

# APPANOOSE QUARTERLY

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ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING

### Appanoose Museum

600 Shawnee Road

Pomona, Kansas 66076

**Museum open by appointment  
by calling or texting  
931-241-8001**

**FB: Appanoose Museum AAPS**

### Memberships

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Those 12 and Under | \$5   |
| Single             | \$20  |
| Family             | \$25  |
| Contributing       | \$35  |
| Supportive         | \$50  |
| Benefactor         | \$100 |

Nicodemus - Children of the Promised Land - On July 14, 2024, AAPS hosted a presentation by Angela Bates, executive director and past president of the Nicodemus Historical Society. It was a wonderful presentation that explored the history of a town in



Graham County KS

where African

American

homesteaders came

after the Civil War to

live as free citizens.

Within the context of settling in the West at the end of Reconstruction, Angela shared the dynamics of mothers and their children after slavery, stories of



children who were conceived in slavery but born free, and the contrast of life and decisions based on the simple concept of "choice," which freedom, at last, afforded. She also shared current day activities alive and well in Nicodemus. Thanks Angela!

AAPS was open during the summer season each Sunday, and provided a cool place to view this year's theme "Women of Kansas History". Ninety visits were logged for the summer season! The 3 women governors who have (and one who is currently serving) were highlighted along with local women leaders from our area and famous movie and sports figures. Deborah Rose, our local leader was kind enough to lend memorabilia from her career to display. She became the highest-ranking female in the Kansas National Guard when she was promoted to the rank of colonel in 2002, and upon her promotion to brigadier general in 2007 was also the first female to achieve that rank in the Kansas National Guard.

Thanks Deborah!

## Fundraising

We have purchased equipment to help with our programs at the museum and to use in our Archive Room for research. The items include a computer, a microphone, projector, a copier/scanner and wi-fi access. If you need a venue for an event, these items are available to you through our Building Use Agreement page on the AAPS website. If you would like to donate, please send your check to our Treasurer: Virginia Cook, 1789 Georgia Road, Williamsburg, Kansas 66095

Or donate online!

Make all checks payable to AAPS, along with your Name, Address, and email address.

**AAPS appreciates the generosity and thoughtfulness of all donations received !**

### Schedule of 2024 Museum Events

Arrowhead Show - cancelled for 2024

#### Quilt Show

November 16 9-2 p.m.

#### Shopping Extravaganza

December 7 9-2 p.m.

**\*All Board Meetings are open to the public.  
Check "Calendar of Events" on the website for exact times and location**

***A SPECIAL thanks to Maple Leaf Quilters' Guild in Baldwin KS for giving us quilt racks to use at our "A Special Time" Quilt Show, November 16! What a generous gift!  
THANKS!***

We are looking for new members! Please consider joining Appanoose Area Preservation Society to help us provide programming at the museum, and preserving the APPANOOSE AREA TRADITION and its history. Your membership and/or donation is greatly appreciated.

All donations are tax exempt (*Receipt upon request*)

**A Special Thanks:**

**Everyone who visited the museum -and who donated**

Maple Leaf Quilters' Guild - Baldwin KS

Appanoose Township for donation

Osage County Historical Society, for their contribution to our yearly display!

*Congratulations to Ann Sand, winner of the Souvenir Basket for 2024! Each visitor to the museum earned a chance in the drawing, and Ann was the lucky winner.*

We have two new exhibits in the military room that display Maurice Hoffman's uniform and one belonging to Sue Gottschamer. Come take a look when the museum reopens!

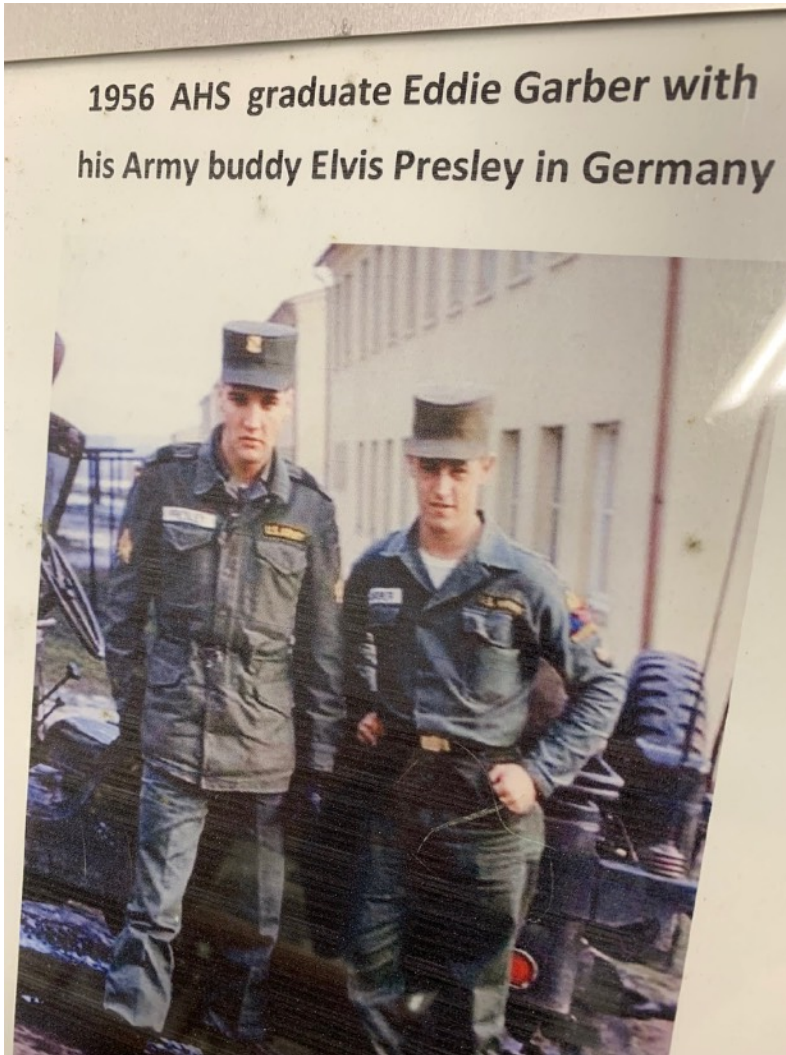


Maurice Hoffman, Master Sergeant (ret)



Sue Gottschamer, E4 Corporal





## **Famous People!**



*1956 Appanoose High School graduate Ed Garber served in the United States Army with Elvis Presley. Both served from 1958-1960 and were stationed in Germany. Ed was an all-around good guy, helping others when possible. He was a member of the Appanoose Museum, and passed away in 2013.*

*Ed, and his wife Mary have volunteered many hours to the museum, and Mary (and their daughter, Toni) continue to volunteer!*

## **SPEAKING OF FAMOUS PEOPLE...**



The Museum honored Don and Joyce Gottschamer with a bench and plaque that is housed in the museum. They have both been the founders and keepers of the museum throughout the years. Joyce made a special visit to the museum, and it was good to see her there!