

FRONTIER COUNTRY MUSEUM



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TWO CHS SENIORS NAMED OUTSTANDING ARTISTS FOR 2014

The March/April Visiting Artist Exhibit featured work by six students of CHS art teacher Kristi Lovett. On April 1st the museum hosted a 'Meet and Greet' for the students. During this event, two students, **Megan Scott** and **Mayra Orozco** were named **Outstanding Senior Artists for 2014**.

We enjoy displaying the artwork of the Crescent High School students and look forward to hosting the Senior Artist exhibit again next year.



Outstanding Senior Artists Megan Scott, Mayra Orozco and art teacher Kristi Lovett.

More pictures of the Senior Artist Meet and Greet can be viewed on the museum's facebook page.

ARTWORK OF LOCAL ARTIST SHIRLEY TUBBS ON DISPLAY

Local artist Shirley Tubbs became interested in painting in the early eighties when she decided to enroll in lessons at Guthrie with Mildred and Ruth Patterson. She began painting in oils and later became interested in reverse painting with acrylics after studying a book by Sherry Nelson. This technique fascinated Shirley, and through reading and experimenting, she has produced numerous works that have been in the exhibit at the museum. This technique involves painting in reverse on glass and creates a very interesting piece of artwork. Her work will be on display through June.

Shirley worked with a neurologist at Mercy for many years and is now retired.

Shirley Tubbs at the June 1st Visiting Artist Reception



Drawing of Garth Brooks made for her Grandson, Nick.



COUNTRY GARDEN WALK

Phil and Frances Macy have once again offered to host a "Country Garden Walk" at their picturesque "Bluebird Farm" north of Crescent. The garden walk will include a tour of a 125 year old restored pioneer farmhouse and a walk through "Grandpa Alfred's" century old garden. A typical donation is \$5.00 per adult and the proceeds benefit the Frontier Country Museum.

Mark your calendars and plan to visit with the Macys on Saturday, June 28 from 1:00—5:00 p.m.

For more information, please call the museum at 969-3660



PIONEER DAY CELEBRATION HELD AT MUSEUM

CRESCENT 3RD GRADERS STAKE THEIR CLAIMS

Around 8:30 a.m. on April 25, school buses filled with Crescent Elementary third grade students rolled onto the museum grounds for the annual Pioneer Days Celebration. The celebration had been held on the school grounds in years past, but this year the museum was asked to participate in the event.

The students spent the morning rotating through lessons at the Alpha School (a completely restored one-room school-



house on the museum grounds), museum tours, lessons on food preparation and preservation (as it was in the days of the land run), and a lesson (complete with hands on

demonstrations) with the quilting club in the Fellowship Hall of the church on museum grounds. The students enjoyed a full morning learning about everyday life and living conditions from 1889 and through the early part of the 1900s.



Just before noon, the students, teachers, parents and museum staff gathered on the north side of the museum to watch a staged reenactment by the Guthrie Gun Fighters.



The gun fighters set the scene of a couple making a claim for their land. Soon, a claim jumper tried to steal the claim and a law man stepped in and 'took care of the

claim jumper'. The students learned how confusing it must have been at the Land Office when claims were disputed and how difficult it must have been to determine who laid the proper claim.

The 'pioneers' who were organized into family groups, lined up to make the run. When the shot was fired, these 'families' ran to stake their claims and set up their 'homesteads'. Once their plot of ground was chosen, the head of the family headed to the Land Office to file their claim. With the claims



Many students brought covered wagons for the land run.



Lunches were brought in pails and blankets spread on their claims for lunch with their 'families'.



The Horn Family provided music for the 89'er day celebration.



properly filed, the families settled down on their claim for lunch. The Horn family brought their instruments and played for the 'settlers' and museum guests.

The students were pretty excited when the Territorial Wagon Club circled their wagons on the museum's north lawn. Several of the wagon club members invited the children to look inside the wagons and they were allowed to pet some of the mules.



The 'settlers' enjoyed petting the mules that pulled Richard Belcher's wagon.



Members of the FFA brought a cow to milk.



Square dancing was a fun favorite.



Enjoying samples of fresh baked bread and homemade jam.



Students use soap to learn the art of whittling.



More pictures of the Pioneer Day Celebrations can be viewed on the museum's facebook page.

Afternoon lessons resumed with the students rotating between lessons and demonstrations in square dancing, cow milking, butter making, whittling, making rag dolls, Native American games and washing clothes with water pumped from the windmill and pump on the museum grounds.

The students had a rip roaring good time while they learned about the early days of our state. This was a fun and educational day for these 3rd graders and the teachers, parents and museum staff enjoyed sharing the fun with the students. We are looking forward to working with school personnel to make this an annual event on the museum grounds. The staff definitely enjoyed this interaction with the children and look forward to next year's Pioneer Days Celebration.

The success of this event was largely due to the dedicated involvement and superior organization by the school personnel in planning and carrying out all phases

of this educational experience and the large number of volunteers that came together to make it such a fun and memorable day.



The soda shoppe was a favorite stop on the tour of the museum.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS...

We need help in locating artists for our Rotating Artist Exhibit. We have featured this exhibit since the opening of the museum over ten years ago and look forward to continuing this event, but we need your help. We have exhausted our list of contacts to schedule exhibits. If you know anyone willing to exhibit their work for a two month period, please contact Sandra Voskuhl or the museum office at 969-3660.

We schedule our exhibits for a two month period and host a 'Meet & Greet' on one Sunday afternoon during the exhibit. If you have a relative, friend or acquaintance who might be interested in sharing their works, we would appreciate your contacting us with the information. If you know anyone who would be interested, please let us know. Thank you.

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THE NUMBERS ARE IN

The Crescent Masonic Lodge, a co-sponsor of our annual Pancake Supper fundraiser, has presented the museum with a check for \$3,875.57. We are using part of these funds to replace the flooring in the Church Fellowship Hall. The space has been measured and the committee is currently in the process of selecting the floor covering.

We appreciate all the help and support the Masons have given the Frontier Country Museum for the past several years and look forward to working with them again soon.

MUSEUM UPDATES

The Board contracted to have the schoolhouse repainted this year. Over the years, and especially with some severe weather over the last couple of years, the building was beginning to show considerable wear. As the weather cleared this spring, the contractor completed the paint job and the schoolhouse now shines.

We will be scheduling field trips for regional schools to come in and experience what a school day consisted of in a one room schoolhouse in the thirties. Mary Ann Beeby has consulted with June Patrick, who has done considerable work on this program, and both are excited that it is finally on track to begin.

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Notes from our president

- ◆ Welcome to new volunteer—**Amy Loch** (Sunday afternoon)
- ◆ We enjoyed being a part of Crescent 3rd grade **Pioneer Days Celebration**.
- ◆ Thanks to the **volunteers** who keep the grounds mowed and looking so good.
- ◆ Thanks to the **Nowells** for the beautiful plants on the museum porch.
- ◆ Thanks go to **Charles Ball, Bob Howard** and **Roy Nowell** for their efforts and work to revamp the sign in front of the museum. It really looks good.
- ◆ Notice that the Quarterly Board Meeting is a week late because of the 4th.
- ◆ **FOURTH OF JULY PARADE BEGINS AT THE MUSEUM AT 4:00 P.M.**



Sandra Voskuhl
President

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MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

Since our last newsletter, our 2014 membership has increased to **109 members**. We thank all who have responded to the membership drive and hope you will visit the museum soon. As members, you have invested in this facility and we invite you to share your thoughts and opinions on how we might improve any facet of our visitor's experience. We also invite you to share the various events hosted by the museum. Again, thank you for your continued support of the Frontier Country Museum.

NOTICE

The Quarterly Board Meeting
will be held

July 10, 2014

in the

Shiloh Primitive Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall

at 7:00 P. M.

Refreshments will be served
after the meeting.