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2015 MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP DRIVE BEGINS

This is the time of year the Frontier Country Historical Society begins its annual membership drive. Now is the time to renew your membership for 2015. If you have never been a member of the FCHS, or if your membership has expired, please consider filling out the enclosed membership form and returning it to the museum.

Membership in FCHS is open to all citizens interested in the museum and who keep their regular dues current. Yearly membership includes unlimited visits to the museum during the year and a discount in the museum gift shop. There are a number of membership categories available and dues are tax deductible.

While the FCHS board has applied for, and received grant monies, museum operations depend mostly on memberships, admissions, donations, gift shop sales and fund raisers to meet the operating budget. The museum does NOT receive any tax dollars.

We have visitors from all over the United States and a few from other countries. With thousands of artifacts, our museum holds a lot of history lessons from the past century. Growth and expansion of the museum is only possible with the help and support of our membership. We urge you to respond to this membership notice promptly. A detailed description of each membership level is enclosed along with the membership form. Please return this form with your check to the museum or mail it to:

Frontier Country Museum
P.O. Box 856
Crescent, Oklahoma 73028

If you have not been to the museum recently, stop by to check out what's new and changing at the museum. If you would like to volunteer to become a docent, please contact one of the museum board members or one of our volunteers for more information.

Museum Volunteers

Volunteering to work at the museum provides a wonderful opportunity to serve your community and to enjoy meeting new people. Museum hosts are asked to work a three hour shift one day a week alongside a museum staff member.

It is the volunteer's responsibility to greet visitors and to monitor the gift shop area. If you are interested in becoming a museum volunteer, please call the museum office at 969-3660. ☎



UPCOMING VISITING ARTIST

Patrick Smith, Crescent, will be our January/February featured artist.

Crescent High School art students will display their artwork during March and April.

Visiting artist reception dates and times will be posted on our website and on the museum marquee.

FRONTIER COUNTRY HISTORICAL MUSEUM ON FACEBOOK

Did you know that in addition to having its own web site, the museum is also on Facebook. **Dale Orcutt** updates the information on a regular basis. The site includes museum hours, closings, special events, pictures of museum exhibits and visiting artist displays. It also contains links to other museums and items of interest in this area.

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3RD GRADERS ATTEND CLASS AT ALPHA SCHOOL SPEND ENTIRE SCHOOLDAY AT THE MUSEUM

On November 21, two classes of 3rd graders from Crescent Elementary arrived for a day long field trip at Frontier Country Museum. Students and teachers came prepared to experience history by dressing in pioneer style clothing, bringing their lunches in tin pails and using tin cans for their drinks.

One class of students spent the morning in the one room schoolhouse with lessons by teacher Mary Ann Beeby. She used curriculum from the 1930's which included lessons in reading, writing and arithmetic. In addition to practicing such things as penmanship and spelling, they learned the lessons of the harsh discipline that

unruly students received 'back in the day'.

Writing with nib and ink made practicing their writing a unique and interesting way to complete their lessons.

Attending class in the old schoolhouse made learning about life in the 'classroom of days gone by' an experience they will long remember.

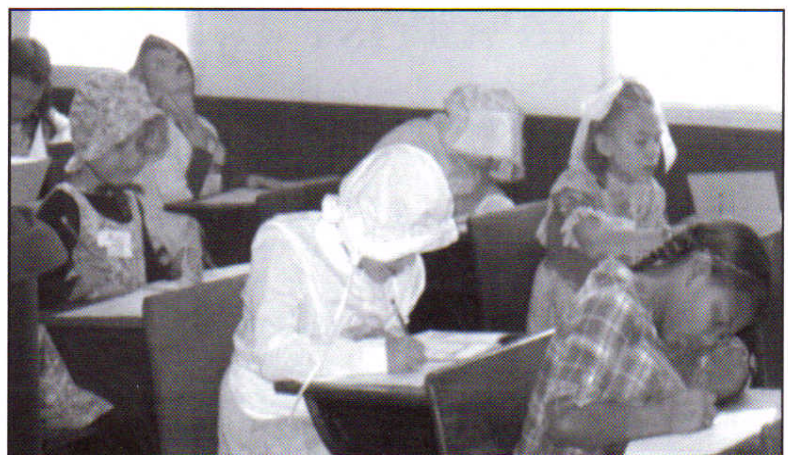
The rest of the students were divided into two groups with one group touring the museum while the others spent some time in the church fellowship hall learning a little history of the time and trying their hand at embroidery. Each student was given a hoop, needle,

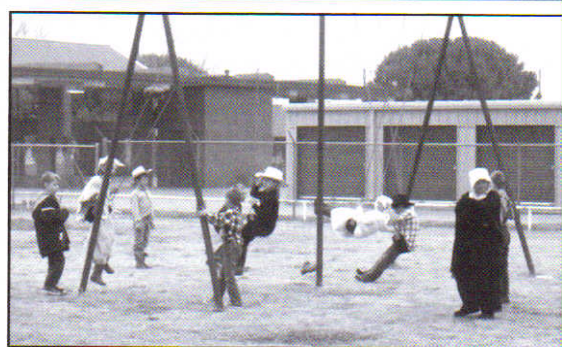
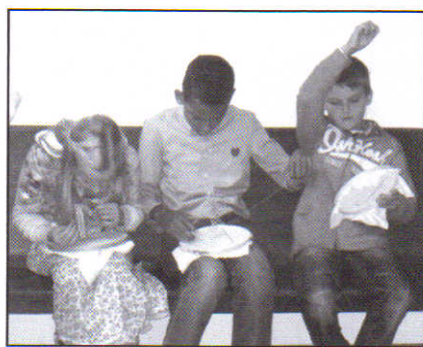
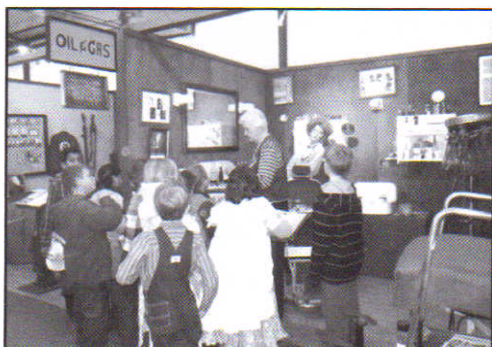
thread and a cloth with a pattern to embroider. They seemed to enjoy trying this new skill and only one or two sewed their work to their shirt.

They rotated during their session so each of these groups had a chance to tour the museum and try their hand with a needle.

After lunch and some frontier games, the classes switched places so everyone enjoyed all the experiences the museum had to offer.

We look forward to having the students return in April of 2015 for Frontier Day at the Museum.





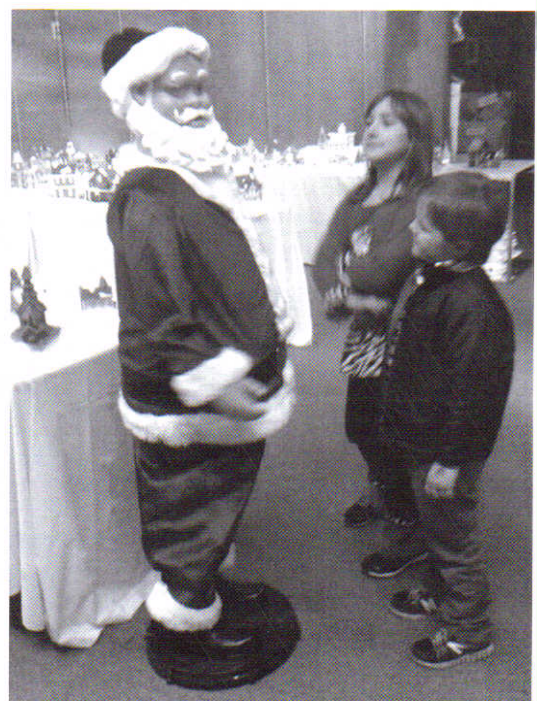
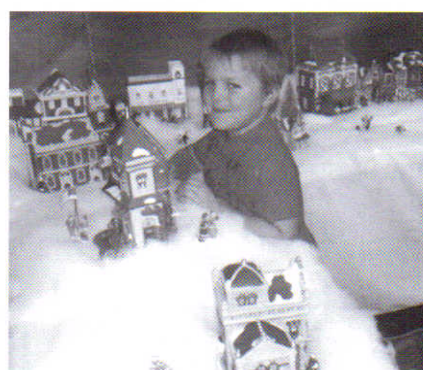
TINY CHRISTMAS VILLAGE — A MUSEUM TRADITION

STILL TIME TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FREE

Museum volunteers once again set up the miniature Christmas village in the rotating exhibit area of the museum. Children of all ages enjoy the tiny scene. Most of the buildings and figurines in the display were donated by Shirley & J. L. Dye and Vickey & Bob Howard.

In addition to the little village, Vickey and Bob have loaned an almost life size animated Santa for the holidays. Tiny visitors are amazed when the Santa starts moving and begins to sing.

With free admission throughout the month December, it is a great time to stop in to check out the little town and to tour the museum.



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Notes from our president

- ♦ Longtime museum volunteer **June Patrick** has decided it is time to retire from some of her volunteer activities. June has worked tirelessly for the museum since it's beginning and will be greatly missed. We wish her well and thank her for her selfless service.
- ♦ We were saddened by the recent death of volunteer and former board member **Royal Smith**. Royal worked as a volunteer at the museum on Sunday afternoons.
- ♦ Thanks to all the volunteers that gave their time to help with the Crescent third graders all day field trip to the museum in November.
- ♦ Plans are being made for our annual Pancake Supper. Date to be announced soon.
- ♦ Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Sandra Voskuhl
President



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

WWW.FRONTIERCOUNTRYMUSEUM.ORG

Website design: Marv Hawkins

Assisted by Dale Orcutt and Carol Oltmanns

NOTICE

The Quarterly Board Meeting

will be held

January 8, 2015

in the

**Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall**

at 7:00 P. M.

Refreshments will be served
after the meeting.