

From the desk of President Dave

Empire Area Heritage Group

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Fall 2020 Newsletter

Hello all museum supporters.

Hope this finds you all enjoying a lovely fall day.

We will be raffling our wonderful quilt this Saturday at 3 PM at the museum just like normal BUT there will not be a Heritage Day as in the past. Anyone can be there as we draw the LUCKY WINNER.

Meantime the quilt will be at Tiffany's Ice Cream this final week if you need any tickets. I will tell you there are only about 40 books of 6 tickets left so get there this week. If anyone has tickets sold or unsold, please get them to Dave or Tina at Tiffany's early this week. In case some have not heard Mark and Tina Dumphy have recently purchased that business.

Also as many of you know we were loaned the remaining beautifully hand decorated eggs done by Helen Witt in Empire in the 1970's (who owned Tiffany's at that time) ironically.

Bill, their son, had loaned us the eggs but he died last November and his only child Jason contacted me and wanted the eggs returned or purchased by the museum. He came from Cadillac on this past Friday and we discussed our options and settled on purchasing the entire collection for \$2,200.00. It was a mutual agreement and I think a wonderful permanent addition to our collection of Empire's past. If anyone would like to make a donation to offset this expense please feel free and excited to do so as it all helps keep our museum and collection for all future generations to enjoy. I talked with Anne Krawczak, Leigh Payment, and Diane before making a final decision.

We ALL look forward to things getting back to NORMAL before next summer. Hope you all have a great fall and winter and all keep safe!!!

Any questions or comments can be emailed or call me at 231-326-5519

Dave Taghon
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Summer 2020 Newsletter

Hello to all of you wonderful docents and members.
First, and most important, is to let you know.....
DUES ARE DUE FOR THE 2020 YEAR!!

Single..\$10.00 Family..\$25.00 Business..\$50.00 and Century Club..\$100.00

As you all know being closed really cuts into our sales, donations and Quilt ticket (call Dave and get yours) sales so we hope you all will continue to support us as usual until things get back to NORMAL, whatever that will be, as all our expenses remain.

- We are into our second year of starting to put our entire collection in an electronic format (using Past Perfect) so future generations can find any item in our collection and where it is located. This project was started when Claude Fields led the search to buy two updated used computers to begin this project. The project has been taken over and spearheaded by John and Mary Tris. They have already spent many, many hours along with some other volunteers including Leigh and Linda Payment, Don McNew and some others to get this project rolling. A lot has been done and there is much, much more to do. If anyone else wants to step in and help with this massive project get ahold of any of us at the museum and we will steer you to the right people. To date over 4,000 items have been downloaded!!!
- Covid 19 has changed EVERYTHING for 2020 as you all know we have decided to close the museum from general viewing and open by appointment only by calling Dave to schedule an appointment. So far this has worked well and when showing folks through, with masks, we have had some wonderful donations. There is a sign on the front door telling the tale.
- We try to keep things updated on our website empiremimuseum.org
- We returned a couple of Dune signs to the original owner and have gained that space to display several of Fred Dickinson's original hand colored black and white photos.
- John Stanz has donated a wonderful ORIGINAL Dune sign that is now on permanent display in the BBB. The sign measures 4 feet by 12 feet and is a wonderful addition!!! It has it's flaw but is pretty neat in its original condition.
- We welcome any businesses to support our museum with a \$50 membership which will include your name under glass as you enter our museum complex that shows the great community support we have. Please join us this year. Of course Century Club members are always welcome with the \$100.00 annual membership!!!

Thank you and PLEASE continue to support YOUR MUSEUM!!

Call Dave for Quilt Tickets!!!!