

The purpose of this e-newsletter is to inform the members and friends of Stuhr Museum on the latest in news, activities, happenings and opportunities for participation on our 200 acres of Nebraska prairie where the story of our pioneer ancestors are told.

In this newsletter you'll find:

- A Jam Packed July Calendar of Events**
- A Special Recognition for Sturh's Work with Children**
- Where You Can Visit Sturh at the 2009 Nebraska State Fair**
- Company Memberships to Stuhr Museum**

BIG JULY EVENTS CALENDAR!

July 4: 1899 Independence Day Celebration – Before the fireworks, before the barbecues, Stuhr Museum's "Independence Day Celebration" is a perfect way to enjoy the 4th of July! This year is the 30th anniversary of Stuhr's patriotic celebration of all things Americana! The gates open at 10 a.m. with a German Language Church Service provided by the Hall County Historical Society. There will be plenty of activity in Railroad Town all afternoon leading up to the "mammoth" parade at 2 p.m. followed by a concert by the Silver Cornet Band, a patriotic programme and games on the green. Come help us celebrate 30 years of messy pie eating contests, three-legged races and Old Glory flying in the warm summer breeze. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children and free for Stuhr Members.



July 11: Senior Day at Stuhr Museum – Stuhr Museum and Tiffany Square are proud to offer a new experience for the public, especially to those over 60. The first ever "Senior Day at Stuhr Museum," takes place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 11. While the day features events for youngsters, families and adults, **seniors age 60 and older receive free admission** and a day full of programming and events meant especially for them. Offerings during the day include a Pawnee Life program at 11 a.m., "Behind the Scenes of Collection" presentation from 1-2 p.m., "Victorian Secrets" 1800s underwear program from 3-4 p.m. and a "Maintain Your Brain" presentation from 12-12:30 p.m. A full schedule of events is up at www.stuhrmuseum.org. Help us make this first-year event a rousing success!

July 16: Meadowlark Music Festival – The Meadowlark Music Festival returns to Stuhr Museum for another night of amazing classical music and delicious food in Grand Island's most beautiful setting. This year, Stuhr is proud to welcome the Australian Guitar Duo, one of Australia's most dynamic and exciting guitar duos.

In addition to the concert at 7:30 p.m., the Stuhr Museum Foundation will be hosting an "Aussie Barbie-Q" beginning at 6:30. The meal will feature: -Grilled Kabobs -"Aussie"-gratin Potatoes -Chopped Blue Cheese and Pecan Salad -Dessert, Ice Tea, Water and other "Aussie" Specialties. Tickets for the concert are \$10 for the general public, \$7 for Stuhr Members and tickets for the "Aussie Barbie Q" are \$12 per person. Dinner and concert tickets may be separately ordered. Money raised through the Barbie Q go toward offsetting the cost of the event to the museum. To order tickets, contact the Stuhr Museum Foundation at (308) 385-5131.

July 25: Cowboy Night: An Evening Around the Campfire - Giddyap! One of Stuhr Museums most popular events gallops into town on Friday, July 24th. "It's a Cowboy's Life: An Evening Around the Campfire," gives cow hands and city slickers alike a feel of life on the open prairie. It's an evening of activity for young 'uns, including the chance to try their hand at roping, burning initials into a piece of wood, making s'mores and other treats on an open campfire flame, listenin' to some great music appropriate for the trail and plenty of country games sure to please. What "Cowboy Night" would be complete without a horse pulled wagon ride around the grounds? It's the best family you'll find on the trail, and it's July 24th at Stuhr Museum! "Generations of Sport," our summer exhibit, will also be available for viewing, with games galore for kids and adults.



Admission is \$8 for adults and \$6 for children, with Stuhr Museum members admitted free. For more information, call (308) 385-5316.

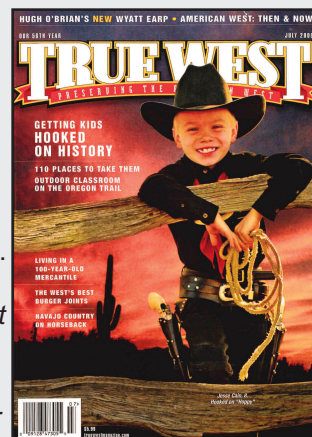
STUHR RECOGNIZED FOR GETTING KIDS "HOOKED ON HISTORY"

Stuhr Museum was named one of True West Magazine's "110 Places To Get Kids Hooked On History," in the July 2009 Edition of the publication. The edition is on news stands now.

The magazine interviewed Stuhr's Director of Education Ann Atkins about how Stuhr uses its substantial grounds as well as knowledge of our time period to make history come alive for students. From the article:

Museums have a tendency to be hands-off and keep-quiete - tough concepts for all seven year old - and all about dead people. Living history museums, on the other hand, are great ways to make history come to life.

From the article: *"One of the recurring experiences teachers have is children who, for the first time, confront their own past on a personal level and wonder 'Did one of my family walk the trail, live in a sod house or hunt their own food?'" says Ann Atkins, director of education at Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer in Grand Island, Nebraska. "As a first grader stands and stares at a live buffalo on our grounds and hears stories about how buffalos were hunted, a respect for history grows in that child's heart. We hope to have them leave with more questions than what were answered because we've raised their curiosity on a personal level."*



The magazine, which named Stuhr one of the "Best of the West" in 2007, features other museums and institutions that get children hooked on history.

COME SEE US AT THE 2009 NEBRASKA STATE FAIR!

Last year, staff from Stuhr Museum traveled to Lincoln to be part of Grand Island's effort to talk about the State Fair, which comes to Grand Island in 2010. This year, we'll be in Lincoln again from August 28 through September 7 but for a slightly different purpose.

Stuhr, along with the Hastings Museum, Edgerton Explorit Center and several other local attractions and festivals will be manning a booth dedicated to hands-on educational activity. The fun takes place in the air conditioned comfort of the fair's 1868 Foundation Building and will include games, give aways, hands-on science and history activities and fun for children and adults alike. Be it history events from Stuhr or science activities from the Edgerton Explorit Center and Hastings Museum, the public is invited to come, have some fun and learn a little something along the way.



The hands-on center will be part of a larger Grand Island presence during the 2009 State Fair that will include local volunteers, business leaders and professionals who will be on hand to answer questions about the State Fair move. Different groups in the area have been meeting for months concerning the 2009 State Fair, and will be ready with information for anyone curious about what Grand Island has to offer come 2010.

For more information on the 2009 State Fair, log onto www.statefair.org. We hope to see you out this year at the Nebraska State Fair!

COMPANY MEMBERSHIPS TO STUHR MUSEUM

As part of Stuhr's 2009 Membership Drive, the museum is proud to offer discounted memberships to companies who provide 5 or more memberships.

Any company interested in taking part in this program can offer their employees all the benefits a Stuhr membership has to offer for reduced cost. Benefits include free admission to the museum 363 days a year, a subscription to the "Stuhr Museum News," the museum's official newsletter, a reciprocal membership to the Hastings Museum in Hastings and Museum of Nebraska Art in Kearney, early registration for summer school classes, discounts at the Prairie Treasures Gift Shop, events exclusively for members and more. A full list of benefits is available on our web site, www.stuhrmuseum.org.



Membership plans broken into several categories, including individual (regularly \$35 per year), families (including one year free admission for one or two adults and their dependent children under 21 normally priced at \$45 a year), companion (one year free admission for one person and one guest each visit, regularly \$40) and grandparent (one year free admission for one or two grandparents and their grandchildren under age 17. Adult children and grandchildren age 17 and over pay regular admission, regularly \$45 per year.)

To take advantage of this program, contact Sharon Mankin, Stuhr's Membership Coordinator, at (308) 385-5316 ext. 200.

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