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Admission

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

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Wednesday-Saturday: 10AM-4PM
Sunday: 12-4PM
Closed Major Holidays

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ALL ABOARD!

We are happy to announce that our trains, previously closed as a public health precaution, are now open to visitors to explore! Other previously closed areas such as the Mutual of Omaha Theater are also open.

Plan Your Visit

We can't wait to see you at the museum! If you haven't visited in a while we are delighted to welcome you back. You'll find the same rich experiences you love, but with a few changes. Here's the latest on what to expect:



TIMED ENTRY

All visitors—members and non-members—are asked to reserve a timed entry ticket in advance online at DurhamMuseum.org or over the phone.

Timed entry provides moderated attendance levels and paced guest arrivals so that you can begin social distancing at check-in!

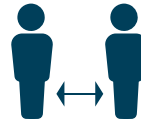
Members, sign into (or create) your online account to access your free tickets. Guests using special passes may call 402-444-5071 to reserve their entry time.



MASKS

The museum is currently operating within the Douglas County mask mandate. The Durham Museum is committed to the safety and health of our staff and visitors. Thus, we will continue to follow our current safety protocols until an announcement has been made otherwise.

For those who need a mask alternative, a limited number of face shields are available for check out.



SOCIAL DISTANCING

Reduced capacity has its perks! To help guests social distance the museum will continue to monitor capacity and ease into making more admission tickets available, as safety allows. Please note, we may limit the number of visitors in our smaller galleries at one time to ensure space for social distancing.

“One of my favorite places in Omaha. They have so much to look at and learn from. The exhibits they bring in are amazing as well! I felt like they followed the COVID guidelines well, lots of thoughtfulness. Felt very comfortable on my many visits in the last couple months!” - BROOKE, YELP 2021



JAMES CAMERON

CHALLENGING THE DEEP

On Display May 22 - September 12

Join The Durham Museum in welcoming the North American premiere of *James Cameron – CHALLENGING THE DEEP*.

Immerse yourself in an underwater world in an exhibition that traces explorer and filmmaker James Cameron's passion for deep ocean science, technology and exploration, including his record-breaking, solo dive to the bottom of the planet in the *DEEPSEA CHALLENGER*, the vertical submersible he co-designed and engineered.

Experience how James Cameron's lifetime focus on understanding and exploring the ocean has helped reveal one of the most important and least explored parts of the Earth. Learn how technologies pioneered by Cameron for underwater recording, lighting, communication and diving are employed both in his exploration and his filmmaking. See original film props and costumes from *The Abyss* and *Titanic*, including the iconic Heart of the Ocean diamond. Discover the world of a man driven to explore and meet the challenges of the deep.

Tickets are available now and going fast. Book your visit today!

4 Timelines

'The ocean is an alien world right here on earth that is as rich and exotic as anything that I could imagine myself.'

James Cameron



James Cameron in a prop of the pilot sphere for *DEEPSEA CHALLENGER*.



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James Cameron – CHALLENGING THE DEEP is a traveling exhibition produced by the Australian National Maritime Museum, in association with the Avatar Alliance Foundation and is toured internationally by Flying Fish.

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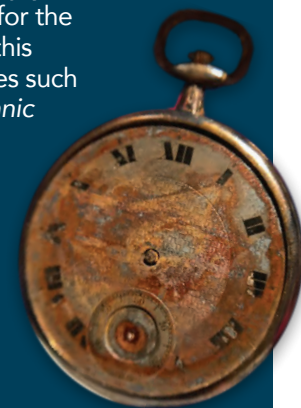


Style and Speed:
Passenger Liner Travel of the 20th Century
Exhibit on Display May 22 - September 12

In the early 20th century, passenger liner travel dominated the ocean waves. The rise of luxury ship companies like the White Star Line produced some of the most famous passenger liners in maritime history. Companies competed to outdo each other in luxury and speed. Social elites on either side of the Atlantic enjoyed an unparalleled experience sacrificing no comfort for the voyage. This exhibition presents a brief history of this golden age of transatlantic travel, using local stories such as Emil Brandeis' ill-fated trip aboard the RMS *Titanic* and local society pages which brought news to Omaha of its citizens' travels abroad.

Top Photo: Returning from India, 1920-1930,
 From Photograph Album of Ms. Eugenie Whitmore,
 The Durham Museum Permanent Collection

Bottom Photo: Emil Brandeis' Pocket Watch, 1900s,
 The Durham Museum Permanent Collection



members-only
 exhibit preview



Dr. Robert Ballard
 Photo credit: Ocean Exploration Trust

Challenging the Deep Programming & Events

Members-Only Preview:

James Cameron - CHALLENGING THE DEEP

Friday, May 21, 10AM-4PM • Registration Required

Be the first to see the North American premiere of *Challenging the Deep* during this sneak peek. Registration will be open exclusively to members.

Registration is available online at [durhammuseum.org](https://www.durhammuseum.org) or by calling 402-444-5071. The museum closes at 4PM.

This event is members-only. If you are unsure of your membership expiration date, please contact Taylor Leinen, Membership Manager, at 402-444-5071 x521.

SORRY, PREVIEW EVENT CANCELLED
 due to major shipping delays with the exhibit
 brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.



Virtual Lecture with Dr. Robert Ballard

Thursday, June 10, 6:30-7:30PM CST

The Durham Museum is pleased to announce that Dr. Robert Ballard will be joining us for a virtual lecture this summer.

Among the most accomplished and well known of the world's deep-sea explorers, Dr. Ballard is best known for his historic discoveries of hydrothermal vents, the sunken RMS *Titanic*, the German battleship *Bismarck* and numerous other contemporary and ancient shipwrecks around the world. During his long career he has conducted more than 150 deep-sea expeditions using the latest in exploration technology.

There is no cost to attend this virtual presentation, but registration is required. Once you have registered, you will be emailed a link to access the program. Register by calling 402-444-5071, emailing reservations@DurhamMuseum.org or going online to [DurhamMuseum.org/cameron](https://www.durhammuseum.org/cameron).

Challenging the Deep Programming & Events



Storytime at the Platform

Wednesdays, June – July
10AM-Noon

Join the museum team for some ocean exploration! Each week will feature a read aloud of an ocean themed book (on the half hour) followed by a craft led by one of the museum's engaging educators. All ages are welcome! Visit our website for a complete schedule of stories and crafts. Storytime is included with museum admission. Reserve your admission time online or call ahead.

Deepsea Fridays

Fridays, June – July

Gather the family for Deepsea Fridays! Join us for crafts, games, guided tours, giveaways and more. Each Friday will have new activities so you can come back week after week for new adventures. Deepsea Friday activities are included with museum admission. Reserve your admission time online or call ahead.

10AM-2PM...Crafts, Giveaways & Raffle
(while supplies last)

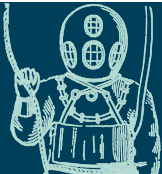
10:30AM.....Guided Exhibit Tour

11:30AM & 1:30PM...Ocean-Themed Activity
led by Museum Staff

Party in the Deep Blue Sea

Available May 22 – September 12

Are you ready to celebrate your birthday in the deepest depths of the ocean? In addition to visiting *James Cameron – CHALLENGING THE DEEP*, we will celebrate with an ocean-themed craft and game in your own private party room. For more information or to reserve your date, contact the Education Services Department today at 402-444-5027 or e-mail education@DurhamMuseum.org. Other available party themes include All Aboard and Party at the Platform.



Do you know a student who loves ocean exploration? Check out our special summer camps themed around this summer's exhibition, *James Cameron – CHALLENGING THE DEEP*. Campers will spend time in the exhibit each day and experience special opportunities and guest speakers related to Cameron's explorations. Find out more on page 13.

Beyond the Vote Exhibition



Beyond the Vote

Exhibit on Display! Now - January 30, 2022

Art and history combine in this unique exhibition experience that examines the lasting impact of the 19th Amendment. Using suffrage-era (1848-1920) artwork from our partners at the Smithsonian and Library of Congress, *Beyond the Vote* explores conversations surrounding votes for women that took visual form in illustration, painting and propaganda. The Durham partnered with five local artists to create contemporary works inspired by vintage suffrage pieces. The artists help examine the legacy of votes for women and invite us to reflect on how the woman's vote impacts us today. Featured Artists Include: Nancy Friedemann-Sánchez, Sophie Newell, Ariel Panowicz, Celeste Butler and Renee' A. Ledesma.

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Artist Panel: Beyond the Vote Virtual Event

Tuesday, August 10, 6:30-7:30PM CST

In celebration of *Beyond the Vote*, the museum will host a panel presentation featuring artists who contributed to the display. Using images of the past from the Smithsonian and Library of Congress, artists were inspired to create a modern representation of concepts surrounding women's suffrage. Each participating artist will speak about their process, inspiration and final artwork.

There is no cost to attend this virtual presentation, but registration is required. Once you have registered, you will be emailed a link to access the program. Register by calling 402-444-5071, emailing reservations@DurhamMuseum.org or going online to DurhamMuseum.org/vote.

A Look Ahead

Omaha Uncovered: Revealing History Through Art and Story

Exhibit on Display August 7 - November 21

History is revealed to us in many ways. Artifacts, photographs and personal memories can help us make connections to our past. This fall, The Durham Museum presents *Omaha Uncovered: Revealing History through Art and Story*, an exhibit focused on uncovering the vast and fascinating history of our city. The exhibition highlights both preservation and conservation, giving visitors an up-close look into how history can come to life. Over the course of four months, conservators from the Gerald R. Ford Conversation Center will be “on exhibit” actively restoring a historic mural from 1905 entitled *Aerial View of Omaha* that once hung in the lobby of the Omaha Bee newspaper office. The beautifully painted mural, which is part of the museum’s permanent collection, looks west from the Missouri River towards the western horizon and elegantly captures the layout of Omaha of the past and present. Lovers of maps, history and art will enjoy seeing the faded mural brought to new life over the duration of the project. Guests can also see preservation in action in our working lab of the Photo Archive. Museum staff will be in the exhibit actively digitizing historic photographs from the museum collection as well as highlighting stories of iconic Omaha photos through the personal memories of long-time Omaha resident and former museum employee/volunteer, Bill Gonzalez.



**An Aerial View
of Omaha with
Kenneth Bé:
Virtual Presentation**
*Tuesday, August 17,
6:30-7:30PM*



Join conservator Kenneth Bé in a preview of his work on *Aerial View of Omaha*. Bé will present information about the mural itself, its current condition and his plan for conserving the painting while on display in the coming months at the museum as a part of *Omaha Uncovered: Revealing History through Art and Story*.

Bé is originally from the Hudson Valley region north of New York City and has worked as a painting conservator at The Cleveland Museum of Art and more recently at Omaha’s Ford Conservation Center since 2008.

There is no cost to attend this virtual presentation, but registration is required. Once you have registered, you will be emailed a link to access the program. Register by calling 402-444-5071, emailing reservations@DurhamMuseum.org or going online to DurhamMuseum.org.



River City History Tours Are Back!

Our popular River City History Tours are back for 2021! This year's themes are listed below including our new tour, Remember the Ladies: The Women of Early Omaha. Both public and private tours are available and take place aboard Ollie the Trolley. We are taking special precautions to keep guests safe. Tours will operate with reduced capacities, so space is limited. On every tour, masks are required. Trolleys are sanitized before every tour, along with applying a disinfectant fog treatment.

Public tours begin Memorial Day weekend and cost \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Membership discount applies to those in the household. Museum admission is included. Advance registration and payment are required. Register by calling 402-444-5027, emailing education@DurhamMuseum.org or going online to DurhamMuseum.org/tours. Please contact us for more information about private tour bookings.

TOUR THEMES (view dates & times online)

- From Expositions to Jazz Musicians: The History of North Omaha
- Last Call for Alcohol: Omaha's Bootlegging History
- Millionaires and Mansions: North Gold Coast
- Millionaires and Mansions: South Gold Coast
- Omaha's Parks and Boulevards
- Remember the Ladies: The Women of Early Omaha

Upcoming Events & Tours



Museum Insider Tour: Omaha's Union Station

Saturday, August 21, 9:30-11AM

The Museum Insider Tour Series offers a one-of-a-kind, behind-the-scenes opportunity for museum guests. During this tour, guests will receive white gloves and a VIP badge that allows them to enter special areas of the museum with our Curatorial team.

This year marks 90 years since the completion of Omaha's Union Station, now home to The Durham Museum. The building itself is our largest artifact, but our collection is full of additional items related to the history of the building, its Art Deco style and rail travel in Omaha.

Tours are \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Membership discount applies to those in the household. Museum admission included. Advance registration and payment are required. Space is limited! Register by calling 402-444-5027, emailing education@DurhamMuseum.org or going online to DurhamMuseum.org.

PLEASE NOTE: Guests will be separated into smaller groups for a safe and socially distanced tour experience. All guests on this tour are required to wear a mask.

Upcoming Events & Tours



**TUESDAYS,
JUNE-AUGUST**

The Durham Museum is bringing back “\$5 after 5” to encourage guests to visit the museum after 5PM on Tuesday evenings throughout the summer. During June, July and August, admission for all ages will be just \$5 after 5PM on Tuesdays, for all admission levels. (Children age 2 and under remain free.)

On Tuesday nights, the museum stays open until 8PM, giving guests the opportunity to visit late during the work week. Durham Museum members, stop in and bring a friend for just \$5!



Saturday, August 7, 10AM-4PM

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 (while supplies last) at our old-fashioned Soda Fountain and celebrate with one of our signature sweet treats. The Durham Museum’s authentic soda fountain dates back to the earliest days of Union Station, which opened in 1931. Soda jerks still make floats the old-fashioned way, by hand-scooping ice-cream and adding root beer flavoring and seltzer water.

Regular museum admission applies. Free for members!



Don't Forget Our Daily Activities!

**Daily, 10AM-12PM,
except Sunday, 12:30-2PM**

Join museum educators and volunteers for an enhanced exhibit experience. All daily activities listed below are included with museum admission. Reserve your admission time online or call ahead.

- **Mondays:** Trans-Mississippi Exposition Display and Worker's Cottage Display
- **Tuesdays:** Train Tours
- **Wednesdays:** What is it Wednesday
- **Thursdays:** One-Room Schoolhouse & Log Cabin
- **Fridays:** Earth Lodge Artifacts & Lewis and Clark Display
- **Saturdays:** Train Tours
- **Sundays:** Great Hall Guided Tours

Countdown to Summer Camp 2021

JUNE 1–AUGUST 6

- Affordable Half & Full-day Camps
- Fun Themes
- New Safety Measures

The Durham Museum is excited to welcome kids back to the museum this summer with a fantastic line-up of engaging and memorable experiences. A wide variety of camp themes means there is something for every child to enjoy. With reduced camp sizes, enhanced cleaning and health screenings and distancing measures in place, our number one goal is to provide a safe, enriching environment for your child. The Durham Museum also offers a "Beyond the Camp" experience for campers who want to arrive early or stay late.

Spots are filling up but there is still time to register at

CampsAtTheDurham.org

Scholarships are available!
Visit our website for more information.

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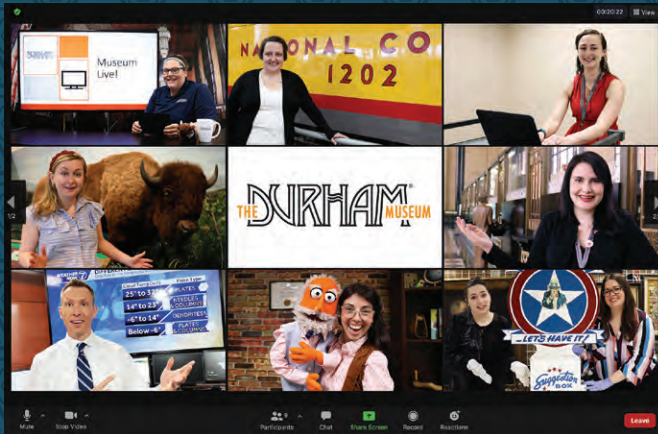
Weekly Camp Themes

(Sign up for just one or the whole kit and kaboodle!)

Adventures in Puppetry
Around the World
Camp Celebration
Camp Construction
Castaway Island
Creation Station
Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead
Challenging the Deep
Meet the Metr"O"
Myths and Legends
Omaha Staycation
Wide World of Weather
Wizard Academy

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Applause Corner



A record year for digital learning!

While last year was incredibly challenging, The Durham Museum was able to connect thousands to history through online programs. Throughout the pandemic we adapted, offering free history-themed programs for families suddenly learning at home, plus virtual field trips when many students returned to school in the fall. The museum even launched a new program called Museum Live! which connected students and teachers with educators, curators and presenters from The Durham, the Smithsonian's American Museum of American History and other education partners.

Altogether, since March 2020 more than 90,000 students, teachers, and families have participated in The Durham's virtual education programs, including over 45,000 this past spring alone. Visit our Education Digital Learning page on DurhamMuseum.org to see what opportunities are coming up next!

14 Timelines



At The Durham Museum we are so grateful for your patronage and your support for the work we do. Museums are a such great way to discover more about a community's rich culture and history—and there is plenty to discover! So, if you are planning a summer staycation or a family outing, be sure to check out these four local history organizations. Each are an incredible resource for our community and to us at The Durham, too:

- Douglas County Historical Society
- El Museo Latino
- Great Plains Black History Museum
- Institute for Holocaust Education

Through education, preservation, storytelling, art and more, these amazing organizations provide opportunities for us all to explore, reflect and appreciate our history and culture.

We encourage you to check them out online or in person, if you haven't already. We guarantee you will learn something you didn't know and leave feeling inspired!

Calendar of Events

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- 3 Museum Closed
- 8 Scout Merit Badge Workshop - SOLD OUT!
- 9 Mother's Day
- 10 Museum Closed
- 17 Museum Closed
- 22 James Cameron – *CHALLENGING THE DEEP* exhibit opens
- 22 *Style and Speed: Passenger Liner Travel of the 20th Century* exhibit opens
- 23 RCHT: Millionaires and Mansions South (2PM) - SOLD OUT!
- 24 Museum Closed
- 31 Museum Closed

JUNE

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- 1 \$5 after 5PM
- 1 Summer Camp begins
- 2 Storytime at the Platform (10AM-12PM)
- 4 Deepsea Fridays (10AM-2PM)
- 6 RCHT: Parks and Boulevards (2PM)
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- 9 Storytime at the Platform (10AM-12PM)
- 10 Robert Ballard Virtual Lecture (6:30-7:30PM)
- 11 Deepsea Fridays (10AM-2PM)
- 13 RCHT: Last Call for Alcohol (2PM)
- 15 \$5 after 5PM
- 16 Storytime at the Platform (10AM-12PM)
- 18 Deepsea Fridays (10AM-2PM)
- 20 Father's Day
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- 23 Storytime at the Platform (10AM-12PM)
- 25 Deepsea Fridays (10AM-2PM)
- 27 RCHT: Millionaires and Mansions North (2PM)
- 29 \$5 after 5PM
- 30 Storytime at the Platform (10AM-12PM)

JULY

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- 2 Deepsea Fridays (10AM-2PM)
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AUGUST

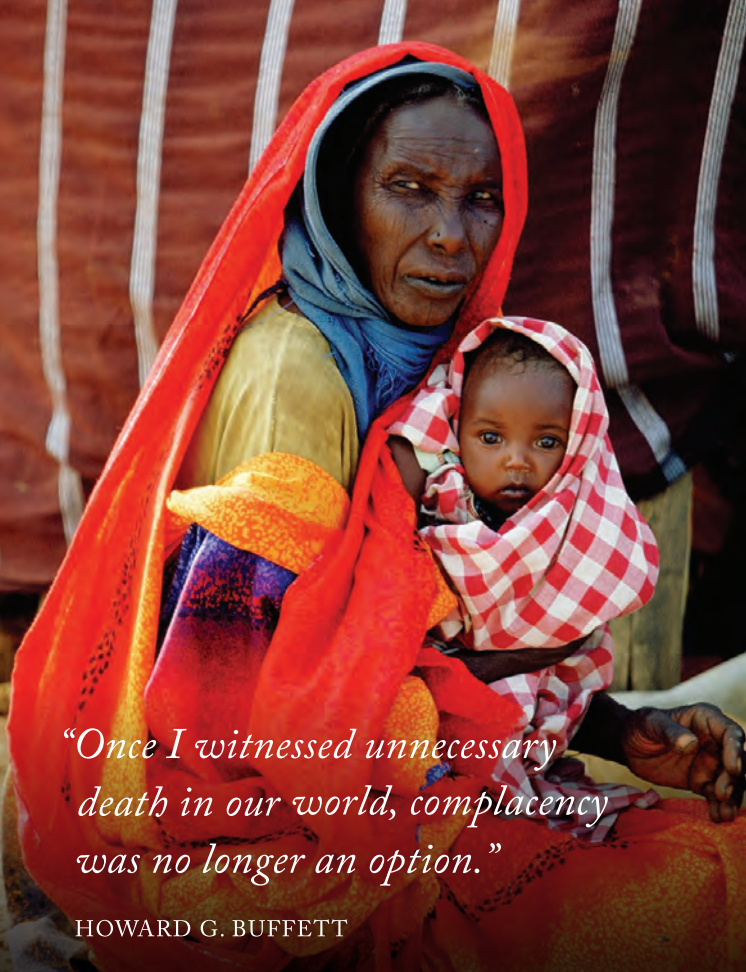
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- 3 \$5 after 5PM
- 6 Summer Camp ends
- 7 Root Beer Float Day (10AM-4PM)
- 7 *Omaha Uncovered: Revealing History through Art and Story* exhibit opens
- 9 Teachers' Week Registration Opens
- 10 \$5 after 5PM
- 10 RCHT: Remember the Ladies (6PM)
- 10 Beyond the Vote Artist Panel – Virtual Event (6:30PM)
- 17 \$5 after 5PM
- 17 An Aerial View of Omaha with Kenneth Bé – Virtual Event (6:30PM)
- 21 Museum Insider Tour: Omaha's Union Station (9:30-11AM)
- 22 RCHT: Expositions to Jazz Musicians (2PM)
- 24 \$5 after 5PM
- 29 RCHT: Millionaires and Mansions North (2PM)
- 31 \$5 after 5PM

RCHT = River City History Tour



For the second year in a row, the annual Railroad Days event has been cancelled due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, but we look forward to celebrating with renewed vigor at next year's Railroad Days, July 9-10, 2022. Save the date!



"Once I witnessed unnecessary death in our world, complacency was no longer an option."

HOWARD G. BUFFETT

COMING THIS FALL!

40 CHANCES: Finding Hope In A Hungry World
October 9, 2021 – January 9, 2022

Developed by the Newseum in collaboration with Howard G. Buffett Foundation. The Newseum is an affiliate of the Freedom Forum, whose mission is to foster First Amendment freedoms for all—freedomforum.org. The Howard G. Buffett Foundation is the exclusive sponsor of the exhibit.

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