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**APPRAISAL FAIR**

**April 25, 2015**

**9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Call 303-739-6705 for reservations after March 1  
(Volunteers Needed – Contact [info@auroramuseumfoundation.org](mailto:info@auroramuseumfoundation.org))

**AMF ANNUAL MEETING**

**Sunday, March 8, 2015 “In the Trolley” (at the Museum)**

**Meeting - 1:30 p.m.**

Speaker – Chuck Stout, Wings Over the Rockies Museum

WWII Biplanes to Atomic Bombs

Program – 2:30 p.m.

## *News from Jennifer...*

We hope this year holds promises of great days ahead for you and your family. We are certainly planning a great year and we hope you'll join us!

The Museum had a dramatic final few months of 2014. Construction was completed on our new 2,700 square foot addition including a new gallery, entry hallway, and a behind-the-scenes exhibit workshop and receiving space. The new *Growing Home* exhibit opened in November in the newly renovated Doris Ferguson Gallery and the newly constructed Ruth Fountain Gallery. With this, we were excited to usher in a new era for the Museum.

The new gallery space added more than 1,600 square feet onto our existing 1,000 sq. foot permanent exhibit gallery to create a grand new exhibition space. Starting in the Doris Ferguson Gallery, our new permanent exhibit, *Growing Home*, offers a graphically rich, colorful, and unique portrait of Aurora's 124 year history. It is divided into thematic areas featuring Aurora stories of Community Life, Neighborhoods, the Military, Public Safety, Education, Businesses, Water, and Transportation. Personal, business, and organization profiles offer a way to connect to Aurora's one-of-a-kind past. Oversized wall murals of historic scenes in Aurora's past visually fill the gallery. To discover the difficulties and importance of designing a modern city, visitors are invited to build their own city choosing the pieces and parts vital to them. Artifact like an original uniform of the Gray ladies of the American Red Cross who worked at Fitzsimons and the animatronic, iconic "Buck & Ham" figures from Buckingham Square Mall are on view, along with dozens of additional items.

The dramatic finale of the exhibit is the fully restored 1913 historic Trolley Trailer No. 610. This brightly painted yellow and red trolley trailer sits in the center of the Ruth Fountain Gallery and invites visitors to enter and experience a virtual historic ride down Colfax. A large wall mural looking east down Colfax Avenue at twilight helps to set the scene. *Growing Home* offers a glimpse at Aurora's unique, exciting, and often untold past with color, texture, creativity, and thoughtful moments of great storytelling. If you have not been to the Museum yet to see this great new exhibit, come by soon.

The Museum is also in the process of hiring a new education curator to help design and implement a new series of education programming including new school programs featuring the *Growing Home* exhibit, as well as a great series of Family Days and possibly additional camps and lecture series. Stay tuned for all of the excitement to come.

*Happy New Year 2015!*



Jennifer Kuehner, Executive Director

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### *Thank You...*

We wish to thank the following for their help with the foundation activities in 2014. Jay Hughes, Carol Drollinger, Fred Seybold, Marc Gonzales, Kathy Sanders, Terry Schmitt, Ruth Fountain and many others. If you would like to help out with the Foundation, please contact us at [info@auroramuseumfoundation.org](mailto:info@auroramuseumfoundation.org).

## UPCOMING FAMILY EVENT

*Sponsored By the Aurora Museum Foundation*

Aurora's 124<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party

Sunday, April 26

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate Aurora's 124<sup>th</sup> birthday! Bring your family and friends and enjoy an afternoon of entertainment, games, crafts, facepainting, scavenger hunts, cake, and much more.

Free Admission



## CURRENT AND UPCOMING EXHIBITS

Here's what is on display now and opening soon at the Museum:

### **Main Gallery:**

**Turkey Tracks, Penny Squares, and Crazy Quilts**

**Through March 29**

Quilts are often made for a person or event and the story lives on with the quilt. The story behind quilt patterns is often just as interesting. Dozens and dozens of quilt patterns are passed down through the generations and many describe family origins, good omens or religious stories.

### **The Way We Worked**

**April 3 – May 10**

What would life be like without teachers, doctors, or firefighters? Every day Americans are hard at work on farms, factories, in homes, or at desks keeping our communities thriving. Explore the professions and the people that sustain American society in this Smithsonian Institute exhibit with the Colorado Humanities Council.

### **Community Gallery:**

**Early Japanese Woodblock Prints**

**Through April 12**

In 17<sup>th</sup> century Japan, woodblock printing evolved from plain text in books to elaborate drawings using many layers of different color paint. These prints of Japanese daily life pre-1915, women, landscapes and even Western visitors are from the Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Collection.

### **The Art of Tea**

**April 14 – July 19**

Celestial Seasons Tea Company commissions new artwork for each flavor of tea. Come view a selection of the original art and see how the style has changed over the years.

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