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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.

Board President's Message – Jeanine Vander Bruggen

It has been interesting to return as President of the Museum Board after several years. Even though I have visited often, being on the premises frequently helped me appreciate more all the time and effort that has gone into maintaining the beauty of the Museum, while constantly finding ways to make it more efficient, adding new artifacts, and highlighting some of the very special items we have in the Museum.



While COVID19 continued to plague us most of the year, attendance has steadily increased. Docents have been faithful in keeping their commitments to serve, and the many, many wonderful handmade items donated by members have increased our revenue. Visitors are always looking for souvenirs of St. George and having beautiful labels that designate “made in St. George” has increased interest in purchasing the unique offerings.

We continue to promote our Museum as part of the Pioneer Corner in collaboration with the Pioneer Courthouse. Guests at both locations are encouraged to visit the two buildings which together truly give us added opportunities to tell the story of our history which is greatly needed with the rapid growth of our community.

I look forward as I serve you for this next year, and I expect to see us making continuous gains in the layout of the museum, highlighting the stories of the early settlers here, and reminding all who visit of the sacrifices required, not only of this area, but with all early settlers in the territory. We begin the upcoming new year with the installation of a Chairlift to assist those who have difficulty navigating our stairs. We cheer this long-awaited addition.

Join with me in moving the visibility of the Museum to a higher level so more can appreciate all who came before us.

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 and worked with the Washington County Commissioners to get the land donated for the project. The entire city joined in celebrating the dedication of the building on June 17, 1938.

Then 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 addition was dedicated in October 1985 at the annual District Convention of the DUP.

With the continuing support of the DUP members in Washington County who serve as docents, the Museum is open five days each week from 10AM to 5PM, except in December, when the hours are 11AM to 3PM. There is no admission fee. The Museum is operated through donations by members, visitors, and generous grants. All services rendered by Board, Staff and Docents are voluntary.

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. Docents 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 on a regular basis. In addition, a Core Docent serves each day to provide support and training.

Major Accomplishments June 1, 2021, Through May 31, 2022

With the loosening of restrictions due to the pandemic of 2020 and 2021, attendance is returning to a more normal level. Museum hours have returned to 10 AM to 5 PM, five days per week. Much progress has been made in accomplishing the goals of the Museum Board and staff. The building looks so clean and fresh, and many visitors comment on how nice it is to visit.

We were finally able to install a dumpster in collaboration with the Pioneer Courthouse to dispose of refuse more easily. Also, in collaboration with the Courthouse we designed a joint brochure and in doing so have increased the distribution throughout southern Utah and northern Arizona and Nevada at a reduced cost. We have been more effective with the use of social media in getting the word out about our events and activities. On May 18, 2022, the Museum Board became the proud recipients of the Daughters of the American Revolution's prestigious Historic Recognition Award, presented at the Washington West Company Convention. The Lawmen and the Muddy River Gang have been able to join us on the 3rd Saturday of each month in front of the Pioneer Museum for re-enactments.

All our planned capital improvements were completed in a very timely manner. Our thanks to all who worked so diligently to accomplish this.

Total Visitors - 7834

Washington County	606
Utah	2865
Outside Utah	3542
Historic St. George Live Events	195 309
Participants in Group Tours (youth, family, etc.)	317
Number of states/ countries represented	50/20

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

Grants Received

- \$ 8,711- Utah Arts & Museum – Operating Budget
- \$ 4,000 – St. George City RAP Tax – Pioneer Dress Display
- \$49,696 – Private Trust Distribution – Capital Projects
- \$ 2,000 – Washington County RAP Tax – Pioneer Dress Display

Ongoing Activities

- Held Museum Board and Officer Meetings
- Received pioneer relic donations and determined their historical value
- Received pioneer histories and photos for collection
- Continued refining data in Past Perfect to ensure Collection information is as complete as possible
- Researched history of pioneers, buildings, communities to continually create awareness and expand knowledge of contributions of early settlers
- Responded to requests to teach groups about the history of Washington County, its People and heritage
- Participated in Historic St. George Live tours
- Conducted special tours for families, youth groups and organizations
- Organized special events at Pioneer Museum
- Rearranged photos/furniture and displays to continually refresh exhibits
- Created instructional videos for continual learning by public and docents
- Developed and created docent training
- Prepared docent information in a more concise presentation
- Expanded gift shoppe merchandise
- Expanded distribution of promotional materials through print and social media
- Enlisted volunteers to support additional programs and fill Board positions.
- Collaborated with other historical societies to increase the number of activities and events at Museum and Courthouse.
- Provided Live Streaming for those unable to attend lectures
- Participated in Washington County Historical Society activities
- Supported creation of displays at Pioneer Museum and Pioneer Courthouse
- Participated and supported Arts to Zion activities.

Specific Enhancement Projects

- Created a new display for the Pioneer gingham dress, which was made in 1830, telling the story of a working pioneer woman.
- Investigated further the significance of the violin in Room 7. The intent is to verify its date and manufacture and determine if it is as rare as we think it is, put it on special display.
- Created a new display in Room 4 of a working kitchen.
- Reviewed condition of spinning wheels and are determining what can be done to restore them.

Capital Projects Completed

• Replaced presentation system in meeting room -	\$2,583
• Repaired fence posts in front and corner/repainted	970
• Repaired damaged carpet in Room 5	200
• Created new display case in room 4 to highlight pioneer dress	6400
• Purchased glass case from Irene Briggs for Gift shoppe	350
• Purchased 2 additional glass cases	300
• Ordered and installed chairlift for stairs	<u>22,125</u>
Total	\$32,928

Special Events – 3rd Weekend – average attendance - 50

- 9-18-21 – Women’s Suffragette
- 10-16-21 – Antique Methods of Wood Working
- 11-21-21 – Pioneer Dentistry
- 12-18-21 – Pioneer Playthings
- 1-15-22 – Seed to Shawl - canceled
- 2-19-22 - Honeymoon Trail
- 3-19-22 – Native American Writing and Music
- 4-16-22 – Pioneer Music
- 5-21-22 – Wives of Erastus Snow
- 5-21-22 – Lawmen and the Muddy River Gang “Shootout”

Docent Training

- Provided training for Docents on basic operations of Museum – August 2021
- Updated Docent Packet and made it available on our website.
- Encouraged use of Museum website.
- Provided all forms needed by Camp Captains and Docents Leaders to be available for review on our website.
- Continued training for docents to use electronic cash register in the Gift Shoppe to aid in the sales of books, candy, homemade items, and pioneer clothing among other items. The Gift Shoppe continues to be a strong source of revenue for running the Museum.
- Provided access to training videos posted on our website. There are scripts available for leading a tour.
- Began training to Docents for use of chairlift.

Below is a listing of the major activities and accomplishments to be completed by the Museum Board, Staff, and other DUP members - Major Activities Planned for Year – 2022-2023

Grant Applications

- \$15,000 - St. George City RAP Tax - Chairlift

Special Events – 3rd Weekend - Scheduled

- June, July, August – Lawmen and the Muddy River Gang
- 9-17-2022- Mormon Battalion/Lawmen and the Muddy River Gang
- 10-15-2022 – Temple Renovation/Lawmen and the Muddy River Gang
- 11-19-2022 – Winemaking in Southern Utah/Lawmen and the Muddy River Gang
- 12-17-2022 – A Touch of Bethlehem/Lawmen and the Muddy River Gang
- 1-21-2023 – Sad Irons, Flat Irons, History of Ironing
- 2-18-2023 - Pioneer Clocks
- 3-18-2023 – Zion Flute Circle
- 4-15-2023 – Pioneer Dress
- 5-20-2023 – Seed to Shawl

Special Projects

- Revise Museum Bylaws to bring them more in line with current conditions.
- Seek methods for better training of docents in helping visitors understand the history of southern Utah.
- Ensure safe use of the chairlift to facilitate it is used effectively
- Review collection items needing repair and determine action to be taken
- Create display of iron pile driver outside by stairs
- Create display of wagon wheel and plaque from freight wagon currently in Veyo
- Create interactive display in room 7

Goals – Capital Projects

- Obtain display cases for Room 4 (tools) and Room 5
- Replace Computers/Furniture
- Redesign system for hanging photos
- Obtain Gift Shoppe Displays
- Upgrade air conditioning system
- Redo flooring in meeting room

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 5-31-2022

Assets

Current Assets	\$171,827
Fixed Assets	
Building and Improvements	\$230,116
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 64,953
Acc. Dep – Furniture and Equipment	<u>\$(90,434)</u>
Total Fixed	\$204,635
Total Assets	\$376,462

Liabilities and Equity

Account Payable	\$ 12,376
Opening Balance Equity	\$ 146
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$328,021
Net Income	\$ 35,919
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$376,462

Museum Information

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

Facebook – [dup mcquarrie memorial museum](https://www.facebook.com/dupmcquarriememorialmuseum)

Email – director@dupstgeorge.org

Museum Board of Directors Effective 5/22/2022

President – Jeanine Vander Bruggen

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Advisor – Mariana Taylor, ISDUP, Regional Representative

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