

Rekindle the wonder
and delight of your
childhood in *TOYTOPIA*

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Letter from the Executive Director



Room to play.

The blue shag carpet was a bold choice for a family home but for a “playroom” it reinforced the idea that we were there to have fun. Our home had its usual gathering spaces—living room, dining room, kitchen and the much-loved playroom. This space was jam packed with all the joys of childhood. A painted, upright piano stood at the ready for anyone wishing to tickle the keys. The television (encased in a wooden cabinet and weighing 1,000 pounds) taught us how to turn a can into a cane just by adding a silent “e.” Behind, beside, in and under every piece of furniture you would find...toys. As a self-proclaimed play expert, I was a huge fan of the 1970s Fisher-Price series. From the Play Family Village to the Action Garage to the red barn with mooing doors, I could easily get lost in my imagination for hours on end.

It took several decades before I realized just how important and meaningful that time and that space were. Growing up, my family and I had countless opportunities to learn, connect and have fun with each other, all within the walls of one room filled with toys. Puzzles challenged our minds, Lincoln Logs® engineered collaboration and Matchbox cars unlocked a world where everyday was an adventure.

Our newest exhibit, *TOYTOPIA* from Stage 9 Exhibits, is a testament to the enduring power of toys, providing visitors with a unique opportunity to learn, connect and have fun. It’s not an exhibit just for kids. It’s an exhibit for anyone who was a kid, who has kids and yes... who is a kid. It’s an exhibit that promises to bring generations together so that we can be reminded that regardless of our age, we all need a room to play.

With sincere appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christi Janssen".

Christi Janssen
Executive Director



The red barn with mooing doors, and even the box it came in, made for a memorable playroom.

take a trip down
memory lane and
share toy experiences
with the whole family

TOYTOPIA

exhibition on display **march 9 - may 26**

What toys defined your childhood? Jump ropes? Star Wars® collectibles? Easy Bake Oven? Arcade games? Whatever your favorite toy was, you're sure to find it in TOYTOPIA, a hands-on exhibition experience developed by Stage 9 Exhibits (who also brought us last spring's hugely popular *Hall of Heroes* superhero exhibit!).

Prepare to enter a treasure trove of toys that connects all generations. From the earliest tin toys to the hottest trends, TOYTOPIA offers fascinating history and insights into the evolution of toys throughout the 20th century. Explore the importance of play in cultivating life skills, such as creativity and problem-solving, and learn how STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) has played a role in the toy-verse.

A visit to TOYTOPIA is sure to rekindle the wonder and delight of your childhood. Featuring the world's largest Etch A Sketch, a life-size Monopoly car and game board, a retro arcade area and a life-size dollhouse, visitors of all ages will be transported into a world of play and nostalgia, where they can discover the origins of their favorite toys, who made them and why they continue to be beloved.

TOYTOPIA must-see features:

- **The World's Largest Etch A Sketch**, close to 8 feet tall!
- **Retro Arcade Area**, with working classic games
- **A Life-size Dollhouse**, with engaging play areas
- **Life-size Monopoly Car**, for a unique photo opportunity
- **LEGO® Play Area/LEGO® Wall**
- **LEGO® Train Layout**, a fanciful working electric train layout
- **Our Signature Jack in The Box** explores the science of toys
- **Schylling Tin Toys**, see how tin toys are created out of simple sheets of tin
- **Keva Planks, Lincoln Logs® and brain teasers** play areas

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origins of your
favorite toys

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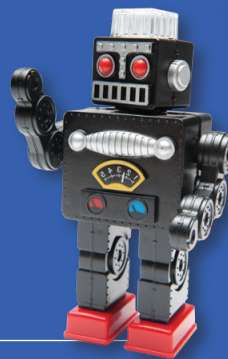


play with big toys!

TOYTOPIA showcases specialty exhibits from toymakers including: Hasbro®, Duncan Yo-Yo®, Schleich®, Breyer®, Crayola®, KNEX® (Lincoln Logs®) and many more.

No matter how old you are, TOYTOPIA will make you feel like a kid again!

TOYTOPIA was created by Stage 9 Exhibits and is distributed by Exhibits Development Group.



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Members-Only Preview

Friday, March 8, 5-8PM

Advanced registration encouraged

Be the first to see TOYTOPIA during this special preview event for members only! Enjoy family-friendly activities and our newest interactive exhibition before it opens to the public. Advanced registration is encouraged as spots will fill up fast, so reserve yours today!

Food and sweet treats will be available for purchase at the Soda Fountain. If you are unsure of your membership expiration date or need help registering, please contact the Membership Department.

How to register/renew:

- Call 402-444-5071
- Email membership@DurhamMuseum.org
- Or go online to DurhamMuseum.org/member-preview and log in to your account to register for the event

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TOYTOPIA Programming



special
guests &
more!

SaturPLAY at The Durham

Saturdays, 10AM-Noon
March 9, 16, 23, 30

Grab your family and play with The Durham each Saturday in March during the run of TOYTOPIA! Each week will bring new opportunities to explore fun and nostalgic toys, games, crafts and characters from all generations of play.

- March 9** National Barbie Day
- March 16** LEGO® Party
- March 23** Action-Packed
(action figures to Hot Wheels!)
- March 30** Board Games Galore
(featuring Our Family Plays Games)

Visit DurhamMuseum.org for more details.



Recess at The Durham!

Tuesdays, 11AM-Noon
March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9

Recess is everyone's favorite class! Spend your spring break immersing yourself in play at The Durham Museum and enjoy the opportunity to take part in some classic playground activities. Hopscotch, 4-square, jacks and other fun will be the perfect match with TOYTOPIA. Stop by the platform and challenge a friend (old or new!) to a game.



Puppets on the Platform

Thursdays, 11AM-Noon
March 21, 28 and April 4, 11

Both young and old will enjoy meeting and interacting with The Durham Museum's most loveable employee – Professor Durham! Professor Durham is the museum's puppet co-host on our digital learning broadcast, *Museum Live!* We are excited to bring the professor to the public on Thursdays to discuss the history of toys, the importance of play and much more! Kids will also have an opportunity to play with puppets and interact with Professor Durham on their own stage.



Fun Fact

The first SaturPLAY (March 9) coincides with opening day of TOYTOPIA and National Barbie Day, which honors the iconic doll's debut in 1959. Barbie-inspired attire is encouraged!



These drop-in activities are included with museum admission. No registration required.

The perfect
"escape"
for visitors
21 & over!

Escape FROM ToyLand

Escape from Toyland

Thursday, April 18, 6-10PM

\$15 for members, \$25 for non-members

(includes one drink ticket)

Put your skills to the test in a truly unique escape room-inspired game that will take you all over Union Station! Complete the game and submit your answers for a chance to win prizes! And when you are ready for a break, grab a signature cocktail from the cash bar and try your hand at other games in the game lounge. Chew on your clues with a free nacho bar and popcorn (while supplies last) or other yummy bites available for purchase at the Soda Fountain. Then "play" on your childhood memories in our featured exhibition, TOYTOPIA.

REGISTER

To purchase tickets, visit
DurhamMuseum.org/toyland
or call 402-444-5071.
Must be 21 or older to attend.



Mulehead Ranch

Now - July 14

As westward settlement expanded in the early 20th century, South Dakota experienced what became known as the Second Dakota Boom. Brothers Ernest, Graydon and Frank Jackson, Jr. entered Rosebud Reservation land in South Dakota at this time and began their business venture known as Mulehead Ranch. This exhibit features nine images from the museum's Photo Archive representing Mulehead Ranch's impact on the local land and culture.

This exhibition was curated by Durham Museum Intern, Eve Aspinwall, Creighton University graduate.

Photo: The Last Building on its way to Winner,
South Dakota. ca. 1910

Bostwick-Frohardt Collection/KMTV
The Durham Museum Photo Archive, BF1176-315A

Current & New Exhibits



Expressions in Writing

February 24 - August 25

Byron Reed acquired many items for his collection throughout his lifetime and some of these included documents from historical figures or those who experienced historic events. The authors range from royalty to explorers to early colonists. This exhibit will feature a selection of documents from Reed's collection, along with historical and biographical context for each. In addition, we will step into the world of "graphology," which theorizes that a person's handwriting gives insight into their personality. Local handwriting analyst Rolando Garcia provides a reading of each document with brief observations he made when studying the writing style.

Photo: A letter from First Lady Frances Folsom Cleveland to Byron Reed regarding money from her great uncle's estate in Omaha being sent to the White House.

The Byron Reed Collection, 4C10.19

A Look Ahead



Play Clothes: Celebrating Sherri Geerdes at The Rose Theater March 2 - May 26



Sherri Geerdes shared her creativity with The Rose, previously known as The Emmy Gifford Children's Theater, for the last 40 years and retired with an impressive portfolio. She designed a plethora of costumes, wigs, hats and other fun and colorful creations to help bring children's stories to life on stage. The Durham Museum is proud to team up with The Rose to display 19 costumes designed by Geerdes for various productions throughout her tenure along with accessories and sketches. Geerdes shares her inspiration for the many designs and the display is sure to amaze with the imagination she brought to the children's theater.

Photo: Sherri Geerdes pictured with actor Nils Haaland in her costume design for the Turtle character in the *Frog and Toad* production.



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BECOMING JANE

THE EVOLUTION OF DR. JANE GOODALL

Photo: Michael Nichols, National Geographic

Becoming Jane: The Evolution of Dr. Jane Goodall June 22 - October 13

Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE, founder of the Jane Goodall Institute and UN Messenger of Peace, braved the unknown to give the world a remarkable window into humankind's closest living relatives: chimpanzees. In this hands-on, transportive multimedia exhibition celebrating her extraordinary life and work, visitors will explore Dr. Goodall's early years through iconic images and a multiscreen experience, and venture on an immersive projection of Tanzania's Gombe Stream National Park where she did her famous behavioral research on chimps. Visitors will also see a life-size hologram of Dr. Goodall, enter a replica of her research tent and learn about her current role as a leader in community-centered conservation and youth empowerment. Finally, visitors will find out what they can do today to make a positive impact in the world.



Photo: Rebecca Hale, National Geographic

Becoming Jane: The Evolution of Dr. Jane Goodall is an exhibition organized and traveled by the National Geographic Society in partnership with the Jane Goodall Institute.

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Educational Programming



Scout Merit Badge Workshops

The Durham Museum provides five unique Merit Badge workshops, all set in our historic building and taught by museum staff who are certified Merit Badge counselors. Join us for badges such as American Heritage, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in Society, Coin Collecting and Railroading. Scouts can even complete two badges in one day! For dates, descriptions, costs and to register, please visit DurhamMuseum.org/scouts or contact the Education Services Department at 402-444-5027 or education@DurhamMuseum.org.

Saturday, February 10

9AM- Noon Coin Collecting
1:30-4:30PM Railroading

Saturday, March 9

9AM-Noon American Heritage
1:30-4:30PM Citizenship in the Nation

Saturday, April 13

9AM-Noon Citizenship in Society

Lecture with the Institute for Holocaust Education, featuring Rose Viny

Wednesday, March 20, 6:30-7:30PM

The Durham Museum is honored to partner with the Institute for Holocaust Education as a part of their annual Week of Understanding, a week of programming and lectures where over 6,000 people will hear the moving testimony of survivors of the Holocaust and second-generation survivors of the Holocaust.

Rose Viny was born and raised in Omaha and is the daughter of Holocaust survivors Bluma and Joe Polonski. Her father Joe was one of only 700 survivors of Treblinka and one of only three survivors who escaped from the death camp. Rose will show the movie, *Escape from Treblinka*:

The Joseph Polonski Story, and share her message of "Never Again!" The film chronicles the life of Joseph Polonski from his childhood in Silvaki, Poland to the Jewish ghetto and ultimately to Treblinka. His wit and luck allowed him to become one of just three known escapees from Treblinka. After his escape, he served as an officer in the resistance, fighting Nazis until the liberation and eventually immigrated to the United States in 1949.

Advanced registration is required. Regular museum admission applies, free for museum members. Register by calling 402-444-5071, emailing reservations@DurhamMuseum.org or by going online to DurhamMuseum.org/calendar.



Nebraska SciFest Expo

Saturday, April 27, 9AM-Noon

Join us for the Nebraska Science Festival Expo and participate in fun and engaging hands-on learning! There will be a wide variety of booths to promote science and its impact on our everyday lives. The event is free with a SciFest coupon, found online at nescifest.com. Advanced registration through Nebraska SciFest is required.

Upcoming Tours

MUSEUM INSIDER TOURS

Museum Insider Tours offer guests the chance to see our amazing, but rarely seen museum collection. Go behind-the-scenes with the Collections team to see some of the 40,000 historical objects housed within the museum's artifact storage area and learn a bit more about the history of Omaha. Tours are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Membership discount applies to those in the household. Advance registration and payment are required. Space is limited! Register online at DurhamMuseum.org, or contact the Education Services Department at 402-444-5027 or education@DurhamMuseum.org.

Growing Up in Omaha

Saturday, March 16, 9:30-11AM

Feeling nostalgic? Explore what it was like to grow up in 19th and 20th century Omaha. Journey from birth, through childhood, to graduation. Interact with objects related to school, nurseries, recreation and the emergence of childhood and teenage culture.

Go behind-the-scenes and get up-close with our collection!

Names You Know

Saturday, June 8, 9:30-11AM

Paxton. Brandeis. Joslyn. Do these names ring a bell? Learn more about the people behind the names you see around town. This program features furniture, clothing, documents and portraits belonging to some of Omaha's famous families.



Public Tour Season May-October, Private Tours Available All Year

Spring and summer are fast approaching, which means we're gearing up for another exciting season of River City History Tours. Take a ride – or walk – as we highlight the unique and vibrant history of Omaha neighborhoods, buildings and more. Our 2024 season kicks off with two of our most popular bus tours:

Saturday, May 11, 1-3pm: Omaha's Parks and Boulevards

Saturday, May 18, 1-3pm: From Expositions to Jazz Musicians

Back a for second season are our Downtown Omaha Walking Tours, which take tour guests through the historic Old Market.

Purchase a ticket on a public tour or gather a group of friends, family or co-workers for your very own private trip! For pricing and additional information, visit DurhamMuseum.org/tours or contact the Education Services Department at education@DurhamMuseum.org or 402-444-5027. **The full tour schedule and registration for public tours will be available beginning April 1.**

Scan for Tour Descriptions, available April 1:



Upcoming Tours

Save the Date! Registration for
Public Tours Opens April 1



"This tour, given by an informed and passionate guide, was an exceptional means to learn and see the history of our city. It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience —sign me up for the next one!"

River City History Tour Guest

All aboard for a historic ride, or walk,
through the streets of Omaha!



Chattin' with Dr. Chatteleton



Drop-In Activity,
No Registration
Required!

Join one of The Durham's educators, Dr. Kyle Chatteleton, for a conversation in the permanent galleries and a deep dive into Omaha history. The conversations will begin with a brief overview in the Suzanne and Walter Scott Great Hall and move to the permanent exhibits.

How We Played: Music in the Nebraska Household

Friday, March 15, 11AM

From instruments to the phonograph, to the radio and beyond, join Kyle as we explore the musical landscape of Nebraska throughout the years.

Lewis and Clark, and the First Council on the Bluffs

Saturday, March 23, 1PM

As the Corps of Discovery journeyed up the Missouri River during the summer of 1804, a meeting occurred on the Council Bluffs with members of the Otoe and Missouri Nations. It would prove to be an important first conversation with lasting implications. Join Kyle for a discussion about this significant meeting during the Lewis and Clark Expedition and more.

The Ugly Duckling Becomes a Swan: Omaha's First Makeover

Friday, March 29, 11AM

During the early years of Omaha's history, much was written about the city's muddy streets and peculiar denizens. But as time went on, a group of concerned city dwellers sought to create a new image for their beloved town through a series of civic infrastructure projects. Kyle will lead a conversation about Omaha's first makeover.

What if It Wasn't Omaha?: The Pacific Railway Act

Saturday, April 13, 1PM

Most know that Omaha grew around the railroad industry, but some might not know that the railroad might never have travelled through the city. Join Kyle for a conversation of "What Ifs" centering on Omaha and the Pacific Railway Act.

Dr. Kyle Chatteleton has a passion for American history with an emphasis on local sounds, protests and hopes. Originally from California, Kyle has his PhD in ethnomusicology from the University of Virginia and believes that life is best with an In-N-Out burger.

Kids Corner



BIRTHDAY Parties

at The Durham Museum

Come party with us! Schedule your child's next birthday party at The Durham and it will surely go down in history! Pick from popular party themes like "All Aboard!" for those train-loving kiddos, or "Party at The Platform" for the little architects and inventors in your life. Parties include a party room, party facilitator, an ice cream sundae for each guest and all-day museum admission for 12 guests.

For costs and additional information, visit DurhamMuseum.org/birthday.

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SUMMER CAMPS

THE DURHAM MUSEUM



Every Day is an Adventure! June 3 - August 9

Looking for an unforgettable summer adventure and learning experience? Explore summer camps at The Durham Museum! Choose from a wide range of camp themes, including a new camp focused on learning about our animal friends inspired by the work of Dr. Jane Goodall. Half-day and full-day programs are available for 1st-5th graders (Please note these are the grade levels your child will be entering in the 2024-25 school year). The Durham Museum also offers a "Beyond the Camp" experience for campers who want to arrive early or stay late.

Be sure to check out our Specialty Camps soon before they fill up!

Our popular Wizard Academy and LEGO® Camps are back this year and better than ever! Don't let your kids miss out, sign up today.

Other camp themes include:

- Becoming Jane **Featured Camp!**
- All Aboard
- Around the World
- Art in Action!
- Dig into Dinosaurs
- Explore, Investigate, Discover!
- Omaha Staycation
- S.T.E.A.M.



If a popular camp sells out join a waitlist by contacting the Education Services Department at education@durhammuseum.org or 402-444-5027.



“

They looked forward to every day and enjoyed the camp. I loved picking them up and hearing about their exciting day. Thank you, Durham!"

– Camp Parent

Register today! Visit CampsAtTheDurham.org



The Outlaw Entrepreneur

Our research for upcoming exhibits always offers us the chance to discover interesting people, and one of these figures was referred to as "The Outlaw Down The Alley." While editing our upcoming photo exhibit on Mulehead Ranch located near Winner, South Dakota, the man remembered as an outlaw entrepreneur captured our attention.

Benjamin Butts, born in Iowa in the 1870s, entered Winner, South Dakota, around the end of World War I and performed odd jobs around town until opening his successful business venture. His first trading post building, reportedly referred to as a shack, housed a retail business for anyone looking for items ranging from hair pins to groceries to a tractor. He afforded this first structure from profits made from selling jack-knives and honey. Others

"Shoplifters: Anyone caught stealing will not be dealt with by the law, but by the outlaw. B.B. Butts."

referred to him as an outlaw and he ran with the name. Customers at the Outlaw Trading Post were expected to pay in cash only and Butts allegedly had a sign stating "Shoplifters: Anyone caught stealing will not be dealt with by the law, but by the outlaw. B.B. Butts." Butts' business was open 24 hours a day Monday through Saturday and for a few hours on Sundays. These hours were not permanent, as he decreased them to 18 hours a day when he got ahead of other competitors. He bought merchandise in bulk and the variety plus low prices brought in many customers from the surrounding towns

and reservation land. He opened four additional branches in South Dakota and managed to employ nearly 80 people during the Great Depression years.

The outlaw business ran for almost three decades before he sold the store in 1947 to a company that may be familiar to Omaha locals, the Paxton & Gallagher Company. Ben Butts died of a heart attack while passing through Omaha returning from a trip in 1955. He is buried at Omaha's Forest Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Photo: Outlaw Trading Post, 1928

The Bostwick-Frohardt/KMTV Collection
The Durham Museum Photo Archive BF426-226



Development Corner



Giving Thanks

With the new year in full swing, we want to thank all our members, supporters, volunteers and community partners for your thoughtful support. Thanks to your generosity and involvement, The Durham Museum saw record levels of attendance, membership and field trip students in 2023, with plenty of momentum to build upon for the months ahead. Thank you!



The On Track Guild's third annual Coming Home for the Holidays Luncheon and Market was another sell-out success, raising over \$80,000 to benefit The Durham's educational programming and operations.

Get Involved with the On Track Guild

The Durham Museum's On Track Guild membership drive is on and we would love to welcome you! Please consider joining this volunteer organization dedicated to strengthening the museum through volunteerism, fundraising and community awareness. Learn more and join today by visiting durhammuseum.org/on-track-guild or call the development office at 402-444-5071.



Ceiling Restoration



Photo Preservation

Help Make History

Your generous support of The Durham Museum Annual Fund helps us preserve our National Historic Landmark building, digitize historic collections and serve students across the metro and beyond. With another busy spring upon us, we hope you'll consider making a contribution to support these vital pieces of the museum's mission. Simply return the enclosed envelope, add a gift to your membership renewal or use your phone to scan the QR code to give today!

Give Today!



Calendar of Events

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- 5 Museum Closed
- 10 Scout Merit Badge Workshop (9AM-Noon and 1:30-4:30PM)
- 11 *Julia Child: A Recipe for Life* exhibit closes
- 11 *Cream Of The Crop: Omaha Pioneers Of The Food Scene* exhibit closes
- 12 Museum Closed
- 19 Museum Closed
- 24 *Expressions in Writing* exhibit opens
- 26 Museum Closed

MARCH

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- 1 River City History Tours registration opens for 2024 season!
- 1 Museum closed
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- 4 Puppets on the Platform (11AM-Noon)
- 6 *Tailored by Ann Lowe* display opens
- 8 Museum closed
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- 15 Museum closed
- 18 Escape from Toyland, 21 & older event (6-10PM)
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- 29 Museum closed
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- 27 Memorial Day

Members, if you prefer to receive your free copy of the museum's *Timelines* newsletter by email (digital copy) instead of mail (printed copy), please email your request to membership@DurhamMuseum.org or call 402-444-5071.



After a highlighted run at the Winterthur Museum, a pair of 1961 Aksarben Coronation gowns are returning to The Durham Museum. Here's your chance to see them for a limited time, April 6 - May 12.



ANN LOWE
FASHION DESIGNER

Visitors to the *Ann Lowe: American Couturier* exhibition at the Winterthur Museum, Garden and Library in Delaware recently experienced a spectacular display of dresses designed by famed designer Ann Lowe, including two from the 1961 Aksarben Coronation that were on loan from The Durham Museum. The dresses are returning to Omaha this spring and visitors will have an opportunity to see them up close. For the first time, the dresses – in addition to the 1961 Aksarben Queen gown, also designed by Lowe – will be showcased at The Durham.

Ann Lowe photo: By Moneta Sleet Jr. for Ebony Magazine, 1966. Credit Johnson Publishing Company Archive. Courtesy Ford Foundation, J. Paul Getty Trust, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and Smithsonian Institution.

Gowns shown above were donated to the museum by Ann Lallman Jessop and Lynn Robertson Evert.

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