

EUDORA AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2020 NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Executive Director: Ben Terwilliger



Ben Terwilliger featured in "Discover Eudora," 2019.

Happy New Year and "New Decade" everyone! The 2010s sure flew by! The Eudora Area Historical Society (EAHS) made remarkable progress in the 2010s. But we think the 2020s will be even more remarkable! In 2020, we will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the EAHS. Fern Long and others first founded the EAHS in 1980.

In 2019, we learned more about the history of our museum property at 720 Main Street. We discovered that the building is older than we thought; it was first built in 1866 by a German immigrant named Henry Koch, who was a shoemaker and possible butcher. That means our building is the 3rd oldest verified existing commercial building in downtown Eudora.

We were honored to be featured in a variety of media in 2019. We had a great article on us published in "Discover Eudora," several great articles in the "Eudora Times," an article on poynter.com, and a segment on us on the KCPT TV Show "Flatland." We are so proud of our success on social media as well. We have 3,181 followers when you combine all of our social media platforms! Social media is a great way to reach a large audience and teach them about our history!

We are proud that our membership continues to grow by the year! In 2011, we had 40 members, including 9 life-members. As we enter 2020, we now have 209 members, including 54 life-members! If you are a member, thank you for your support! Your membership dues are VERY important. And if you're not a member, please consider joining! We have made joining and renewing your membership dues easier than ever! **Included with this Newsletter is an envelope that is already stamped and addressed to the EAHS.** Simply fill out the membership form on Page 15 of this newsletter, and mail that form with payment to the EAHS. You can also now pay your dues online! Go to www.cityofeudoraks.gov, find the EAHS webpage, and donate via PayPal.

I look forward to working with the EAHS Board and membership in 2020! I'm so proud of the work that the EAHS did in 2019, which included two large, and successful fund-raisers. In the summer of 2019 we had a very successful mailer fund-raiser. And in the Fall of 2019, we held a fund-raiser and auction at **Bluejacket's Crossing Winery** that was incredibly fun and unprecedentedly successful.

Thank you to everyone that supports us! All of your donations are important to our success. I also thank all of our generous sponsors who have purchased ads in this Newsletter! We look forward to continuing to document, preserve and display the history of the Eudora area in 2020!

-Ben Terwilliger (Executive Director)

Eudora Area Properties Added to Kansas State Register of Historic Places

The gorgeous Brender House (2139 N 1300 Road), and the historic Delaware Cemetery (north

of Eudora) are two Eudora Area properties that have been added to the Kansas State Register of Historic Places in the past year! In 2012, only one property in the Eudora Area was listed on the State/National Register, the Pilla House (614 Main Street). Since 2012, we have helped increase the number of Eudora area properties listed on the State or National Register to from one to seven. There are also efforts underway to add two additional Eudora properties to the National Register, the 1864 Holy Family Catholic Church, and 714 Main Street. We strongly encourage everyone who owns an historic property in the Eudora area, to consider adding their property to the State or National Register! The State/National register helps ensure the preservation of our historic buildings. If you are interested, please contact us at the EAHS and we can answer additional questions!



The Brender House at 2139 N 1300 Road, 2019.

Continued Rehab Work at 720 Main St.

We continued to make great progress rehabbing our museum property in 2019! In 2019, our all-star volunteers Bill Gordon and Benny Dean once again led the way! Together, Benny and Bill have donated over 5,400 hours of their time rehabbing our museum property since 2013. In 2019 Benny and Bill continued to work on the last remaining portion of our building not fully rehabbed, the southern half of our second story. In 2019, Benny and Bill, with help from others, did these following projects on the southern half of our 2nd story: rehabbed window frames, installed fir flooring, painted all walls/windows/trim, and installed trim. Tim Summers was hired to stain the fir flooring. Fir has been our wood of choice for our floors,

because it's historically accurate. We were awarded a \$7,500 grant from the City of Eudora's "Downtown Grant" program to help fund much of the rehab work on this part of the building.

Another area we completely rehabbed in 2019 was the rear portion of the property. In 2019, we installed a concrete deck, ramp, sidewalks, parking-spots, grass, new downspouts, handrails, a new gate, and a million other things! As a result of our work, our rear exit is now totally safe and ADA compliant. We were given grant funds from the Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council (HCC) in the amount of \$6,900 in 2019 to help with some of the cost of these projects. To date, the HCC has awarded us over \$207,000 in grant funding to rehab our building! Compare and contrast these two photos of the rear of our museum from 2019 (top) and 2014 (bottom)!



Core Exhibit Updates:

We made great progress on the development of our museum's "core exhibit" in 2019! A "core exhibit" is essentially the main exhibit of any museum. In our case, it will be the exhibit that covers the entire History of Eudora. Currently, our museum is home to many small exhibits that cover the history of Eudora. These small exhibits were developed over the course of decades, and made with virtually no Budget. Our museum's current exhibits appear in the museum randomly; there is

no chronological or thematic order to our museum's exhibits. Our new core exhibit will change all of that. The core exhibit will be arranged chronologically and thematically. It will be professionally designed and manufactured. It will completely transform the visitor's experience at our museum. All visitors to the museum will be able to learn and experience the entire history of the Eudora Area from our new core exhibit.

In 2019 we narrowed down some of the main stories/topics that our "core exhibit" will focus on, including: the History of the Shawnee tribe, Paschal and Eudora Fish, the Civil War and Eudora, the German immigrant settlement of Eudora, the Oregon Trail and Eudora, the Sunflower Army Ammunition Plant and Eudora, the History of the CPA Picnic, and the history of the Pilla family. We selected these topics based on extensive public input. We will address dozens of other topics and stories of course. The first part of the "core exhibit" we will finish will focus on the History of the Sunflower Plant and Eudora. We spent a lot of time in 2019 working with three very talented students in KU's Museum Studies Master's Program to research, write and design the part of the exhibit that will cover this very important topic.

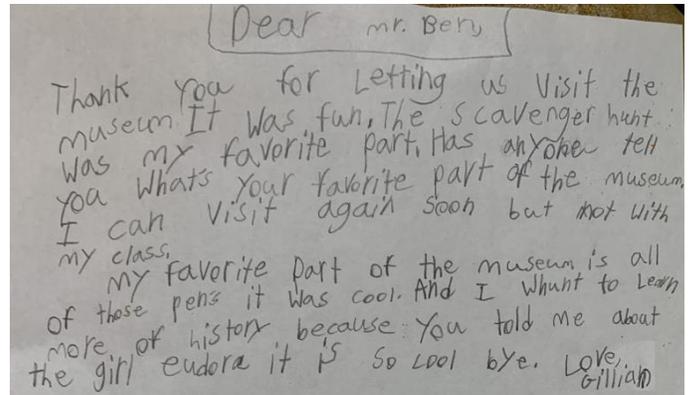
Museum Visitation and Events



3rd grade students at the museum, September, 2019

We were happy to welcome thousands of visitors to the Eudora Community Museum in 2019! Around 250 children visited the museum in 2019 through field trips, and youth groups. The entire 3rd grade from Eudora Elementary School visited the museum in 2019 for field trips, which

included activities at the museum and a guided walking tour of downtown Eudora. We adore sharing our museum with Eudora's children, and they love visiting us just as much, check out this adorable note one student wrote!



We hosted a variety of Programs in 2019, which drew 250 spectators. From May until October, we had a temporary exhibit displaying the fantastic paintings of Kansas artist Eva Lankhorst. For the first time ever, we hosted classes from the Osher Institute in 2019. We plan to host Osher classes again in 2020, the topic by Dr. Bill Keel is the "History of German Immigration in Kansas." **Enroll in Osher classes online: kupce.ku.edu/osher-home**

We Need Your Help (And There Are So Many Ways You Can Help Us)!!

It is very easy for you to make a huge impact on our museum. It doesn't require much!! The three big ways you can help our organization are to:

1. Make a financial contribution to the EAHS.
2. Donate time/labor on rehabbing the EAHS.
3. Donate Eudora artifacts/archives.

We are grateful for all monetary donations made to the EAHS! Every donation truly makes a difference, and every donation helps us preserve the History of the Eudora area. **For info. on how to donate, please refer to page 15 of this newsletter.**

The operational expenses of the EAHS are 100% funded by private donations. Therefore, the annual membership dues are enormously helpful. We operate on a small and conservative budget. While paying your dues this year, please consider giving additional funds for our operational expenses.

We plan to continue to undertake a number of fund-raisers in 2020 to help us develop our new Core Exhibit. In addition to these fund-raisers, we will apply for as many grants as we can in order to fund this project. We may also solicit donations from our members and supporters for the development of the Core exhibit. Please consider adding the EAHS to your Estate planning! Donating to the EAHS is a great opportunity for you to pass on your values and Eudora's History to subsequent generations. The EAHS is a registered 501c3, all donations are tax deductible.

Treasurer's Report

(As of January 1, 2020)

EAHS Operational Accounts:

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| 1. Checking Account: | \$1,182.56 |
| 2. Savings | \$4,021.79 |

Total Operational: \$5,204.35

Museum Rehabilitation Account: \$8,162.49

2020 EAHS Historical Programs

(All programs are FREE. Most will be held at the **Eudora Community Center: 1630 Elm Street. TBD:** Programs will be announced at a later date.)

January 16, 7:00pm at Eudora Comm. Center

"History of Railroads in Kansas," by Leo Oliva. This program is sponsored by Humanities Kansas.

March 19, 7:00pm at Eudora Comm. Center

"History of the Sunflower Ammunition Plant and Eudora Exhibit," by KU Museum Studies students.

May 21, 7:00pm at Eudora Comm. Center

"Alexander Majors Living History Demonstration," Majors was a founder of the Pony Express.

July 16, 7:00pm at Eudora Comm. Center

Program is TBD. It will likely be a Humanities Kansas sponsored program.

September 17, 7:00pm at Eudora City Hall

"40 Year Anniversary of the EAHS," a program and a birthday party for our organization. We will unveil our EAHS donor's plaque at this event.

November 19, 7:00pm at Eudora Comm. Center
Program is TBD.

2020 EAHS Board of Directors

Officers:

President:	Waylon Ziesenis (joined 2019)
Vice President:	Benny Dean (joined Board 2013)
Treasurer:	Kelly Jones (joined Board 2019)
Secretary:	Stephanie Jones (joined 2017)

Area Directors:

Clearfield:	John More (joined Board 2010)
Eudora:	Debbie Carden (joined 2014)
Fall Leaf:	Sheri Flory (joined Board 2020)
Hesper:	Jim Harris (joined Board 2004)
Prairie Center:	Pennie Neff (joined Board 2016)
Weaver:	Steven Neis (joined Board 2002)

Message from the President

I would like to thank the members of the EAHS for letting me serve as President for 6 years. I have decided that now is a good time to step down. I will still be serving on the Board as the Director of Weaver. A lot has been accomplished since I first started as president and I would like to thank the board members both past and present for our success. Waylon Ziesenis will be our next President and I wish him the best of luck. **-Steven Neis**

Message from the President-Elect

I am extremely honored to have been selected as the 2020 President for the EAHS by the EAHS membership. I have great confidence in the EAHS Board of Directors, and Executive Director Ben Terwilliger, to continue to promote and preserve the yesteryears of our historically rich town. It is the supporters of Eudora, not just the residents, that make the museum what it is. Because of the efforts of these individuals, the foundation has been set with many photos, videos & artifacts that tell the story from before Eudora Fish to current day history as it happens. It is with you, & my fellow Board members, that we will build on this story for generations. I am excited at the hard work that will happen in 2020 to bring more visitors & recognition to the EAHS. **-Waylon Ziesenis**

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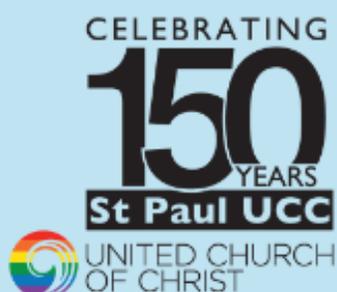
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Jan. 11—Louise Crable on plants and herbs; Feb. 8—Murrel Bland on William Allen White

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(includes tour of house if wish); tour of historic home only-- \$6 for adults, \$3 for children

April 30, 2020—GRINTER SIP'N SHOP

Thursday—4:00-7:00 p.m.—vendors--\$5 admission, wine & food tastings,

Door-prize drawings every 30 minutes

3rd Saturday of May through September 2020—Cruise-In

May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19—10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Come see classic cars; food vendor on site

June 13, 2020—GRINTER TACO DINNER

Saturday—3:00 to 6:00 p.m.—dinner—prices vary for dinners

Tour of historic home \$6 for adults, \$3 for children

September 26, 2020—GRINTER APPLE FEST 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday—free admission with lots to see, concessions with vendors throughout grounds;

House tours free for Applefest day; usually house tours cost \$6 for adults, \$3 for children

October 3, 2020—STORYTELLING BY MOSES GRINTER AROUND CAMPFIRE

Saturday—5:30 p.m.—with free storytelling, roasting hotdogs/s'mores;

Afterwards house tours \$6 for adults, \$3 for children

Dec. 12, 2020—10:00 a.m.—Second Saturday Speaker Series in Grinter Place historic home;

Program TBA; free refreshments & program; house tours adult \$6, children \$3

CONTACT INFO:

Tickets for Grinter Quilters quilt available for donation at most events; drawing each January.

Grinter Place Visitors Center, 1400 South 78th Street, Kansas City, Kansas (rentals available).

Grinter Place Historic Site, 1420 South 78th Street, Kansas City, Kansas (rentals available).

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For historic site rental/tours 913-299-0373.

Both locations are just north of Highway 32 on 78th Street. Museum: grinter@kshs.org.

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Information for the Eudora Community Museum

Location

720 Main Street, Eudora, KS.

Hours

Typically open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 11am to 5pm.

Contact

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City of Eudora's website, direct link:
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