

HWCI NEWS



Welcome to 2025

Happy 2025 to our wonderful Old Cowtown Museum members! There's nothing quite like a winter stroll through the museum... the crunch of your boots on the boardwalk, stepping into the warmth of the saloon or general store, and taking in the beauty of our historic town. We can't wait to see you enjoying all that Cowtown has to offer in the year ahead. Here's to another year of memories, laughter, and living history!



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Goodness Golly, Mz. Molly, look what happens this year

April 25, 1950: The HWCI Articles of Incorporation were signed for the purpose of preserving buildings in the City of Wichita, Kansas, deemed by the corporation to have historical merit, associations or, interest. Thus the dream of a a museum along the Arkansas River began.

As of Now ... 2025 CALENDAR

Jan. 31: Opera Kansas performing

Feb. 1 in the Great Hall, tickets

OperaKansas.org

March 15: Wool Production

April 5: Season Launch & 75th Birthday Party

April 12: **Fundraiser** Victorian Party Tea

Party for children

April 19: Plowing by Hand

May 3: **Fundraiser** Horsepower Showdown

Car Show

May 17: Curator's Corner

May 24: Harnessing Horses

June 21: **Fundraiser** Cowboys & Cocktails

Adult Night Fun

July 5: Celebrate America

Aug. 9: **Fundraiser** Night at Cowboy Camp

for children

Aug. 3: Curator's Corner

Sept. 20: Woodstove Cooking

Oct. 3: Education Day

Oct. 4: County Fair

Oct. 17 & 18: 2 to 8pm Hay, Hooves,
and Halloween

Nov. 15: Curator's Corner

Dec. 5, 6, 12, & 13: 6to 9pm

Annual Victorian Christmas

Dec. 6: Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 18: **Fundraiser** Christmas Soiree

formal dinner in Great Hall

Winter Lectures

Visitor Center in the Great Hall

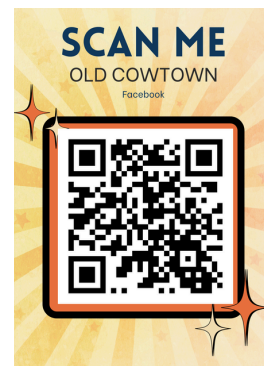
enjoy some history

2 pm February 8th and 22nd

2pm March 8th and 22nd

1:30pm March 5th

More Info & UPDATES



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Cowtown
Museum
on
Facebook

Weekends

From April 5 to October 25,
catch two unique Dime Novel
Gunfight Skits daily at
1:30 & 3 PM!



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I consider it an honor to have been HWCI's President in 2024, Furthermore, I am quite humbled to be voted to take up the reins again in 2025. As we charge forward...celebrating Old Cowtown and Historic Wichita's 75th Anniversary, all who have been a part can smile with great pride as the Museum has come a long way from its humble start on a bare patch of ground in 1950.

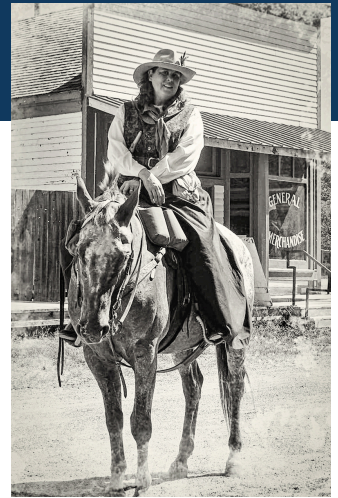
And, without fail, HWCI has tirelessly labored to assist OCM's growth as it strived to preserve and present our hometown history.

Last year was one of resilience, growth, and teamwork. A huge thanks to the City of Wichita, OCM staff, volunteers, and HWCI trustees for making it a success. HWCI modernized operations, updated bylaws, improved communication, and expanded outreach. From new exhibits to growing collections and creative fundraising, we achieved much—and aim for even more in 2025!

Thank you for believing in us and your unwavering support of preserving Wichita's history at Old Cowtown Museum.



President, HWCI, Nichole P. Conard "Wichita Red"



THE LONGHORNS



Last autumn, Dr. Pentz generously gifted HWCI a pair of purebred young Longhorns, which we then turned over to Old Cowtown Museum as living artifacts. These fine cattle have settled right in, making fast friends with our Chair of Collections, Terry DeWitt. Also, thanks to OCM's visitors for suggesting names and all of you who voted on HWCI's facebook for the winning names. Make sure when out at the museum to swing by the livery stable and tip your hat to these friendly steers—they're a true piece of the frontier come to life!



Holly Bascombe has been a long-time volunteer, even recognized by HWCI for gold star 100% attendance during '23. She also works with the Girl Scouts out at the museum. So, I am betting you have met Holly before. One busy lady!

As the Chair of HWCI Volunteer Committee, she will hold monthly committee meetings and have a vote on Board decisions. She will also attend OCM volunteer meetings as Holly is the go-to advocate for OCM's volunteer corp. Make sure to give her a "Howdy" when in town.

Welcome to the HWCI, Holly!!!!



SATURDAY, APRIL 12th... 2pm to 4pm ...

Dress in your best tea party attire for a magical afternoon of tea, treats, and Victorian fun! Enjoy snacks, entertainment, games, and, of course, tea—perfect for little ones and their adults.

Designed for ages 4-11, but all are welcome.

This event, hosted by HWCI board members, is a fundraiser for Old Cowtown Museum.... **Ticket link coming soon**

follow Old Cowtown on Facebook.



Considered Volunteering?

FROM DRESSING IN 1800S
ATTIRE TO GARDENING TO
JOINING AN HWCI COMMITTEE,
THERE ARE PLENTY OF WAYS TO
VOLUNTEER AT OLD COWTOWN!

**VOLUNTEER DIRECTOR,
ANGELA WEST,**

WOULD LOVE TO CHAT WITH YOU.

SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT
OLDCOWTOWN.ORG TO APPLY!



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