

From the desk of President Dave

# Empire Area Heritage Group

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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 [empiremuseum.org](http://empiremuseum.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 its 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!!!!