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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**



The end of the term has arrived. It is with mixed emotions I turn over the reins to a new Board and President. My expectations are for the new Board to find as much enjoyment and satisfaction as I have in watching the Museum continue to shine for all visitors who come from many areas, and to observe the dedication of the many dedicated docents and staff members who ensure the Museum is always presented in a positive way.

I will miss the frequent interactions with those who serve there as well as those who visit. Since moving to St. George, the museum, with its histories, photos, and relics has played a significant role in my life as I have learned more about the sacrifices made by those early settlers. I have come to feel a sense of awe in the examples of sharing, serving, supporting, as well as the sacrifices and suffering, which were required to develop this area into the beautiful mecca it has become.

Attendance has continued to increase. And still the docents have been faithful in keeping their commitments to serve. The many creative handmade items donated by members have enabled the Museum to be financially stable.

The promotion of our Museum as part of the Pioneer Corner in collaboration with the Pioneer Courthouse makes our impact greater in drawing visitors to learn more about our history. Guests at both locations are encouraged to visit the two buildings, providing the opportunity to tell the story of our history not only to outside visitors, but to those thousands who have moved into our area.

I will continue to join with DUP members in whatever capacity I am able in moving the visibility of the Museum to an even 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 in 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 Odum, 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 funded through donations by members, visitors, and generous grants. All services rendered by the 9 Board members, 14 Staff members and over 200 Docents are voluntary, far exceeding 10,000 hours of service in ensuring the Museum is open to the public, operating smoothly and protecting the priceless collection.

Washington County, Utah is the home of 3 DUP companies, 27 DUP camps and approximately 800 DUP members.

### **Docents are the Face of the Museum**

While there are many who volunteer to ensure the Museum is maintained, it is the Docent who is seen by each visitor. The Docent's role is to be a guide to inform visitors about the museum exhibits 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 to the history of the Utah territory, specifically the southern part of Utah, and the contribution early settlers made in building up the surrounding communities. Each Docent is literally the face that makes visitors feel welcome and learn of the legacy of our early settlers.

### **Major Accomplishments June 1, 2022, Through May 31, 2023**

The Museum celebrated its 85<sup>th</sup> birthday and continued to be open from 10 AM to 5 PM, five days per week.

*All our planned capital improvements were completed in a very timely manner. Our thanks to all who worked so diligently to accomplish this. There was one major, unexpected expense that needed immediate response. The plumbing in the building had to be repaired requiring the museum to be closed for several days while a local contractor repaired the work in the building and replaced plumbing to the street. The cost was \$21,000. The timely response by Board members and staff minimized the disruption to the operations of the Museum and the costs of the repair. Their efforts were greatly appreciated.*

#### **Total Visitors - 6967 (89% of 2021-2022)**

Washington County	666
Utah	2300
Outside Utah	3024
Historic St. George Live Events	93 377
Participants in Group Tours (youth, family, etc.)	507
Number of states/ countries represented	50/30

***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
- \$50,405 - Private Trust Distribution - Capital Projects

## **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 unique events at Pioneer Museum*
- *Rearranged photos/furniture and displays to continually refresh exhibits.*
- *Created instructional videos for continual learning by the public and docents.*
- *Created and Interactive Display (Activity Center) for visitors to get involved with items.*
- *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 videos of events for those unable to attend lectures.*
- *Participated in Washington County Historical Society activities.*
- *Supported creation of displays at Pioneer Museum, Pioneer Courthouse and new Washington County Administration building, which open in Spring 2023*
- *Participated and supported Arts to Zion activities.*

## **Specific Enhancement Projects**

- *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.*
- *Review other items for special historical significance.*

### **Capital Projects Completed**

Plumbing repair in building and to city street	\$21,000
Repair of meeting room floor and replacement of carpet	<u>\$11,275</u>
	\$32,275

### **Special Events - 3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend - average attendance - 50**

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

### **Docent Training**

- Provided training for Docents on basic operations of Museum monthly.
- 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.
- Trained Docents on 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 for year 2023- 2024.**

### **Grant Applications**

- \$15,000 - St. George City RAP Tax - Chairlift- Pending
- ☐ \$ 3,000 – St. George City RAP tax - Lights for Cupola

### **Special Events - 3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend - Scheduled**

- June, July, August 2023 – Historic St. George Live Tours (Fridays and Saturdays)
- 9-16-2023 – Beauty and Brains – Women Owned Beauty Shops
- 10-21-2023 – Wood Inlay in Furniture
- 11-18-2023 – Cattle Ranches and Branding
- 12-16-2023 – Back to Bethlehem
- 1-20-2024 – Pioneer Guns
- 2-17-2024 – History of St. George and Mayors
- 3-16-2024 – Creative Quilts
- 4-20-2024 – Tea Service
- 5-18-2024 – Pioneer Era – 1847 to 1869

### **Special Projects**

- Seek methods for better training of docents in helping visitors understand the history of southern Utah.
- Ensure continued effective and safe use of the chairlift.
- Review collection items needing repair and determine action to be taken.
- Finalize display of iron pile driver outside by fence.
- Create display of wagon wheel and plaque from freight wagon currently in Veyo.

### **Goals – Capital Projects**

- Obtain display cases for Room 4 (tools) and Room 5
- Replace Computers/Furniture in Office
- Redesign system for hanging photos.
- Upgrade air conditioning system

**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 5-31-2023.**

**Assets**

Current Assets	\$ 187,307
Fixed Assets	
Building and Improvements	\$ 230,475
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 64,953
Acc. Dep - Furniture and Equipment	<u>\$ (105,624)</u>
Total Fixed	\$ 189,804
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 377,111</b>

**Liabilities and Equity**

Account Payable	\$ 286
Opening Balance Equity	\$ 1,128
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 350,038
Net Income	\$ 25,659
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$ 377,111</b>



## **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;

Decembers from 11AM to 3PM

**Telephone Number** - 435-628-7274 - Tours Offered

**Website** – [www.dupstgeorge.org](http://www.dupstgeorge.org)

**Facebook** – dup mcquarrie memorial museum

**Email** – [director@dupstgeorge.org](mailto:director@dupstgeorge.org)

## **Museum Board of Directors Effective 6/1/2023**

President – Sheryl Burnett, President Washington East Company

Vice President – Linda Lees, President Washington Company

Secretary – Claudia Young

Treasurer – Marilyn Adams, President Washington West Company

Museum Director – Teresa Orton

Docent Director – Deborah West

Member-at-Large – Marilyn MacLellan

Member-at-Large –Rae Caitlin

Advisor – Kathleen Broeder, Special Collections Librarian, SUU

Advisor – Mariana Taylor, ISDUP, Regional Representative

Advisor – Irene Briggs, Financial