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We are helping grow the Aurora History Museum!



Photo by Brian Molitoris

In a special ceremony on March 18, 2014, the Aurora History Museum finally broke ground on this new addition. Despite the strange weather, Mayor Steve Hogan and City Council members Marsha Berzins, Bob Broom, Brad Pierce, and Barbara Cleland joined a standing room only crowd in the Museum to launch the final phase of this great project. In addition, the Mayor honored Ruth Fountain, by again reading the resolution passed in October 2012 naming the addition after her. After the indoor ceremony, a group of 15 moved outside to dig in the dirt!

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Following construction, a new permanent history exhibit, designed by Dennis Meyer of Filament Design/Build, with the help of Museum staff, will be installed in the new gallery addition as well as the old permanent exhibit gallery space. Funded in part by the Aurora Museum Foundation, it will illustrate the stories of the people, places, and events that shaped Aurora's 123 year history. Artifacts, historic photographs, maps, and activities will highlight Aurora's neighborhoods, military bases, businesses, transportation, and community life with vibrant color, texture, and graphics. As visitors move into the newly constructed Ruth Fountain Gallery they will encounter a wonderful site – Trolley Trailer No. 610, displayed on actual rails for stability, context, and appearance.

These past eight years have served as a perfect example of all that can be accomplished with hard work, determination, and a bit of elbow grease. With more than 4,500 hours already donated, the Aurora Museum Foundation can be proud of its accomplishments, but the work is still not done. The Foundation continues to contribute endless hours and resources to making the trolley trailer's story one that will live on for another 100 years.

Our Newest Donor to the Trolley Trailer No. 610 and the new addition exhibits is Blue Marble Enterprises. They join First Bank, City Wide Banks, Heritage Eagle Bend and 3 other individuals whom have given a significant contributions. If you have a contact, know of someone the Foundation can contact regarding further support of these endeavors, please send the information to gregg.chase@auroramuseumfoundation.org



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Ruth Fountain Addition Fundraising Dinner

On Thursday, March 20, the Foundation successfully hosted a fundraising dinner at Heritage Eagle Bend Clubhouse to raise money for a new permanent Aurora exhibit at the Aurora History Museum and honor Foundation Director Emeritus Ruth Fountain. The 120 person dinner included a silent auction with amazing items donated by businesses, organizations, and individuals in Aurora. Funds raised at this great event will help pay for the design, fabrication, and installation of the new permanent exhibit illustrating the stories of the people, places, and events that shaped Aurora's 123 year history.



Attendees at Dinner



Retiring members of the Board of Director's Glenn Sloan, Jay Hughes, Sue Miller and Fred Seybold with President Gregg Chase

Construction is Underway

As of March 31, 2014, construction is in full swing. Luckily, so far, the project has experienced only minor hick-ups. The site has been excavated, structural concrete piers have been poured, as well as support piers for the Trolley itself, and the building foundation should be ready to go in during the first week of May.



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Foundation welcomes new Board members

The Board of Directors welcomes its two newest members; Don Lindemann and Lynne Evans. Their biographies are short, but their help is welcomed and will be enjoyed as they serve.

Don Lindemann	Lynne Evans
<p>A charter member of the Aurora Museum Foundation, Don Lindemann previously served on the Board of Directors from 1991 to 2005. During that time he served as Treasurer (1993-1995), Co-Chair of Homestead City (1995-1998) and Vice-President (2002-2005).</p> <p>Retired after a 28 year career in the U. S. Air Force in the financial management field, Don also serves the Aurora community as a member of the Board of Directors of the Lowry Redevelopment Authority.</p> <p>Don and his wife, Ingrid, are life members of the Aurora Historical Society and have lived in Aurora since 1976.</p>	<p>Lynne Evans joined the Aurora Museum Foundation after she retired from 36 years as an English teacher for Aurora Public Schools.</p> <p>She is an officer in her Daughters of American Revolution chapter, member of the Aurora Historical Society where she writes the newsletter and maintains the website for the Society, and she is also a member of the Historic Preservation Commission of Aurora.</p> <p>Lynne and her husband Bill have two daughters and have lived in Aurora since 1976</p>

Recognition

The Board of Directors also has a new Director Emeritus Ruth Fountain. Ruth interacted as liaison between the Aurora Historical Society and the Foundation for many years before becoming a member of the Board of Directors. Ruth and her late husband Bob Eide worked on the restoration of our prized Trolley Car No. 610. Ruth has brought great influence and support to the Foundation and her voice in support of the Aurora History Museum as a treasured cultural asset of the City of Aurora has been heard in the many venues in which she participates as a civic leader. It is an honor that is well deserved.

Antique's Appraisal Fair

The Aurora History Museum hosted Aurora's own *Antique's Road Show* on Saturday, April 26th. Do you think you might have a priceless treasure hiding in your closet or up in the attic? Well, more than 100 local citizens thought they might, and brought their 5 items to the Aurora Museum Foundation's Spring *Antiques Appraisal Fair*. Some were delighted by the news that their item was one-of-a-kind and worth more than they thought, while others had their hopes dashed. The verbal appraisals provided by local appraisers cost \$5 per item with a 5 item per person limit. The money raised this year will help fund the Museum's new exhibits that will be on display in the new Ruth Fountain Addition.

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