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Seniors (62+), Military and Veteran: \$12
Children (3-12): \$8
Members and children 2 & under: FREE

HOURS **OCTOBER-DECEMBER**
Tuesday-Saturday: 10AM-4PM
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SPECIAL HOURS!

OPEN LATE!
Tuesdays, December 3, 10 & 17
the museum reopens from 5-8PM
for Family Nights with Santa

**LAST TWO MONDAYS IN
DECEMBER (23 & 30)**
Open 10AM-4PM

CHRISTMAS EVE
Open 10AM-2PM

Letter from the Executive Director



It's Official!

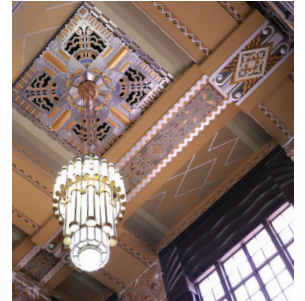
The body of an email dated January 11, 2017, from Mark Chavez, former Historical Architect for the National Park Service - Midwest Regional Office was simple: **Omaha Union Station is a National Historic Landmark!**

This news came three months after Mark and his landmark application co-author, architectural historian Dena Sanford, made their case to the National Park Service's National Historic Landmark Advisory Committee. The Committee voted unanimously to advance Omaha Union Station's nomination to the Advisory Board and the Board's approval on November 18, 2016 sealed the deal. The Secretary of the Interior would add her signature at the start of the new year, making it official.

Eight years later, the National Park Service will once again find its way to the center of our work. Late last year, the museum applied to the Save America's Treasures grant program administered through the National Parks Service in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Institute of Museum and Library Services. This was both a rigorous and highly competitive funding opportunity.

With three short words (and more exclamation points than we could count) our Director of Museum Operations shared the news: **We got it!**

The museum was awarded a \$750,000 gift to support the replacement of Union Station's roof and joins the over \$1,000,000 raised from private sources. This project is the third part of a multi-phase effort to ensure the long-term preservation of our historic structure. Phase one restored the building's exterior facade while phase two addressed repairs and restoration to its Art Deco ceilings.



Had it not been for Mark and Dena's years of research, writing and rewriting nearly a decade earlier, the Save America's Treasures award would not have been possible. We are tremendously grateful to this visionary team, to our many donors and to our community for investing in this national treasure. Your support makes a difference and while my sentiment may be short, it is truly heartfelt:

We are grateful!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christi Janssen".

Christi Janssen
Executive Director

Phase three of our preservation project focuses on our National Historic Landmark's roof!



BEYOND COMBAT

WORLD WAR I THROUGH THE LENS OF "DOC" COOK

Exhibit on Display
November 9, 2024 - January 12, 2025



In 1914, tensions throughout Europe erupted into the start of The Great War following the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand.

The United States joined the Allied Powers in 1917 to oppose the Central Powers in a conflict remembered today as World War I.

Rudolph "Doc" Cook, a photographer who enlisted to join the war effort, served with the 88th Infantry Division, 313th Engineers of Camp Dodge in Iowa and captured the company's experiences with his camera. Many of these images were published in Camp Dodge's newspaper, *Camp Dodger*, and official books detailing the conflict. Instead of battles, the world through "Doc" Cook's lens included different training regimens for the American Expeditionary Forces, such as gas mask trials, boxing programs and bridge building. Overseas, Cook's images included war-torn

structures, trenches, celebrations following Armistice Day and the reconstruction of a train line by the 313th Engineers.

A century later, local resident Mollie Anderson purchased a case that belonged to Cook. The case contained his original photographic negatives. After researching Cook's life and displaying some of the images at Fremont's Gallery 92 West in 2022, she donated the collection to The Durham Museum.

Beyond Combat: World War I Through the Lens of "Doc" Cook is a temporary exhibition developed by The Durham Museum. The exhibit also plans to feature loans from fellow institutions including the editor of *Camp Dodger* Lieutenant Laurence Fairall's uniform, copies of *Camp Dodger* and trench art (decorated artillery shells). The display will include a small theater area featuring additional images in which guests are invited to linger and immerse themselves in the 313th Engineers' experience.



Photo above: "Doc" Cook, ca. 1918-19. RC4-002

Photo below: Soldiers construct a floating pontoon bridge, ca. 1918-1919. RC14-086

Photos are from The Rudolph Cook Collection, The Durham Museum Photo Archive

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Beyond Combat:
Opening Day Celebration

Saturday, November 9, 10AM-2PM

Join us for a patriotic celebration to kick off Veterans Day weekend and the opening of the *Beyond Combat* exhibition.

At 1PM, the Offutt Air Force Base Honor Guard will set the stage for a day of remembrance with the presentation of colors followed by the national anthem and an armed forces salute by the U.S. Air Force Heartland of America Band that pays tribute to our brave veterans.

Guests can enjoy a craft activity at The Platform where they will create their own poppy and learn more about why the flower is known as a symbol of remembrance around the world.

Veterans Day Weekend

Saturday and Sunday, November 9-10

Veterans and their immediate family enjoy complimentary admission all weekend long in observance of Veterans Day. Veterans can also enjoy a FREE hot dog meal at the Soda Fountain both days. The Durham Museum proudly supports our veterans!



Figuring Out a Photo

Curating exhibits involves studying multiple resources to help tell the story. Photographs play a valuable role as they add a visual aspect for viewers to see history in action. For the upcoming exhibit, *Beyond Combat: World War I Through the Lens of "Doc" Cook*, the many photos "Doc" took during his time overseas from September 1918 through May 1919 provide a unique perspective into the soldiers' experiences during a global conflict.

One step in developing the interpretation is determining what stories these pictures tell. For this, a curator must do a little detective work. Where was the photo taken? When? Can we identify who is in this photo? These are a few of the many questions that a curator can answer with a little extra research — and luck in some cases!

Here are a few informative details our curator, Chelsea Olmsted, learned about some of "Doc" Cook's photos during the research process.

From the Curator



◀ Elements of these soldiers' uniforms suggest that they're likely training in the United States at the time these photos were taken. The campaign hats and canvas leggings were worn while stateside and were traded out for a narrow overseas cap or metal helmet and wrap leggings, also known as puttees, when in Europe.

Photos: (Top) Soldiers building a wooden pontoon, ca. 1918-1919. RC14-036

(Below) Soldiers participate in a game with a medicine ball, 1918. RC14-112

Photos are from The Rudolph Cook Collection, The Durham Museum Photo Archive.

▲ Other clues are much smaller. In this image, one of the soldiers has the 88th Division's cloverleaf insignia on his shoulder. This symbol was not adopted until after Armistice Day, November 11, 1918, suggesting that this image took place post-armistice. Seeing the soldiers packed onto a large ship led our curator to try to find information about their return to the United States in 1919. Through the research process, our curator located the May 1919 passenger list for the *USS Pocahontas*, which contains "Doc" Cook's name, so it is possible this is an image of the 88th Infantry Division aboard that ship.

Photo: (Above) Soldiers on ship, 1919. RC14-298

BEYOND COMBAT

WORLD WAR I THROUGH THE LENS OF "DOC" COOK

Exhibit Preview and Lecture featuring guest speaker Dr. Mark Celinscak

Thursday, November 7, 5-8PM,
Advanced Registration Required

5-6:15PM: Social hour and Beyond Combat exhibit preview

6:30PM: Lecture - Great War Propaganda and
the Christmas Truce

(Please note, the museum will close at 4PM
and reopen at 5PM for the event)

Join us for a sneak peek inside The Durham Museum's new temporary exhibit, *Beyond Combat: World War I Through the Lens of "Doc" Cook* — which opens to the public on November 9 — followed by an engaging lecture on Great War propaganda and the Christmas Truce presented by UNO Professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Dr. Mark Celinscak.



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on our
Speaker

To win "The Great War," governments believed they needed a unified country behind it, which often meant influencing public perception. Mass media and propaganda thus merged to target public sentiment and alter opinions about the war. This lecture will examine the different types and techniques of propaganda used in the Great War and the impact it had on perception of the so-called Christmas truces.

Social hour includes light hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Attendees of the exhibit preview will also have a chance to visit with Durham Museum curator Chelsea Olmsted and Mollie Anderson, the local resident whose discovery of "Doc" Cook's photographic negatives led to the creation of the Beyond Combat exhibition.



To register visit DurhamMuseum.org, email reservations@DurhamMuseum.org or call 402-444-5071.

Current Exhibits

THE LOST WORLD OF DRAGONS

Just Opened!

On Display Now – December 31, 2024

From *Game of Thrones* to *How to Train Your Dragon*, there is no denying that people of all ages love these magical creatures. Experience them in an all-new way when you visit *The Lost World of Dragons*. This exhibit explores the histories of these legendary beasts and some of the cultures around the world that celebrate them.



The exhibition will feature a unique, custom and interactive experience for guests of all ages. Visitors will be immersed in the stories and mythology of dragons — exploring the lore and history of dragons in nearly every region and culture, from Norway

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This was a really fun exhibit! My 6-year-old niece really enjoyed it.



to ancient China. Hands-on displays and photo opportunities will deeply engage visitors in the amazing world of dragons. The *Lost World of Dragons* celebrates and explores both the history of and science behind how dragon myths have grown through ages and cultures.

Exploring the tales and tails of these ancient mythical beasts, *The Lost World of Dragons* is sure to breathe new fire into your imagination!

The Lost World of Dragons® was created by Stage 9 Exhibits and is distributed by Exhibits Development Group.

Host your child's birthday party during this exhibit! See Page 13 for details.



Christmas Day Jailbreak Now - March 9, 2025

On December 25, 1938, at 7:10PM, inmates Marvin Brown, Phil Erwin, Paul Romano and Fred J. Roberts escaped from the Douglas County Jail in downtown Omaha. After Roberts jumped Deputy Sheriff Joe Rosenbloom and stole his keys, the prisoners began their attempt at a grand escape. They forced their way out of the courthouse, stole a car and fled. Within the next 48 hours a second stolen car was chased into a ditch and the escaped convicts were found one-by-one on farm land outside the city and returned to custody. Their attempt at an escape had failed. This exhibit features nine images from the museum's Photo Archive.

Read about the details of their grand escape and eventual capture through images from the museum's Photo Archive. this nine-photo display was curated by The Durham Museum intern DyLynn Madson, Grinnell College student.

Photo: The Durham Museum Photo Archive, The John Savage Collection, JS43E-574

Current Exhibits



Pastime Print: Graham's Magazine Now - April 6, 2025

Philadelphia businessman George Rex Graham became the owner of two magazine publications, *The Casket* and *Burton's Gentleman Magazine*, and combined them into *Graham's Lady's and Gentleman's Magazine*. The serial published colorful illustrations, tales and poetry featuring notable authors, travel information and much more from January 1841 to the late 1850s. These magazines offered a glimpse into what entertainment and trends were popular for their readers at the time.

Get a peek at what fashion, recreation and stories were part of the culture for the mid-19th century in this display curated by The Durham Museum intern Michael Ermitaño, University of Nebraska at Omaha graduate.

Photo: Mezzotint featured in *Graham's American Monthly Magazine of Literature and Art*, 1848. The Byron Reed Collection, O 4.20.

Object: Leather flask for gun powder. The Durham Museum Permanent Collection, 1994.67.174

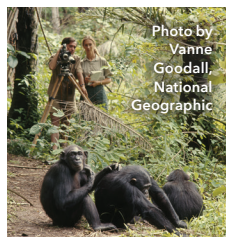


“ They were great exhibits! Wonderful displays, a lot of great videos and really good for all ages.

LAST CHANCE! Final day to swing in for *Becoming Jane and Wild Kingdom* is Sunday, October 13!

Becoming Jane: The Evolution of Dr. Jane Goodall

This hands-on, transportive multimedia exhibition takes visitors on a journey through the life and work of Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE, who braved the unknown to give the world a remarkable window into humankind’s closest living relatives: chimpanzees.



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Mutual of Omaha’s Wild Kingdom

"Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom" is one of the most loved and respected wildlife programs in TV history, taking viewers to the far corners of the world. The exhibit highlights the origins of the TV show, stories from behind-the-scenes and the work being done today to inspire the next generation of conservationists.

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A Look Ahead

ANTARCTIC DINOSAURS

Dinosaurs have never been cooler!

New exhibit opening February 15, 2025

This spring, embark on a dramatic adventure to Antarctica — one of the most isolated and dangerous environments on Earth — and witness the latest discovery: dinosaurs.

The only exhibition of its kind to showcase holotypes of dinosaur fossils, *Antarctic Dinosaurs* immerses visitors in the thrilling hunt for never-before-seen fossils and sheds new light on our planet’s ever-changing climate and geology. View fossils that reveal Antarctica’s past alongside large-scale replicas of dinosaur species unique to the continent. Then witness the persistent challenges and extreme conditions of expeditions to the “Lost Continent” to gain an understanding of the tough working conditions for the scientists who must rely on an arsenal of modern power tools to extract fossils from rock and bring these discoveries to light.



Field Museum paleontologists, Pete Makovicky and Nate Smith excavate fossils on Mt. Kirkpatrick, Antarctica. Photograph by Phil Currie

Antarctic Dinosaurs was developed by the Field Museum, Chicago in partnership with the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, Discovery Place – Charlotte, NC, and the Natural History Museum of Utah. Generous support was provided by the Kenneth C. Griffin Charitable Fund.



Upcoming Tours & Workshops



The past comes alive during our River City History Tours, historically accurate, entertaining guided tours that share the fascinating history of Omaha. To book your tour, visit DurhamMuseum.org/tours or contact the Education Services Department at 402-444-5027 or education@DurhamMuseum.org.

- **Downtown Omaha Walking Tour**

Saturday, October 19, 10AM
 \$20 museum members, \$25 non-members

Put on your walking shoes and join us for the final walking tour date of the season! This group tour begins at The Durham Museum and proceeds to the Old Market where guests will visit notable downtown locations, view the sites of old speakeasies, Jobbers Canyon and hear the stories behind them.

- **Private Bus Tours - available all year long!**

We've wrapped our public tours for the season but don't forget private tours are available year-round! Pick your date, time (subject to availability) and the tour of your choice and have the whole bus to yourself! Available for groups of various sizes; pricing based on group size.



**Museum Insider Tour:
 Building Blocks of Omaha**

Saturday, October 12, 9:30-11AM
Advance Registration Required

Join us for the final Museum Insider Tour of 2024, a behind-the-scenes series offering one-of-a-kind history tours.

The city's got good bones! In this Museum Insider Tour, get acquainted with a few of Omaha's iconic buildings, some still standing and others lost to time. Hear about the city's prominent architects and engineers and peruse a selection of blueprints, plans, architectural fragments and more.

Guests will receive gloves and a VIP badge that allows them to enter special areas of the museum with our curatorial team. 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 or call us at 402-444-5027.



Scout Merit Badge Workshops

The Durham Museum provides six unique merit badge workshops, all set in our historic building and taught by museum staff who are certified merit badge counselors. For more information and to register, please contact the Education Services Department at 402-444-5027 or visit DurhamMuseum.org/scouts.

Saturday, October 12

9:30AM-12:30PM Sustainability

Saturday, November 9

9:30AM-12:30PM Citizenship in the World
 1:30-4:30PM Citizenship in the Nation

Saturday, January 25

9:30AM-12:30PM Coin Collecting
 1:30-4:30PM American Heritage

Saturday, February 15

9:30AM-12:30PM Railroading
 1:30-4:30PM Citizenship in the Nation

Don't miss the *Beyond Combat* Opening Day Celebration! See Page 5 for details.



Attention Girl Scouts!

Here's your chance to secure badges at The Durham Museum in January! Learn more at DurhamMuseum.org/scouts

Halloween Events



The GREAT HALL-OWEEN HAUNT

Tuesday, October 29, 5-8PM

Advanced Tickets Encouraged! • FREE to members; regular museum admission applies for non-members

Celebrate Halloween at The Durham Museum! We've got plenty of spooky good fun planned for the whole family. Get ready to explore some haunted history behind the walls of historic Union Station this October!

Join The Durham Museum and other community organizations including Fontenelle Forest, NE SciFest, The Rose Theater and PACE Arts for trick-or-treating fun at the museum! Come in costume and snag sweets from historical characters and spooktacular displays located throughout the museum. Then try your hand at ghostly games and creepy crafts in the Swanson "Ghouler." Don't forget to check out our spooky — but not scary — Haunted Train, and "crawl" your way through the Cobweb Caboose! Stop by our historic Soda Fountain to indulge in some extra tasty eats and sweet Halloween treats, available for purchase. Plus, a crowd-favorite, the Dancing Zombies from UNO's The Moving Company, are back for their 11th year and will perform at 6:45PM!

We can't wait to see all you ghosts and ghouls for a night of spooktacular fun!

EVENT ENTRY & TICKETS:

- The museum will close at 4PM and reopen at 5PM for entry to the Great HALL-oween Haunt.
- Advanced tickets are highly encouraged due to the popularity of the event. To reserve your spot, please visit DurhamMuseum.org/halloween or call 402-444-5071. Walk-up tickets may be available the day of the event, if space allows.

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



Spooky Tales for Tots

Wednesday, October 30,
10:30-11:30 AM

Bring your little ghosts and goblins to celebrate the season with a reading of a Halloween story followed by a cute craft.



Hallo-weekend

Saturday and Sunday, October 26-27
Free admission for kids in costume!

Enjoy goodie bags, the Haunted Train, Cobweb Caboose and Halloween games on the Platform. Plus, be on the lookout for Dancing Zombies in the afternoon courtesy of UNO's The Moving Company at 1PM.



Durham After Dark

Thursday, October 24, 6-10PM
Members: \$40, Non-Members \$50

A historic and hair-raising event awaits at The Durham Museum.

Grab some "BOOS" at our Spooky Speakeasy and dance to the feel-good funk and heavy soul music of the Kris Lager Band in the Swanson "Ghouler." See rare museum objects at the Creepy Curator station, hear eerie stories of Omaha's past, play Halloween games and more.

Of course, come dressed in your favorite Halloween costume! Frighteningly fantastic food and sweet treats will be available for purchase at our old fashioned Soda Fountain. Don't miss out! It's sure to be a wicked good time!

For tickets, visit DurhamMuseum.org/after-dark or call 402-444-5071.

Must be 21 or older to attend.

Popcorn bar and one drink ticket included with admission.



A spooky soiree just for adults!

Become a Museum Volunteer!



Have you encountered a helpful someone who made your museum experience more enjoyable? You, too, can help share history and make learning fun!

Be part of The Durham Museum experience by becoming a volunteer. Not only will you spend time in an invigorating atmosphere, you'll get sneak peeks of new exhibits, discounts, invites to monthly events and the chance to meet visitors from around the world.

To learn more about how to get involved, contact the Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@DurhamMuseum.org or visit our website at DurhamMuseum.org/volunteer. You can also find our volunteer opportunities at ShareOmaha.com.

Drop-In Activities



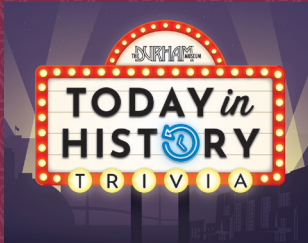
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Permanent Exhibit Spotlight

Join us for a unique, enhanced exhibit experience! Our talented docents will greet guests with photos and objects related to each permanent exhibit.

- **Native American Life: Winter Solstice**
Saturday November 16, 10AM-Noon
Doug Dutiel discusses how 19th century Native American nations celebrated the Winter Solstice.
- **What happened to the Caboose?**
Saturday, November 23, 10AM-Noon
Bob McCoy will highlight our caboose and FRED, the Flashing Rear End Device, that replaced the caboose!



Today in History Trivia

October 19, November 16, December 21, 10AM-Noon

What took place today in history? Stop by our trivia table during your visit to find out! Each event will feature trivia-style questions tied to historic events that took place that month, giving you a chance to cement your position as a "history expert" — or novice!



Celebrate at The Platform

Select Saturdays, 10AM-Noon

Join us at The Platform, the museum's interactive play space, and celebrate these upcoming holidays with us! Each date will have a special craft or activity and feature related photos from our Photo Archive for a fun and engaging history lesson.

- **Día de los Muertos:** *Saturday, November 2*
- **Veterans Day:** *Saturday, November 9*
- **Thanksgiving:** *Saturday, November 23*
- **Las Posadas:** *Saturday, December 14*



What is it Wednesday?

Wednesdays, Now - December 18, 10AM-Noon

Join us each week as we highlight an object from the museum's permanent collection. Be sure to visit the Suzanne and Walter Scott Great Hall and see what "it" is!



Join one of The Durham's educators, Dr. Kyle Chattleton, 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.

- **Tom Dennison, The Boss of Omaha**
Saturday, October 19, 1PM
Perhaps the most notorious criminal in Omaha history, Tom Dennison controlled the levers of local power for decades during the early 1900s. Join Kyle for a discussion about this infamous figure from Omaha's past.
- **"Never Give an Inch:" Father John Markoe and the DePorres Club**
Saturday, November 2, 1PM
When Father John Markoe came to Omaha in 1946, he brought with him his righteous fight against the "heresy of racism." He soon found like-minded individuals and formed with them the DePorres Club at Creighton University. For this conversation, Kyle will focus on their collective efforts to change Omaha for the better, well before the heyday of the Civil Rights Movement.



Sheep to Shawl Demonstration

Saturday, October 12
10:30AM-12:30PM & 1:30-3:30PM

Drop in for a delightful day out with the family as the Omaha Weavers and Spinners Guild present a "sheep to shawl" demonstration. See the cleaned shorn wool, how it is prepared for spinning into yarn and how that yarn is woven into a shawl.



Museum Store Sunday

Sunday, December 1
Noon-4PM

Shop with purpose and save 25% during Museum Store Sunday! Pop into the museum's Gilbert M. and Martha H. Hitchcock Museum Shop to find a Christmas gift and maybe even a treat for yourself. By shopping with us you support the museum, and as a thank you, we are extending our employee/volunteer discount of 25% off to you during Museum Store Sunday. But wait, there's more! Take your museum shop receipt to our old-fashioned Soda Fountain and also receive a "sweet" 25% off your order.

(Museum Store Sunday discount is not valid with any other discounts or promotions.)



Kids Corner

Make it a Winter Camp to Remember!

Registration opens October 11 for campers in K-5th grades

Daily Rate: \$50 for non-members,
\$45 for members

Full 7 Days: \$300 for non-members,
\$280 for members

Beat the boredom of winter break by spending it at The Durham Museum! This year we are offering seven individual days of camp. Sign up for one day or get a discount when you sign up for all seven! Each day will be full of adventure, crafts and creativity. For more info or to register, visit CampsAtTheDurham.org.

SCHEDULE & THEMES

Calling all Arctic Architects! A Winter LEGO® Camp	Snow, Spells and Sorcery: A Winter Wizard Academy!
Friday, Dec. 20	
Monday, Dec. 23	Monday, Dec. 30
No Camp Tuesday & Wednesday, Dec. 24-25	No Camp Tuesday & Wednesday, Dec. 31 & Jan. 1
Thursday, Dec. 26	Thursday, Jan. 2
Friday, Dec. 27	Friday, Jan. 3

Birthday Parties at The Durham Museum

Schedule your child's next birthday party at The Durham and it will surely go down in history! Birthday parties include full access to exhibits, including *The Lost World of Dragons*, trains and our interactive, STEAM-based play space. Choose from a one hour party room with sundaes or a two hour party room with select child entrée, drink and sundae. Make it extra special by booking a fossil dig and volcano experiment hosted by Dinosaur Ranger Anthony and Paleo, the Baby Spinosaurus! For costs and additional information, visit DurhamMuseum.org/birthday.





Development Corner

Give the Gift of Membership

A Durham Museum membership is the gift that can truly be enjoyed all year long! Purchase online at DurhamMuseum.org/membership or at the museum when you visit.

Year-End Giving

As the end of the year approaches, we hope you'll consider making a contribution to support The Durham Museum's Annual Fund. Your tax-deductible contribution advances important projects ranging from maintaining our National Historic Landmark building to underwriting admission and supplies for students. Simply return the enclosed white envelope or visit us online at DurhamMuseum.org. Interested in supporting a specific area of the museum? Please call 402-444-4775 or email Development@DurhamMuseum.org.

Mark Your Calendars:

Giving Tuesday, Omaha's biggest local giving day, is December 3

Help preserve Omaha's home to history, create opportunities for learning and celebrate our community with a gift to the museum! To give, visit SHAREomaha.org and search for The Durham Museum — *early giving is open now!*



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON & MARKET

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25,
10:30AM – 2PM**

Get ready for a red, white and PLAID celebration! Join us for The Durham Museum On Track Guild's fourth annual Coming Home for the Holidays luncheon and market, a fundraising event in support of The Durham Museum.

Attendees will enjoy shopping a local vendor market in front of the museum's gorgeous Christmas tree and, at the luncheon, get an insider's look into the holiday season at the White House. This year's featured speaker, Jennifer Boswell Pickens, is a White House historian and First Lady expert, who has richly documented more than 60 years of entertaining customs in her most recent book *Entertaining at the White House: Decades of Presidential Traditions*. Learn about the lavish decorations, themes and traditions of the holiday season celebrated by America's first families.



Guest Speaker
Jennifer Boswell Pickens

Tickets start at \$125, with proceeds benefiting The Durham Museum's programming and operations.

**To purchase tickets, visit us online at DurhamMuseum.org/coming-home.
For more information, please email ontrack@durhammuseum.org.**

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

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- 4 21st Annual Teachers' Night
- 7 Museum Closed
- 9 What is it Wednesday? (10AM-Noon)
- 11 Winter Camp Registration Opens
- 12 Scout Merit Badge Workshop
- 12 Museum Insider Tour (9:30AM)
- 12 Sheep to Shawl demonstration (10:30AM-12:30PM, 1:30-3:30PM)
- 13 *Becoming Jane* exhibit closes
- 13 *Mutual of Omaha* exhibit closes
- 13 RCHT: Omaha & the Presidents (Part I), Bus Tour, SOLD OUT
- 14 Museum Closed
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- 19 Chattin' with Dr. Chattleton (1PM)
- 19 Downtown Walking Tour (10AM)
- 20 RCHT: Omaha & the Presidents (Part II), Bus Tour SOLD OUT
- 21 Museum Closed
- 23 What is it Wednesday? (10AM-Noon)
- 24 Durham After Dark 21+ Event (6PM)
- 26-27 Hallo-weekend
- 28 Museum Closed
- 29 The Great HALL-oween Haunt (5PM)
- 30 What is it Wednesday? (10AM-Noon)
- 30 Spooky Tales for Tots (10:30-11:30AM)

RCHT=River City History Tour

- 2 Celebrate at the Platform (10AM-Noon)
- 2 Chattin' with Dr. Chattleton (1PM)
- 4 Museum Closed
- 6 What is it Wednesday? (10AM-Noon)
- 7 *Beyond Combat* Preview Event (5PM)
- 9 *Beyond Combat: World War I Through the Lens of "Doc" Cook* exhibit opens
- 9 Celebrate at The Platform (10AM-Noon)
- 9 *Beyond Combat: Opening Day Celebration* (10AM-2PM)
- 9-10 Free Admission for Veterans
- 9 Scout Merit Badge Workshops
- 11 Museum Closed / Veterans Day
- 13 What is it Wednesday? (10AM-Noon)
- 15 Museum Closed for Private Event
- 16 Today in History Trivia (10AM-Noon)
- 16 Permanent Exhibit Feature: Native American Life: Winter Solstice (10AM-Noon)
- 18 Tree Harvest! Follow the harvest on social media (9AM), Museum Closed to the Public
- 20 What is it Wednesday? (10AM-Noon)
- 23 Celebrate at the Platform (10AM-Noon)
- 23 Permanent Exhibit Feature: What Happened to the Caboose? (10AM-Noon)
- 25 Museum Closed to General Admission
- 25 Coming Home for the Holidays Luncheon & Market (10:30AM)
- 27 What is it Wednesday? (10AM-Noon)
- 28 Museum Closed for Thanksgiving
- 29 Tree Lighting Ceremony for Christmas at Union Station presented by FNBO (4PM)
- 29 Holiday Cultural Trees display opens
- 30 Holiday Concert Series (10AM-3PM)
- 30 Log Cabin Christmas (10AM)

- 1 Museum Store Sunday
- 2 Museum Closed
- 3 Giving Tuesday
- 3 Family Night with Santa and Holiday Concert Series (5-8PM)
- 4 What is it Wednesday? (10AM-Noon)
- 6 Holiday Cultural Festival (5-9PM)
- 7 Holiday Concert Series (10AM-3PM)
- 7 Log Cabin Christmas (10AM)
- 8 Holiday Lights Family Festival (11AM-4PM)
- 9 Museum Closed
- 10 Family Night with Santa and Holiday Concert Series (5PM)
- 11 What is it Wednesday? (10AM-Noon)
- 13 Visit Santa's Cabin (10AM-Noon, 1-3PM) **See full schedule**
- 14 Celebrate at The Platform (10AM-Noon)
- 14 Holiday Concert Series (10AM-3PM)
- 14 Log Cabin Christmas (10AM-Noon)
- 16 Museum Closed
- 17 Family Night with Santa and Holiday Concert Series (5-8PM)
- 18 What is it Wednesday? (10AM)
- 20 Winter Camp
- 21 Holiday Concert Series (10AM-3PM)
- 21 Log Cabin Christmas (10AM)
- 21 Today in History Trivia (10AM-Noon)
- 23 Winter Camp
- 24 Christmas Eve, Special Hours (10AM-2PM)
- 25 Museum Closed for Christmas



Mark your calendar for these popular events:

- Nov. 29 Tree Lighting Ceremony
- Dec. 3 Family Nights with Santa
- Dec. 6 Holiday Cultural Festival
- Dec. 10 Family Nights with Santa
- Dec. 17 Family Nights with Santa
- Dec. 31 Noon Year's Eve Celebration

Visit with Santa at his Cabin

- Fridays (10AM-Noon, 1-3PM): Nov. 29 • Dec. 6, 13, 20
- Saturdays (10AM-Noon, 1-3PM): Nov. 30 • Dec. 7, 14, 21
- Sundays (Noon-3PM): Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22
- Bonus Days! (10AM-Noon, 1-3PM) Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: Dec. 17, 18, 19 and Monday, Dec. 23

- 26-27 Winter Camp
- 28 Log Cabin Christmas (10AM)
- 30 Winter Camp
- 31 Noon Year's Eve Celebration (10AM-2PM)
- 31 *Lost World of Dragons* exhibit closes

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- 2-3 Winter Camp
- 20 MLK Jr. Day Community Free Day



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See our event calendar on Page 15 to save the date for your visit to Santa's Cabin, the annual Tree Lighting Celebration, Holiday Cultural Festival and more. For additional event details, available late October, scan the QR code or visit DurhamMuseum.org/christmas.



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