2015 Annual Report

Dedicated to strengthening our Kansas museum community through education, communication and collaboration.
KMA achieved success on several strategic initiatives in 2015, including growing our financial stability, expanding membership and updating programs.

**Museums United Phase2**
In addition, KMA is participating in the Museums United Phase2, an initiative to strengthen state museum associations. Kansas is participating on the task force charged with the development of sustainable leadership/collaboration models. Consultants have compiled 30 telephone interviews with state museum association representatives to identify top-level issues that will inform the development of alternatives for a potential leadership structure at the national level. KMA is actively engaged in this exciting initiative and plans are underway to engage our members in regional dialogues during 2016.

**MPMA/KMA Joint Conference**
Another major achievement in 2015 was the successful joint conference with KMA and the Mountain Plains Museums Association (MPMA). The conference, held in Wichita, hosted over 480 participants including 200 participants from Kansas. Participants from across a 10-state region enjoyed the unique educational programs, venues and wonderful Kansas hospitality. The conference was also a huge financial success for KMA! KMA received $29,064 in net income and $3,478 in scholarship income. This is twice what we anticipated earning!
2015 An Outstanding Year for KMA
with Lisa Dodson, Executive Director

Membership Growth
Membership has been growing over the past few years, and the growth in business and institutional memberships, through the joint conference, is a significant addition.
2015 started with a $5,000 endowment fund at the Greater Salina Community Foundation. In March, KMA participated in the Foundation’s Match Madness drive to increase this endowment.

KMA received net donations of $1,064.92 from 13 people. The Foundation matched this giving with an additional $446.90 to KMA’s endowment. That is an increase of 30%!

Thanks to all who supported KMA financially in 2015!
MPMA/KMA Joint Conference Highlights
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KMA Conference Awards

Technology Award
Robert J Dole Archives and Special Collections, University of Kansas, Lawrence
For “Celebrating Opportunity for People with Disabilities: 70 Years of Dole Leadership,” an online exhibit and digital archive commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The project led to the digitization of over 12,000 records and development of classroom material.

Technology Award
Martin & Osa Johnson Museum, Chanute
For “Lizzie Le Blond Photograph Conservation Project,” a digitization initiative that uncovered the story Lizzie Le Blond, a pioneering female sports photographer known to climb mountains and play hockey in full Victorian dress in the 1880s. The project preserved eight rare photo albums and digitized nearly 2000 images.

Graphic Design Award
The Kansas Historical Society, Topeka
For the design work of the Sundown Film Festival, which included a visually stunning poster and web slider that elegantly communicated the experience of an outdoor film festival.
KMA Conference Awards

Award of Excellence
Johnson County Museum, Shawnee
For “What is Modernism?” an exhibition and public programs exploring the aesthetic movement that shaped modern Johnson County. The project involved driving tours, homes tours, lectures at the local library, and hands-on artist workshops. The exhibition reached 11,000 adults and nearly 14,000 children.

Distinguished Service Award
Dr Ralph Vogel, of the Inman Museum, Inman
For over 32 years Vogel has dedicated countless hours to the museum, serving as museum board member, volunteer, and community advocate.

Distinguished Service Award
Mary Ann Sachse Brown, of the Leavenworth County Historical Society, Leavenworth
For over 25 years, Sachse Brown served as volunteer researcher, board member, and museum fundraiser.
Spencer Museum of Art:
Art Museum Stories: Introduction to the Art Museum
KMA funds will be designated to support outreach programming, while the museum is under renovation. Funds will be used to purchase supplies for educational classroom activities, which introduce all third-grade students in the Lawrence Unified School District to museums and the visual arts. This programming will teach students ways that museums, exhibitions and works of art tell stories by using trading cards featuring images of works of art from the SMA collection.

Mahaffie Stagecoach and Stop:
Leisurely Sundays on the Farm
Beginning in 2016, Sunday’s living history program will include a special interpretive activity related to leisure in the 19th century. These games, puzzles and other activities will not only connect guests to frontier life, but will link guests to each other. KMA funds will be used to purchase supplies, reproduction sets, games and other activities to engage visitors in a fun, living history experience.

Mid-America All Indian Center:
Walk a Mile in Our Moccasins, Rehousing Project
Forty-two pairs of moccasins, dating from the late 19th century to the mid-twentieth century, are housed in the permanent collection of the Mid-America All Indian Center. This project will provide permanent, archival-quality housing for the collection through the purchase of archival boxes, tissue, and supplies, in an effort to preserve them for research, educational and display purposes.
General Session: The Barton P. and Mary D. Cohen Charitable Trust

General Sponsors: McCownGordon Construction, LLC; Fidelity Bank, George Laughead

Tote Bag: Wichita State University

Conference App: ASH Interactive/Piggyback

Leadership Luncheon: *Huntington T. Block Insurance Agency, Inc.

Director’s Lunch: The Barton P. and Mary D. Cohen Charitable Trust

Transportation: VisitWichita

Closing Lunch: Verner Johnson, Museum Architects & Planners

Closing Party: Mid-America Arts Alliance/ExhibitsUSA/NEH on the Road

Breaks: Vann and Associates, Terry Dowd, LLC, Ship Art

Receptions: University of Central Oklahoma, Texas Tech University, AAMG

Session and Workshop Rooms: Red Door Three Display and Exhibit Solutions, University of Central Oklahoma

State Historical Societies within MPMA/KMA's region: History Colorado, Montana Historical Society, Nebraska State Historical Society, State Historical Society of North Dakota, State Historical Society of South Dakota

Poster Sessions: Museum of Texas Tech University, University of Kansas

Tours: Immigrant Tour: Rice County Historical Society and Johnson County Museum, Artsy Side of Wichita: Ulrich Museum of Art

Major Auction Donors: *Certified Business Services, Inc., Aurora Storage Products, International Property Shares/SAT, Casper Area CVB, Dorfman Museum Figures, LLC

*MPMA CO-OP Partner
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- Botanica
- City of Wichita - Division of Arts and Cultural Services
- Exploration Place
- Frank Lloyd Wright’s Allen-Lambe House
- Hatman Jack’s
- Freddy’s Frozen Custard & Steakburgers
- Holmes Museum of Anthropology - WSU
- Hutchinson Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Kansas African American Museum
- Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center
- Kansas Dept. of Wildlife Parks & Tourism
- Kansas Sports Hall of Fame
- Kauffman Museum
- Keith Wonda
- Lester Raymer’s Red Barn Studio Museum
- McPherson County Old Mill Museum
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- Mid-America All Indian Center
- Museum of World Treasures
- National Center for Aviation Training - NCAT
- National Institute for Aviation Research - WSU
- Nifty Nut House
- Reach Advisors
- Strataca
- Old Cowtown Museum
- Sedgwick County Zoo
- The WATER Center
- Ulrich Museum of Art
- Wichita Art Museum
- Wichita—Sedgwick County Historical Museum
- Wichita State University - Career Development Center
Upcoming 2016 Dates

American Alliance of Museums:
*Power, Influence and Responsibility*
May 25—29, Washington D.C.

American Association of State and Local History Annual Meeting:
*The Spirit of Rebirth*
September 14—17, Detroit, MI

Mountain Plains Museum Association Conference:
*Crossroads of Culture: Many Voices, Many Stories*
October 23—27, Oklahoma, OK

Kansas Museums Association Conference:
*Bridging our Past, Present and Future*
November 2—4, Leavenworth, KS

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with your fellow KMA members this fall
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