

MC QUARRIE MEMORIAL MUSEUM

ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

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Mission Statement of the Museum

The Mission of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers McQuarrie Memorial Museum is to collect, preserve and display artifacts, photos and histories belonging to the Utah Pioneers who settled Southern Utah prior to 1900, and those artifacts, photos and histories which represent the Washington County communities. The donor-based collection represents the early local pioneer communities and serves as an educational research facility for both descendants of those early pioneers and the community.

President’s Message

In 2005 I was introduced to the McQuarrie Memorial Museum in St. George, Ut. Within its walls I found the photos and relics of many of my ancestors who were original settlers of Southern Utah. I had much to learn about these ancestors and all the others who worked to tame this harsh land we call “Dixie.” My love for the Museum has grown into what has become a deep passion for preserving the legacy of all these stalwart saints who came because of their faith in following their prophet to build a community for their descendants and all who would pass this way.



This past year has been another one of much change through many projects. The Museum now has a beautiful exhibit showcasing a silk quilt made by early Relief Society members. Of the 160 women who helped with this quilt, there was little or no information in the Museum for several. Research was enthusiastically pursued to identify nearly 75 women. Short biographies were written for each with a personal photo as well as a photo of their “signatures” from the quilt.

The layout throughout the Museum has been changed to accommodate our entry into the 21st century using technology in our Gift Shoppe. The result gave an open, friendly environment providing easier access to seeing many relics. Visitors are greeted with a new look!

Now 13 years later, it is time for more changes. The torch of leadership is being passed on to new Board members. This change will bring energy and innovative ideas for keeping the spirit of the early settlers alive in the minds of not only long-term residents but also the many, many new settlers of Dixie, and the visitors from around the world. It has been a great pleasure serving our ancestors through these past years.

History of Daughters of Utah Pioneers and the McQuarrie Memorial Museum

Daughters of Utah Pioneers (DUP) was organized April 11, 1901 under the leadership of Annie Taylor Hyde with 46 women, all of Utah pioneer descent. In September 1921, Washington County, Utah pioneer descendants, under the direction of Flora B. Horne, created their first Company, and immediately began collecting relics, photos and histories of pioneers who settled Washington County. The members were faced with the handicap of having no building to house or display relics. A drive was launched to obtain one of the historic buildings, but to no avail. Priceless relics were being destroyed.

In 1936, Josephine B. Pace corresponded with a childhood friend, Hortense McQuarrie Odlum, relating the dilemma faced by DUP members. Hortense responded, stating she would be happy to help erect a pioneer hall in St. George as a gift to the city of her birth. Hortense funded the \$17,500 required to construct a beautiful edifice. She secured an architect to design the building. The Washington County Commissioners donated the land. The entire city joined in celebrating the dedication of the building on June 17, 1938.

In 1985, the building was expanded through the efforts of Ferol McQuarrie Kincade Moore, another descendant of the McQuarrie pioneers, who upon visiting the Museum, recognized its crowded condition. Ferol helped secure the \$90,000 needed to double the size of the existing building and add a new roof to the entire building. The new addition was dedicated in October 1985 at the annual District Convention of the DUP.

With the continuing support of the many DUP members in Washington County who serve as docents, the Museum is open five days each week from 10AM to 5PM. There is no admission. The Museum is operated through donations by members and visitors, and through generous grants. All services rendered by Board and staff are volunteered.

What is a Docent?

A docent's role is to be a guide to inform visitors about the museum exhibits. This is done through telling stories, sharing historical facts or relating reminiscences. School children are taught through guided tours and offered an opportunity to "touch" certain objects. Docent's ensure the collection of artifacts, photos, and histories is protected, order is maintained, and guests are welcomed. A docent may be the only introduction a visitor has with the history of the Utah territory, specifically the southern part of Utah, and the contribution early settlers made in building up the surrounding communities. Over 200 women volunteer as docents each year to keep the Museum open.

Location - The Museum is located at 145 East 100 North, St. George, Utah 84770.

Hours - Open daily from 10AM to 5PM except Wednesdays and Sundays

Telephone Number - 435-628-7274 - Tours Offered

Website - www.dupstgeorge.org

MAJOR ACTIVITIES FROM JUNE 2017 THROUGH MAY 2018

Below is a summary of the major activities completed by the Museum Board, Staff, and other DUP members.

Grants Received – This year three separate grants were applied for and received:

1. Utah Arts and Museum Grant - \$5,000
2. St. George RAP Tax Grant - \$5000
3. Washington County RAP Tax Grant - \$4000.

This grant money was used for operating expenses and the purchase of storage supplies, racks, and display cases to allow for better protection of the Museum's collection and for the creation of new displays. Final reports will be submitted in August and September 2018.

Special Projects

Many special projects were undertaken simultaneously. Communicating changes in the Museum for all to understand is always a major concern and much effort was devoted to holding training sessions and providing necessary support.

- Inventoried Crystal Room (Room 7) Contents: numbered, photographed, packed and stored existing items
- Redesigned Room 7 for Interpretive display for quilts; built new display case
- Developed Interpretive displays, with signage, and activities for patrons
- Researched histories of women who signed "silk quilt" on display; wrote short biographical histories with personal photos and "signature" of all 160 women who contributed to quilt; created individual posters for each woman; prepared reference
- Redesigned Room 7 to recognize Hortense Odlum and Ferol Moore for their contributions; placed all McQuarrie family artifacts, photos on display for
- Retrofitted Quilt Cabinet for better display of quilts; built new quilt holders
- Developed Display for Smithsonian Traveling Museum at Silver Reef – 9/16-11/4
- Introduced and Installed Cash Register; trained Docents in changes for processing sales
- Redesigned Gift Shoppe in more central location
- Redesigned of Floor Space in Rooms 1, 2, 5, 6; purchased new display cases
- Developed a Visitors' Guide for easy reference
- Updated all records to reflect changes in locations of artifacts and photos
- Received Photos from Green Gate Village; researched identification and histories
- Installed Hand Rail at Lower Level Entrance
- Reviewed and Updated Archived Records for better protection and retrieval

Events – Held Monthly on 3rd weekend

Each event required the efforts of several to research, organize and publicize events. Attendance was good, and presenters were well received.

- September 2017 – Introduction of Interpretive, McQuarrie and Smithsonian Displays
- October 2017 – Sandra Sandberg – Weaving and Rugs
- November 2017 – Sewing Machines and Irons
- December 2017 – Pioneer Christmas Display at St. George Branch of Washington County Library (entire month)
- January 2018 – Bette Arial – 1sts in Dixie
- February 2018 – Glenn Esplin – Temple and Tabernacle History
- March 2018 – Dr. Craig Booth – Early Medicine in Dixie
- April 2018 – Kathleen Broeder – Early Education in Dixie
- May 2018 – Scott Hirschi – Importance of Footwear

Other Activities

- Participating on Dixie/Arizona Strip Interpretive Association Board
- Participating on Washington County Historical Society Board
- Providing emphasis on role in Washington County; recognize pioneers from all communities in Washington County
- Creating history and list of all early communities and original pioneers in those communities
- Receiving pioneer relic donations and determining their historical value
- Participating in Historic St. George Live – June, July, August 2017; special tours
- Encouraging/Supporting Group Tours to provide local history to residents and visitors
- Participating in Company Conventions and Company Seminars to provide instruction to DUP members in changes in Museum
- Holding Museum Board meetings on a regular basis
- Providing educational materials for individuals and groups working to promote pioneer heritage, i.e. prepared 100 pioneer histories for youth participating in a trek; prepared 20 histories for a community 24th of July celebration
- Providing current lists of Museum contents for visitors to use in identifying ancestors who settled Southern Utah
- Supporting other community Historical organizations: Ivins Heritage Days, Swiss Days, Dixie Roundup; Family Expo

Staff Development: Professional seminars were kept to a minimum to allow for efforts required to complete interpretive displays, the redesign of Museum layout and the installation of the cash register. Individuals were trained as necessary on tasks to be completed within the Museum. All Docents were trained on changes in the Museum.

Continuing and New Activities for the Upcoming Year

3rd weekend Events will continue. The calendar of events is as follows:

- 9-15-2018 – Butch Cassidy
- 10-20-2018 – Maps and Mapmaking
- 11-17-2018 – Indian Trade Beads and Beadwork
- 1-19-2019 – Firsts in Washington County and Pioneer Stories
- 2-16-2019 – Cowboys
- 3-16-2019 – Photography – How to Identify Pictures
- 4-20-2019 – Water and Its Importance
- 5-18-2019 – Fashion 1840-1860

Docent Packet will be revised as necessary

Docent Training will be conducted in August 2018 and repeated as necessary

Participation in Historic St. George Live – June, July, August

Participation on Dixie/Arizona Strip Interpretive Association Board

Participation on Washington County Historical Society Board

Continued emphasis on role in Washington County; recognizing pioneers from all communities in Washington County

Continue to receive pioneer relics donations, photos, and histories and make available to patrons.

Other Needs

- Determine best means for ensuring secure backup of all collection data
- Determine need to purchase presentation equipment – drop-down screen, projector and computer
- Replace carpet in upstairs foyer and halls to Rooms 2 and 3
- Repair or replace door to bottom level of museum to meet fire code
- Create new display in lobby
- Obtain recommendations on repair or removal of wagon and plow outside

Below is a financial statement for the Museum for the past operating budget year. Additional grants to be written as need determined.

Assets and Expenditures for Fiscal Year Ending 5-31-2018

Assets

Currents Assets	80,495.83
Accounts Receivable	55.05
Other Current Assets	1305.80
Total Current Assets	81,856.68
Fixed Assets	
Furniture and Equipment	224,806.52
Acc. Dep – Furniture and Equipment	-62,486.29
Other Assets – Leasehold Improvements	144.96
Total Assets	<u>244,321.87</u>

Expenditures

Liabilities and Equity	
Accounts Payable-Liability	102.69
Opening Balance Equity	788.67
Unrestricted Net Assets	224,308.49
Net Income	19,122.02
Total Equity	244,219.18
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>244,321.87</u>

BOARD MEMBERS EFFECTIVE 6/1/2018

Marilyn MacLellan – President

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Margaret Vowles – Member at Large – Washington East Company President

Linda Lees – Member at Large – Washington Company President

Maureen Parks – Member at Large – Washington West Company President

Linda Nicholls – Member at Large – Docents

Jeanine Vander Bruggen – Member at Large – Past President

Diane Mayer – Member at Large – Special Events

Betty Arial – Advisor (City of St. George, Councilwoman)

Kathleen Broeder – Advisor (Special Collections Librarian, DSU)

Mariana Taylor – Advisor (Regional Representative – International Society of DUP)