



APPANOOSE AREA PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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AAPS Newsletter

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BOARD MEMBERS

President: Tom Billings
Vice President: Cecil Rockhold
Treasurer: Virginia Cook
Secretary: Janet Radcliffe
Barb Engel: Volunteer Coordinator
Technology: Lori Johnson
Community: Open
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Curator: Keith Tate

CONTACT A MEMBER IF YOU
ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING

2026 Activities at a glance

January 29 - Kansas Day

June 14 - August 30 - Summer hours
(every Sunday 2 pm - 4 pm)

June 6th - Opening Day

September 26th - Arrowhead Show

November 14th - Quilt Show

December 5th - Extravaganza

Private Tours available on request

MUSEUM ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING – APRIL 1 AT 6 PM

Our annual board meeting will be held on April 1 at 6 PM at the museum. All members and community supporters are invited to attend.

- We currently have one open board position to fill.
- Yearly elections will also be held for currently filled positions.

If you are interested in serving or learning more about the board's work, we encourage you to attend.

SPECIAL EVENING OPENING – MAY 4 (6-7 PM)

The museum will host a special evening opening from 6-7 PM on May 4 during Appanoose Elementary's Math & Literacy Night. Families attending the school event are invited to stop by and explore the museum during this extended hour.

APPANOOSE ALUMNI BANQUET – MAY 23

The Appanoose Alumni Banquet will be held May 23 at Appanoose Elementary School beginning at noon. Open to all attending Appanoose Grade School or High School. Reservations must be received by May 13. Advance tickets are \$23 or \$25 at the door.

For more information:

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GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION – JUNE 6 (12–3 PM)

Theme: Celebrating 250 Years of America Through Local History

Enjoy a fun, family-friendly day featuring:

- Live entertainment by Steve Strickland and Caden Lewis
- Lunch available
- Open exhibits throughout the museum
- Family-friendly activities

Come celebrate our community's connection to America's 250-year story and experience the museum together.

We look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events!

Kansas Day with Appanoose Elementary 2nd grade



Janet Radcliffe 1920's Room



Barb Engel Military Room



Cecil Rockhold Farm Room



Sarah Stoneking Local
History Room



Janet Radcliffe School Room



Jerry Engel Time Keeper

Kansas Day with Appanoose Elementary 2nd grade

Shawna Craig and Laiken Rockhold brought over the second grade students from Appanoose Grade School to tour the museum.

How wonderful that the second-grade students got to visit the museum on Kansas Day! They had an enriching experience touring the farm room, 1920's room, school room, local history and military rooms. It's always great to see young students learning about history in such a hands-on way.

We extend our sincere thanks to the wonderful volunteers who made Kansas Day at the Museum such a success by generously sharing their time and knowledge. Barb Engel hosted in the Military Room, where students explored the sacrifices and service of local veterans and learned how Kansas citizens have contributed to our nation's military history. Janet Radcliffe brought history to life in the 1920s Room and the School Room, giving students a glimpse into daily life during the Roaring Twenties and helping them experience what a one-room schoolhouse education was like for Kansas children years ago.

Sarah Stoneking engaged students in the Local History Room, highlighting the stories, artifacts, and community milestones that have shaped our area over the years. Cecil Rockhold hosted the recently revamped Farm Room, sharing interesting facts about Kansas Day and teaching students about Kansas's rich agricultural heritage and the vital role farming has played in the state's development. Fran Seymour and Mary Garber graciously floated between rooms, lending a helping hand wherever needed to ensure everything ran smoothly throughout the day. A special thank you to Jerry Engel for keeping time and guiding students between rooms so each group could fully enjoy their experience. Your enthusiasm and commitment made the day both educational and memorable for the students!

Did you know?

Kansas became the 34th state on January 29, 1861, earning it a birthday celebration every year on Kansas Day.

Kansas is known as The Sunflower State—the sunflower is so iconic it appears on the state flag and seal.

Kansas is consistently one of the top wheat-producing states in the U.S., often called America's Breadbasket.

The geographic center of the contiguous United States is located near Lebanon, Kansas.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower grew up in Abilene, Kansas, which is now home to his presidential library and museum.

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Did you know?

The landmark Supreme Court case Brown v. Board of Education, which ended school segregation, originated in Topeka, Kansas.

Aviation pioneer Amelia Earhart was born in Atchison, Kansas.

Kansas is home to the World's Largest Ball of Twine (in Cawker City)—yes, it's still growing!

Despite the myths, Kansas averages fewer tornadoes per year than several other U.S. states, including Texas.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are always looking for volunteers to help keep the museum active and welcoming. Opportunities include:

- **Helping set up for events**
- **Cleaning and organizing**
- **Assisting in moving/creating/cataloging exhibits**
- **Construction or repair skills of any kind**
- **General maintenance and improvement projects**
- **Social media experience with personal/business accounts**

There is never a shortage of projects at the museum, and any help is greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out!

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