

Rockpile Museum Collections Update January 2021

Cataloging Update

Cara has continued to catalog the incoming donations. She is currently cataloging the last donation for August 2020. Cara has added 96 records to PastPerfect for this donation and is currently completing these records; there are approximately 100 records remaining to add to PastPerfect for this donation. After this is completed, Cara will move on to cataloging the September 2020 items (approximately 203 items). October 2020 items have already been partially cataloged.

Part-time staff member Brittney is currently training to use PastPerfect with the training CDs. Cara will begin training her to handle artifacts and catalog beginning on Wednesday January 20th. The plan is to have her begin cataloging by processing the Museum Staff Collection items from October 2020. Once she has been fully trained, Cara will have her catalog the May 2019 backlog (2019.025).

Volunteer Greg Bennick is continuing to catalog accession # 2019.011 from the March 2019 backlog. He currently has 308 records entered into PastPerfect and is working on completing those. Once this is completed, he will move on to accession # 2018.026, which is the last of the June 2018 backlog.

Social Media

Angela and Cara have continued to post to the County Facebook with the tags #CabinetofCuriosities and #HistoryMystery. Since the last report, the Cabinet posts have reached 2,954 people and had 39 engagements (we were short on one Cabinet post this month due to the holiday). The History Mystery posts have reached 8,971 people and received 1,399 engagements.

Cara also posted to Facebook on Penny's behalf for the Education Department's January take-home, Homesteading-themed activity bags. The post reached 1,209 people and has had 45 engagements so far, including several comments on how the community has loved the museum's activity bags.

Volunteers

Elder Williams completed 431 scans of WWII documents that will be offered as a digital donation in 2021. He is also continuing with his project to digitize the Biography files for public use.

Riley D. has finished the first half of his mentorship program and has now returned for the next semester. He will continue with his fossil inventory project.

Charlene Busk has finished digitizing the Deeds of Gift forms for all the museum's collections from 1974 to 2020.

DPLA/Past Perfect Online

There are currently 5552 artifacts available through Past Perfect Online including:

- 2284 Photos
- 1941 Archives
- 1017 Objects
- 310 Library

A DPLA upload is planned for the last part of January. Currently there are 231 additional museum records that will be uploaded at that time to bring the total to 5552.

Archaeology Fair

Cara is beginning to plan for the 2021 Archaeology Fair and has started ordering supplies. Cara and Penny will meet with Lucas Fralick on January 15, 2021 to discuss the process for acquiring sponsorships. The fair committee will be reconvened in February to begin planning.