



## It's CCHSM Membership Time!

### WE ARE OPEN—AT LAST!!

**2021—another crazy year! After a year we were able to reopen June 1 and have exciting things planned for this next year. One big setback we discovered—our roof MUST be replaced!!! Original estimate is roughly \$60,000. Any help you could provide would be greatly appreciated!! Individual and business membership information is on the back.**



### CCHSM is still a hub of activity! These are some of the events and successes for 2020-21

- We received the “Reader’s Choice Award” for best museum in Cowley County for the 5th year.
- “Voices from the Past Cemetery Tour” was held at Highland Cemetery in April. (See picture above)
- A variety of programs have resumed! An open house to celebrate our reopening was held in June.
- Museum Friends continued to grow. This group is offering both interesting programs to the public and support for the museum activities and events. Check our website for planned programs.
- The new exhibit, “Celebrate 150”, opened in February. It celebrates the founding of Cowley County, Arkansas City, Dexter, Winfield, and Rock in 1870. Since the museum closed in March it will remain up through December. The new annual exhibit will be “Hidden Treasures” to open February 20.
- A Cowley County Law Enforcement Memorial was constructed as an Eagle Scout project. It will be dedicated later this fall. (See picture above)
- Our social media presence continues to grow with frequent FACEBOOK posts, and the website is continually updated with additional research links and museum news. This was especially helpful during the time we were closed.
- The research area has been expanded and the archives have been updated in the new space on the Main Floor. Research requests continue to come in from across the country and even the world!
- The research area of the archives was named the Bill and Lou Tharp Research Center in honor of the work that Bill and Lou Tharp have given to research for the museum.
- The Caton Lions were officially placed in their new home at the entrance to the museum.
- Artwork that had been in storage has found a new home on a gallery wall on the Main Floor and many exhibits have been added, reworked, and refreshed during the closure.
- Received a wonderful donation of items from the Laotian community to create a new exhibit.

### So, what’s planned for next year? With your help these are a FEW of the exciting things planned:

Action packed “History on the Grounds” this September, Celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail in October, Celebrate Cowley County History in January, a new Laotian exhibit, Museum Friends “History Feud”, and other interesting programs. A new roof on the museum and a storage building. WATCH OUR WEBPAGE [cchsm.com](http://cchsm.com) and FACEBOOK for more exciting events in the planning stages!

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

1. Annual fall gathering program: Sunday, October 10, 2:00, south lawn of museum. “Celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail” with Jeff Davidson. Jeff is a singer, songwriter, historian and recording artist. See our website for a description of the program. Bring a lawn chair!!

2. **Membership:** Our successes next year depend on you! Only 20% of our budget is funded by the county and the city. We appreciate that help BUT we depend on memberships and donations for the rest. Your support is vital! Be a part of the exciting things that are happening by completing and returning the enclosed membership card. (Please include your email address. Oftentimes we send information to our members via email.) There is also a place to indicate your interest in the growing Museum Friends program. With your help, we will be able to continue to “Share the Past with the Future”. THANK YOU for your continued support.

***Life Members***—The CCHSM Board of Directors appreciate you and always want to keep you informed about the happenings at the museum. Although life members are no longer expected to pay membership dues, with our increased need, please consider making a further donation. If you donate at least \$100 we would like to send you a 2022 museum calendar as a thank you for your continued support of our museum.

**Individual Membership levels**—Membership levels and thank you gifts are listed below:

**Individual membership levels:** There are 5 membership levels. (Those are listed on the enclosed membership card.) All levels will receive the quarterly newsletter. Depending on the membership level, additional thank you gifts will range from a magnet picture of one of our special exhibits to a copy of our wonderful 2022 museum calendar with historic pictures of Cowley County. Those at the patron, benefactor, anchor, and heritage levels will receive the 2022 museum calendar. In addition, those at the anchor and heritage donor levels will have their name placed on a permanent plaque at the museum.

**Business membership levels:** **A FREE ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY**

***Silver and Gold***—Each level will receive the quarterly newsletter, a certificate suitable for framing, a magnet picture, and special recognition by levels on the entrance bulletin board at the museum. You will also receive our new 2022 calendar with wonderful pictures of Cowley County.

**FREE ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY!! Both Silver and Gold levels will be listed on the quarterly newsletter mailed out to over 200 households across the nation! (4 times a year).**

Those at the **GOLD level will also have the name of the business along with contact information** listed in each of the newsletters as proud supporters of CCHSM! What an easy way to receive free advertising!

***New this year***--There will be an opportunity for you to help sponsor a special program we might have. **(SEE THE SPECIAL BUSINESS INSERT INCLUDED!)**

**Just a reminder that ALL donations and memberships are 100% tax deductible!**

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