*Fearsome Continent: New Discoveries Reveal the Lost Cretaceous Worlds of North America

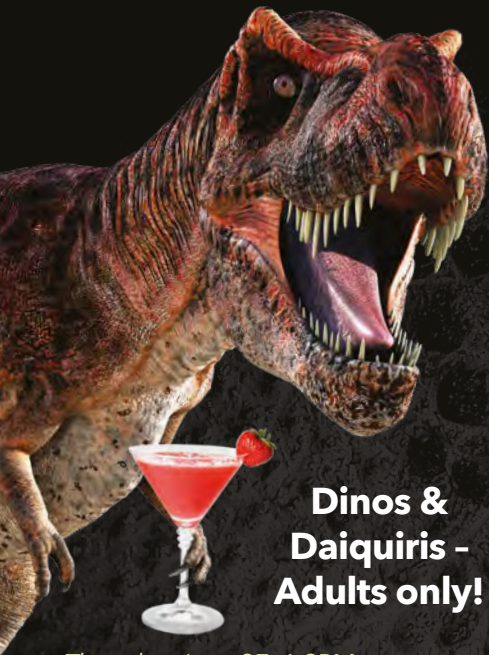
*Saturday, June 15 • 1PM*

*Stanley and Dorothy Truhlsen Lecture Hall*

Despite over a century of expeditions to the American West, entire dinosaur ecosystems remain hidden from scientists and the public alike. Join Dr. Lindsay Zanno as she discusses her team's newest dinosaur finds and explores their struggle for survival at the dawn of the Late Cretaceous. Be among the first to hear about several undescribed dinosaur species and the first nest of eggs from an *Oviraptor* from the North American continent.







## Dinos & Daiquiris - Adults only!

Thursday, June 27, 6-9PM  
\$10 for members  
\$20 for nonmembers

Spend your evening roaming among the dinos without the kids at this 21 and over event. Visit the exhibition and then play paleontologist as you search for hidden "fossils" around the museum to win a prize. Sip on a daiquiri, enjoy the cash bar or visit the Soda Fountain for some snacks and sweet treats. Your ticket includes admission to the museum after hours, 1 drink ticket and a night of dino-mite fun! Purchase your tickets online at [durhammuseum.org/DinosAndDaiquiris](http://durhammuseum.org/DinosAndDaiquiris) or call 402-444-5071.

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# Tyrannosaurs Programming

## Tyrannosaurs at Two

Every day, June 8 - September 1 • 2PM

Join museum staff at 2PM every day during the run of *Tyrannosaurs: Meet the Family*, to learn everything you need to know about dinosaurs. Each day of the week will have a different topic, complete with trivia and prizes, so you can come back again and again! Registration is not required and regular museum admission applies; guests will join a staff member in the exhibition gallery for this daily program.

## Storytime with Scotty

Wednesdays, June 12 - July 31 • 10:30AM

Stomp down to The Durham on Wednesdays, June 12 - July 31, for Storytime with Scotty the *T.rex*! Each week will feature a different dinosaur-themed book and craft led by one of the museum's engaging education facilitators. Registration is not required and regular museum admission applies. All ages are welcome! Visit [DurhamMuseum.org/meet-the-family](http://DurhamMuseum.org/meet-the-family) for a complete schedule of stories and crafts.



Photo courtesy of Oriental Trading Company

## Fossil Fridays

Fridays, June 14 - August 9

- **10AM-2PM:** Crafts, Giveaways and Raffle (while supplies last)
- **10:30AM:** Guided Exhibit Tour
- **11:30AM and 1:30PM:** Dino-Themed Game led by Museum Staff

Gather the entire family for Fossil Fridays! Join us for crafts, games, guided tours, giveaways and more. Each Friday will have new activities so you can enjoy all 9 dates as well as collect all 9 dinosaur cutouts throughout the summer. Registration is not required and regular museum admission applies.



# Tyrannosaurs Programming

## Celebrate Your Birthday with Scotty

Available June 8 - September 1

Have a summer birthday? Why not celebrate at The Durham! We've already invited a special guest to your party: Scotty the *Tyrannosaur*! In addition to exploring *Tyrannosaurs: Meet the Family*, we will celebrate with a reading of *Saturday Night at the Dinosaur Stomp* before playing dinosaur bingo and enjoying a *T.rex* craft. Contact the Education Department by emailing [education@DurhamMuseum.org](mailto:education@DurhamMuseum.org) or by calling 402-444-5027 for more information.

## \*Back-to-School Bash

Friday, August 9 • 5-9PM

Regular museum admission applies;  
free for members!

Join us for one last bash before the school year starts! Watch the movie *We're Back* on the big screen, jump into our "bounce-a-saurus" bounce house and get your face painted to look like your favorite dinosaur. Come hungry and check out our food truck round-up on the lower level of the museum parking deck. Cost of food truck items not included. Trucks accept cash or credit cards. Registration required, see below.

## Scouts-Only Family Night with Scotty

Monday, August 26 • 4-7PM

\$5 per person (Scout, sibling or adult)

Scout families, join us for an end of summer farewell featuring the *T.rex* family! This Scouts-only night marks the last week with our colossal summer guest, Scotty the *Tyrannosaur*, and will feature a scavenger hunt in the exhibition, dino-themed crafts and much more! Register online, email [education@DurhamMuseum.org](mailto:education@DurhamMuseum.org) or call the Education Department at 402-444-5027. Payment is required upon registration.

## \*Three easy ways to register for the Back-to-School Bash

- Online at [DurhamMuseum.org](http://DurhamMuseum.org)
- Phone at 402-444-5071
- Email [reservations@DurhamMuseum.org](mailto:reservations@DurhamMuseum.org)

Space is limited and registration is required.  
Regular museum admission applies; free for members.





# Current Exhibits

## American Democracy: A Great Leap of Faith

Now - June 23

In 1776, many colonists made a great leap to a new idea: maybe they could do without monarchy and aristocracy. If they could unite with one another, "the common people" of the colonies might form a more equal society and government. *American Democracy: A Great Leap of Faith*, a traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service, examines the continuing evolution of America's experiment in a government "of, by, and for the people."

Featuring artifacts from the Smithsonian, History Nebraska and The Durham's own collection, *American Democracy* demonstrates that self-government relies on every citizen's active participation in the quest to form a "more perfect union." Exhibition sections explore the origins of American democracy, the changing identity of eligible voters, the machinery of democracy, the right to petition and protest beyond the ballot and the rights and responsibilities of citizens.



VOTE pants, 1970s

*American Democracy: A Great Leap of Faith* was developed by the National Museum of American History and adapted for travel by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service.



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## After Promontory: 150 Years of Transcontinental Railroading

Now - July 28

On May 10, 1869, two railroads—built with haste, hope and aspiration—joined in a lonely desert of northern Utah, at a place called Promontory. On that day, dignitaries from both companies, the Central Pacific, which had built from California, and the Union Pacific, which had built from the East—gave speeches and installed ceremonial last spikes.

The ceremonies were meant as a moment of self-congratulation, but the significance of the day's events is far broader. In the ensuing decades, railroad after railroad proposed new, competing transcontinental routes. Their construction swept away the dominance of native tribes, ended the open range, and restructured the West into a network of resources and industries dependent upon clusters of urban centers.

More on the Transcontinental Railroad on page 14!

To mark the 150th anniversary of the beginning of this era, the Center for Railroad Photography & Art has partnered with The Durham Museum to present *After Promontory: 150 Years of Transcontinental Railroading*. The traveling exhibition, containing over 75 photographs (both historic and contemporary), examines the significance and lasting impact of the transcontinental railroads on the American West and studies how these railroads profoundly reshaped the human geography of the West.

*After Promontory* was created by the Center for Railroad Photography & Art

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### **A Regency of Style: Cultural Changes in 18th and 19th Century Europe**

*Now-July 21*

Byron Reed North Gallery



### **For the People of Omaha: Byron Reed and the Original Omaha Public Library**

*Now-July 21*

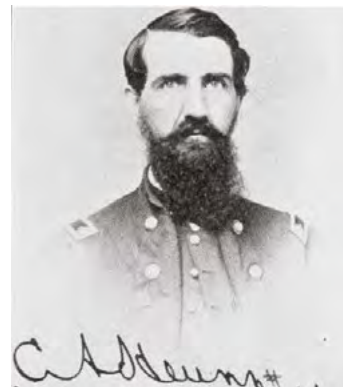
Byron Reed South Gallery

### **Public Opinion is More Than Law: The First Murder Brought to Court in the Nebraska Territory**

*August 3, 2019 - March 8, 2020*

This exhibition was developed by Durham Museum intern and University of Iowa graduate, Allison Buser.

On April 3, 1855 Charles A. Henry shot George Hollister near the town of Bellevue, shocking the residents of the newly established Nebraska Territory. Highlighting objects from the Byron Reed Collection, this exhibit chronicles the course of events from Hollister's death through Henry's unusual court case and examines the public's role in the outcome of the legal proceedings. The incident illustrates the struggle to carry out legitimate justice in the territory amidst settler notions of popular sovereignty, which sometimes interfered with the early judicial system.



Portrait of Charles A. Henry, c. 1860  
Illustrated by Morton, Watkins, and Miller Courtesy of History of Nebraska

### **Sound the Alarm: The Making of the Omaha Fire Department**

*August 3, 2019 - March 8, 2020*

This exhibition was developed by Durham Museum intern and Creighton University graduate, Alisha Baginski.

The Omaha Fire Department traces its roots to 1860 when the city's first firefighting company was founded. Called the Pioneer Hook and Ladder Company, these men battled fires through muddy, unpaved streets, hand-carrying buckets of water. In its 25 years of operation, the company evolved, added more stations, held annual parades in honor of the firefighters, formed a Fireman's Benevolent Association with neighboring towns and more. Using documents from the Byron Reed Collection this exhibit chronicles the Omaha Fire Department's late 19th century beginnings.



Charles Derwent, Membership Certificate in the Pioneer Hook and Ladder Company  
November 3, 1868  
The Byron Reed Collection | BRTEMP652

# A Look Ahead



## **Taking it to the Streets: Grading Downtown Omaha**

*August 17, 2019 – June 21, 2020*

To combat six major hills in downtown Omaha the city undertook extensive street projects to lower inclines. This work was done throughout the 1880s–1920s with the largest of the projects being the grading of Dodge Street in 1920. In some locations, buildings were brought down to a new level 18 feet lower than the original foundation. Tempers ran high between neighbors going mad with the constant noise, businesses and homes being literally uprooted and some downtown residents even suing the city for damages and lack of sleep. In the end, the grading of Dodge Street cost over one million dollars and moved over 300,000 cubic yards of dirt. Through this photography exhibit, see what all the fuss was about and how times have changed the streets of downtown Omaha.

House on the Edge, Douglas Street | 1891 | Bostwick-Frohardt/KM3TV Collection  
The Durham Museum Photo Archive | BF14-254(04)



## **Clarkson Regional Health Services: 150 Years of Innovation in Patient Care**

*July 13 – September 1*

Originally founded in 1869 as the Good Samaritan Hospital, and the first hospital in Nebraska, Bishop Clarkson Hospital has evolved over time to Clarkson Regional Health Services. Come explore how Clarkson has contributed to the Omaha community and medicine over the last 150 years, and how this institution continues to innovate and lead in the field of healthcare in the region.

Pharmacy in Clarkson Hospital | 1953  
John S. Savage Collection  
The Durham Museum Photo Archive | JS25B-006



## NEW EXHIBIT ANNOUNCEMENT!

### **RACE: Are We So Different?**

*September 28, 2019 – January 5, 2020*

It's a simple truth. People are different. Throughout history, these differences have been a source of community strength and personal identity. They have also been the basis for discrimination and oppression. The idea of "race" has been used historically to describe these differences and justify mistreatment of people and even genocide. Today, contemporary scientific understanding of human variation is beginning to challenge "racial" differences, and even question the very concept of race.



*RACE: Are We So Different?*, developed by the American Anthropological Association in collaboration with the Science Museum of Minnesota, is the first national exhibition to tell the stories of race from the biological, cultural and historical points of view. Combining these perspectives offers an unprecedented look at race and racism in the United States.

Lead sponsorship of this exhibition is provided by The Sherwood Foundation. Additional sponsorship support provided by the Conagra Brands Foundation.

## A Look Ahead

### **Louder Than Words: Rock, Power & Politics**

*October 12, 2019 – February 2, 2020*

*Louder Than Words: Rock, Power & Politics* looks at some of the most important debates in our country through the lens of rock music. The exhibit includes exclusive video interviews with people such as Bono and Jimmy Carter, and combines them with interactives, photography and artifacts to examine how music has both shaped and reflected our cultural norms on eight topics: Civil Rights, LGBTQ, Feminism, War & Peace, Censorship, Political Campaigns, Political Causes and International Politics. The exhibit is organized by presidential administrations – from Eisenhower through Trump – and uses historical context to shed insight into how we view these issues today. Examples of artifacts included in the exhibit are:

- Joe Strummer of the Clash, 1966 Fender Telecaster Electric Guitar (shown)
- Grace Slick Vest from Jefferson Airplane's performance at the Woodstock Music and Arts Fair, 1969
- Correspondence between the FBI and Priority Records regarding N.W.A's "Fight the Power"
- Original handwritten lyrics from Bob Dylan's "The Times They Are a-Changin'," Chuck Berry's "School Day," Neil Young's "Ohio," Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the U.S.A" and Green Day's "American Idiot"
- Original Village People stage costumes
- Artifacts related to the Vietnam War, the May 4, 1970 shooting at Kent State, the fall of the Berlin Wall, and the #BlackLivesMatter movement



Curators from the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and the Newseum worked with veteran music journalist, author and television producer Bill Flanagan (VH1 Storytellers, CMT Crossroads, CBS News Sunday Morning) to create this unique exhibition.



# Upcoming Events & Tours

## Railroad Days 2019

July 13 and 14, 9AM-5PM

All aboard! It's time for the annual Railroad Days celebration. Get up-close to Union Pacific equipment located behind the museum on track level. "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! Visit House of Trains and Missouri Valley Free-Mo to view model trains and have the chance to speak one-on-one with model railroad experts.

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 these participating venues:**

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

Visit [OmahaRailroadDays.com](http://OmahaRailroadDays.com) for complete details!



## Saving Your Family Treasures Workshop

Saturday, June 1, 10:30AM-Noon

Smithsonian affiliate The Durham Museum has teamed up with the Smithsonian Cultural Rescue Initiative to host a free workshop providing information on how to preserve damaged personal heirlooms after natural disasters. The workshop is free and open to the public.

## Root Beer Float Day

Saturday, August 3, 10AM-5PM

Mark your calendar for one of our favorite holidays, Root Beer Float Day! Stop by The Durham Museum to enjoy a free 8 oz. Root Beer Float at our old-fashioned Soda Fountain and celebrate with one of our signature sweet treats. Afterwards, learn about the "Science of the Soda Fountain" with activities at The Platform. Regular museum admission applies. Free for members!



**ROOT BEER**  
*Float Day*

# Upcoming Events & Tours

## River City History Tours

Join us for another season of our popular River City History Tours! Did you know that Omaha, or "River City," developed a beautiful parks and boulevard system beginning in the late 1800s? In fact, much of this system remains today, linking popular parks like Elmwood and Hanscom with gorgeous tree-lined streets such as Happy Hollow and Lincoln Boulevard. Our new "Parks and Boulevards" tour will take you along the path these developers laid out so many years ago. Experience this tour, along with our other popular tours, featuring historic Omaha landmarks, mansions, breweries and more!



**Book today—seats  
are filling up fast!**

Tours are \$20 for members and \$25 for nonmembers. Membership discount applies to those in the household. You can also book a private tour for you and up to 42 of your friends! To see a full schedule or book your seat, visit [DurhamMuseum.org/Tours](http://DurhamMuseum.org/Tours). Call 402-444-5027 for more information.

## Guided Tours of The Durham Museum

*Sundays, June 2, July 7, August 4 and September 8  
1:30-2:30PM*

Join one of The Durham's talented docents for a guided tour of the museum. You will learn about our beautiful Art Deco architecture, explore the history of Union Station and find a new appreciation for our National Historic Landmark. Registration is not required and regular museum admission applies.



## Teachers' Night 2019

**SAVE THE DATE!** Friday, October 4, 5-8PM

Teachers: Mark your calendars for October 4, 2019 for The Durham Museum's annual Teachers' Night. Get ready for a fun evening of food, drinks and classroom resources. Online registration opens August 9th.

## Decades at The Durham: Dining by Rail

*Monday,  
September 9, Noon*

Support The Durham Museum and join Honorary Chairs Julie Fritz, Stephanie Koraleski and Shirley Young for the On Track Guild's *Decades at The Durham* fall luncheon and fundraiser.

This year's theme, *Dining by Rail*, celebrates the Golden Age of railcar dining experienced in the 1930s and 1940s. Attendees will travel back in time through a re-creation of dining car recipes in the museum's Swanson Gallery, which was formerly Union Station's Hayden House restaurant. See historic images and artifacts, and enjoy a discussion with James D. Porterfield, author of *Dining by Rail* and other historic railcar recipe books. Tickets, available online at [DurhamMuseum.org/DiningByRail](http://DurhamMuseum.org/DiningByRail), start at \$75. Proceeds from the luncheon will benefit the museum. For more details, contact Elisabeth Barrett at 402-444-5071, ext. 578 or [ebarrett@DurhamMuseum.org](mailto:ebarrett@DurhamMuseum.org).

Photo: 1935 | Bostwick-Frohardt/KM3TV Collection  
The Durham Museum Photo Archive | BF31-1345)



# Upcoming Lectures

## **\*Following the Golden Spike: Time, Place and Change along the First Transcontinental Railroad**

*Tuesday, June 18, 5:30PM Reception, 6:30PM Lecture  
Stanley and Dorothy Truhlsen Lecture Hall*

Throughout the 150 years since the completion of the first transcontinental railroad, many parts of the 1,800-mile route between Omaha and Sacramento have experienced enormous change. Some sections are busy, three-track, state-of-the-art mainline; others are abandoned in the desert wind. Through his black and white photographs, Drake Hokanson will explore the layered past, the natural and human geography and the deeper meaning of this linear landscape.

Drake Hokanson is an author, photographer and independent scholar. He is the author/coauthor of three books, has edited and contributed to several others and has exhibited photographs coast to coast. His other experience includes teaching photography and nonfiction writing at the university level for some 30 years.



### **\*Three easy ways to register for lectures:**

- Online at [DurhamMuseum.org](http://DurhamMuseum.org)
- Phone at 402-444-5071
- Email [reservations@DurhamMuseum.org](mailto:reservations@DurhamMuseum.org)

Space is limited and registration is required. Regular museum admission applies; free for members.

**More lectures can be found on page 5.**

# From the Curator



On the eve of the Civil War, Americans were moving ever farther west. With this growth most people knew there needed to be a connection between the east and west coasts; something to "hold" the country together. A railroad seemed like the best option.

The residents of Council Bluffs, Iowa, knew they were in a good spot with an established city on the eastern side of the Missouri River, but they could do better. If a sister city was established on the western side of the river, then perhaps the builders of the railroad would lay their tracks through town. And so, Omaha City was established on July 4, 1854, in the Nebraska Territory directly across from Council Bluffs.

On July 1, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Pacific Railway Act. This legislation created The Union Pacific Railroad Company, mandated it and the Central Pacific Railway of California to construct a single railroad line connecting the Pacific Ocean and Missouri River, and authorized federal funds to support their work. In the 14th section of the Act, Union Pacific was required to construct their line "from a point on the western boundary of Iowa, to be fixed by the President of the United States." But, there was no bridge across the Missouri, so to save time and money, Union Pacific broke ground in Omaha City on December 3, 1863. Following the Civil War, work progressed rapidly and the two railroads met up at





Promontory Summit, Utah on May 10, 1869, thus linking the two coasts of the United States.

After all the celebrations ended, Omaha continued to call itself "the eastern terminus of the Transcontinental Railroad," even after the Missouri River Bridge was completed in March 1872. It took a United States Supreme Court ruling in 1875 to convince Omahans that the railroad actually started on the Iowa bank of the Missouri River. Council Bluffs was declared the eastern terminus of the railroad, Union Pacific relocated their train yards and the Golden Spike monument was constructed at mile marker "0" for the Transcontinental Railroad on the eastern side of the Missouri River.



# Summer Camp

## There is still time to join us for summer camp 2019!

Join The Durham Museum now through August 2 for a one-of-a-kind experience that sparks the imagination! Have a dinosaur loving kid in the family? We have that covered! A future scientist or detective? We have that too! A Lego loving little? No problem! Travel around Omaha, back in time and even to wizard school all while meeting new friends and having a ton of fun at The Durham Summer Camp! Call the Education Department at 402-444-5027 or visit [DurhamMuseum.org](http://DurhamMuseum.org) today for more information. Don't forget! There's a member discount.

## Meet a real-life paleontologist!

Campers who join us for "Dinosaur Discovery" week, June 10-14, will get to meet the famous paleontologist, Dr. Lindsay Zanno (bio on page 5).

## CampsAtTheDurham.org

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**TUESDAYS,  
MEMORIAL DAY -  
LABOR DAY**

**DON'T FORGET!**

The Durham Museum is bringing back "\$5 after 5" to encourage guests to visit the museum after 5PM on Tuesday evenings throughout the summer. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, admission for all ages will be just \$5 after 5PM on Tuesdays. On Tuesday nights, the museum stays open until 8PM, giving guests the opportunity to visit late during the work week. During this promotion all admission levels will be granted the \$5 admission and children 2 and under remain free. Durham Museum members, stop in and bring a friend for just \$5!



**Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree**

The Durham Museum is searching for the official tree for its annual Christmas at Union Station celebration. Every year The Durham receives submissions from Omaha area residents requesting their evergreen be selected as the official tree for Christmas at Union Station. Residents wishing to donate an evergreen tree are encouraged to contact The Durham at 402-444-5071, before August 1, 2019.



**Betsy  
Hildebrandt**



**Dave  
Christiansen**



**Raleigh  
Sheffield**



**Bob  
McCoy**

# 2018 Volunteer Achievement Awards

In April, The Durham Museum honored its over 130 dedicated volunteers at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. In 2018, museum volunteers served 18,484 hours...a new record! The museum is eternally grateful to our volunteers, without whom we would not be able to serve our community.

## **Volunteer of the Year: Betsy Hildebrandt**

If you looked up the word “volunteer” in the dictionary, we would not be surprised if you saw a photo of Betsy Hildebrandt. Betsy started volunteering at the museum in 2015 during Christmas at Union Station and from her first day “on the job,” she has made a HUGE impact on The Durham. In her three years as a museum volunteer, Betsy has given the museum over 1,300 hours of service! She won our Newcomer Award in 2016, serves as a Gallery Guide, helps with special events and the Education Department and fills in just about anywhere we ask her to (including reindeer patrol!). Betsy has an infectious, positive attitude and takes on any role she is given with tremendous energy and enthusiasm. We are honored to name her our 2018 Volunteer of the Year!

## **Newcomer Award: Dave Christiansen**

Dave has been volunteering at The Durham for just over a year, and we are not sure how we ever managed without him! He is always the first to respond when a call goes out for help and shows up with a smile on his face each and every time. Dave lends his talents in many areas of the museum, including the Education Department, special events and Gallery Guide. Dave gave the museum nearly 300 hours of service in 2018, which is amazing considering he started in February! What a wonderful addition he has been to our volunteer family.

## **Mission Impact Award: Raleigh Sheffield**

Raleigh Sheffield 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.” Raleigh started with the museum in October of 2016 and has given over 300 hours of service this year alone. He serves as a Train Car Host and in the Education Department helping with field trips and scout programs. A former Union Pacific employee, Raleigh shares his love of the railroad and has an amazing ability to keep our visitors and students deeply engaged in the history. As one teacher said, “The kids loved him!”

## **Excellence in Customer Service Award: Bob McCoy**

Bob McCoy is truly one of the most passionate people we have ever met. His work 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.” Bob started volunteering in November of 2015 and since that time as given 847 hours of service. Bob has a true passion for the railroad history of our city, and loves sharing stories and interacting with museum visitors. Many guests have commented that visiting with Bob was the best part of their museum experience. He serves as a Train Car Host and leads historic building tours through our Education Department.



# Development Corner



## Giving With Impact

This past spring, The Durham served more than 10,000 K-12th grade students through history and humanities experiences in schools, at the museum and online. We want to offer a big THANK YOU to the many teachers, volunteers and program underwriters who helped make these opportunities available to these students!

Photo: Carol Spacht and Kim Hanley of the American Historical Theatre present a program on the first "First Ladies" – Martha Washington and Abigail Adams – and their roles in shaping early America. Spacht and Hanley visited six schools over three days as part of the Museum's Scholars in Residence education series.



## You Did It!

In March, The Durham Museum launched a community-wide crowdfunding effort called the National Command Club to help us re-carpet, re-upholster and revitalize the "National Command" 1202 sleeper car, returning the car to its former glory.

Because of you, we were able to reach our goal of \$30,000. We are so grateful to those who supported the campaign and hope all of our members will make a trip to the museum soon to see the 1202 in all its restored glory!

## Support Museum Programs Your Way

The Durham Museum is excited to announce that we joined our fellow nonprofit community on SHARE Omaha. SHARE Omaha's online platform directly connects you with ways to "Do Good" in our community. Visit [ShareOmaha.org](http://ShareOmaha.org) to support The Durham Museum, check out our latest volunteer opportunities and browse through our Amazon wish list. You can also support the Museum while shopping on Amazon! Log on to AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)) and select The Durham Museum as your organization of choice to donate a percentage of your purchase at no cost to you. Call or visit us online for more information about membership and ongoing ways to support The Durham Museum.



# Calendar of Events

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REMEMBER! Tyrannosaur at Two happens EVERY DAY June 8 - September 1 (2PM)

- 1 Saving Your Family Treasures Workshop (10:30AM)
- 2 Guided Tour of The Durham Museum (1:30PM)
- 2 RCHT: Expositions to Jazz Musicians (2PM)
- 4 \$5 after 5 (5-8PM)
- 6-7 Members Only Preview Days! (10AM-8PM)
- 8 *Tyrannosaurs: Meet the Family* exhibit opens
- 11 \$5 after 5 (5-8PM)
- 12 Storytime with Scotty (10:30AM)
- 14 Fossil Fridays (10AM-2PM)
- 15 *Rise of the Tyrants* presentation (10:30AM)
- 15 *Fearsome Continent* lecture (1PM)
- 16 Father's Day
- 18 *Following the Golden Spike* reception and lecture (5:30PM)
- 18 \$5 after 5 (5-8PM)
- 18 Sold Out! RCHT: Last Call for Alcohol (6PM)
- 19 Storytime with Scotty (10:30AM)
- 21 Fossil Fridays (10AM-2PM)
- 23 *American Democracy* exhibit closes
- 25 \$5 after 5 (5-8PM)
- 26 Storytime with Scotty (10:30AM)
- 27 Dinos & Daiquiris (6-9PM)
- 28 Fossil Fridays (10AM-2PM)

- 2 \$5 after 5 (5-8PM)
- 3 Storytime with Scotty (10:30AM)
- 4 Museum Closed for Independence Day
- 5 Fossil Fridays (10AM-2PM)
- 7 Guided Tour of The Durham Museum (1:30PM)
- 7 Sold Out! RCHT: Millionaires and Mansions South (2PM)
- 9 \$5 after 5 (5-8PM)
- 10 Storytime with Scotty (10:30AM)
- 12 Fossil Fridays (10AM-2PM)
- 13-14 Railroad Days (9AM-5PM)
- 13 *Clarkson Regional Health Services* exhibit opens
- 16 \$5 after 5 (5-8PM)
- 17 Storytime with Scotty (10:30AM)
- 19 Fossil Fridays (10AM-2PM)
- 21 *A Regency of Style* exhibit closes
- 21 *For the People of Omaha* exhibit closes
- 23 RCHT: On Tap! (6PM)
- 23 \$5 after 5 (5-8PM)
- 24 Storytime with Scotty (10:30AM)
- 26 Fossil Fridays (10AM-2PM)
- 28 *After Promontory* exhibit closes
- 30 \$5 after 5 (5-8PM)
- 31 Storytime with Scotty (10:30AM)

- 2 Summer Camp ends
- 2 Fossil Fridays (10AM-2PM)
- 3 Root Beer Float Day (10AM-5PM)
- 3 *Public Opinion* exhibit opens
- 3 *Sound the Alarm* exhibit opens
- 4 Guided Tour of The Durham Museum (1:30PM)
- 4 RCHT: Expositions to Jazz Musicians (2PM)
- 6 \$5 after 5 (5-8PM)
- 9 Fossil Fridays (10AM-2PM)
- 9 Back-to-School Bash (5-9PM)
- 9 Teachers' Night Registration Opens
- 13 RCHT: Millionaires and Mansions South (6PM)
- 13 \$5 after 5 (5-8PM)
- 17 *Taking it to the Streets* photo exhibit opens
- 20 \$5 after 5 (5-8PM)
- 25 RCHT: Parks and Boulevards (2PM)
- 26 Scouts-Only Family Night with Scotty (4-7PM)
- 27 \$5 after 5 (5-8PM)

- 1 *Tyrannosaurs: Meet the Family* exhibit closes
- 1 *Clarkson Regional Health Services* exhibit closes
- 2 Museum Closed for Labor Day
- 8 Guided Tour of The Durham Museum (1:30PM)
- 8 Sold Out! RCHT: Millionaires and Mansions North (2PM)
- 9 Museum Closed
- 9 Decades at The Durham: Dining by Rail (12PM)
- 16 Museum Closed
- 17 RCHT: On Tap! (6PM)
- 21 Smithsonian's Museum Day Live
- 22 RCHT: Last Call for Alcohol (2PM)
- 23 Museum Closed
- 28 *RACE: Are We So Different?* exhibit opens
- 30 Museum Closed

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