

Museum Advisory Team Meeting

April 2, 2024

Meeting Agenda

1. Acceptance of the Agenda
2. Acceptance of the Minutes – January 9, 2024
3. Informational Updates
 - 3.1 Strategic Planning Updates & Short Exercise
4. Advisor Discussion
5. Next Meeting July 2, 2024@ 5:30 PM (Future Meeting – October 1, 2024)
6. Adjournment

SPRING BREAK PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

March 26 – March 30



2024 Spring
Into The
Museum

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CLOSING SOON

Closes on January 21st



OFF THE SHELVES:

Exploring the Kalamazoo Valley
Museum's Furniture Collection

Console Television, Model 2U172L Run 2, Magnavox, c. 1960
Object #2003.10.1



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NEW EXHIBITS

Open February 3, 2024 -
January 19, 2025

Kalamazoo State Hospital: 165 Years of Psychiatric Care examines the history of the patients, employees, and buildings on the campus of Michigan's longest-operating mental hospital.



Open February 10, 2024
- June 2, 2024

Explore the shape-shifting, color-changing and adaptable nature of skin and the technological innovations it inspires in the exhibit Skin: Living Armor, Evolving Identity.



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Additional Winter Events & Programs

FREE | Friday, February 2 | KVCC Texas Township
Campus Dale B. Lake Auditorium

Free Tickets are available through the KVCC Bookstore:
6767 West O Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49009
269-488-4030
bookstore@kvcc.edu

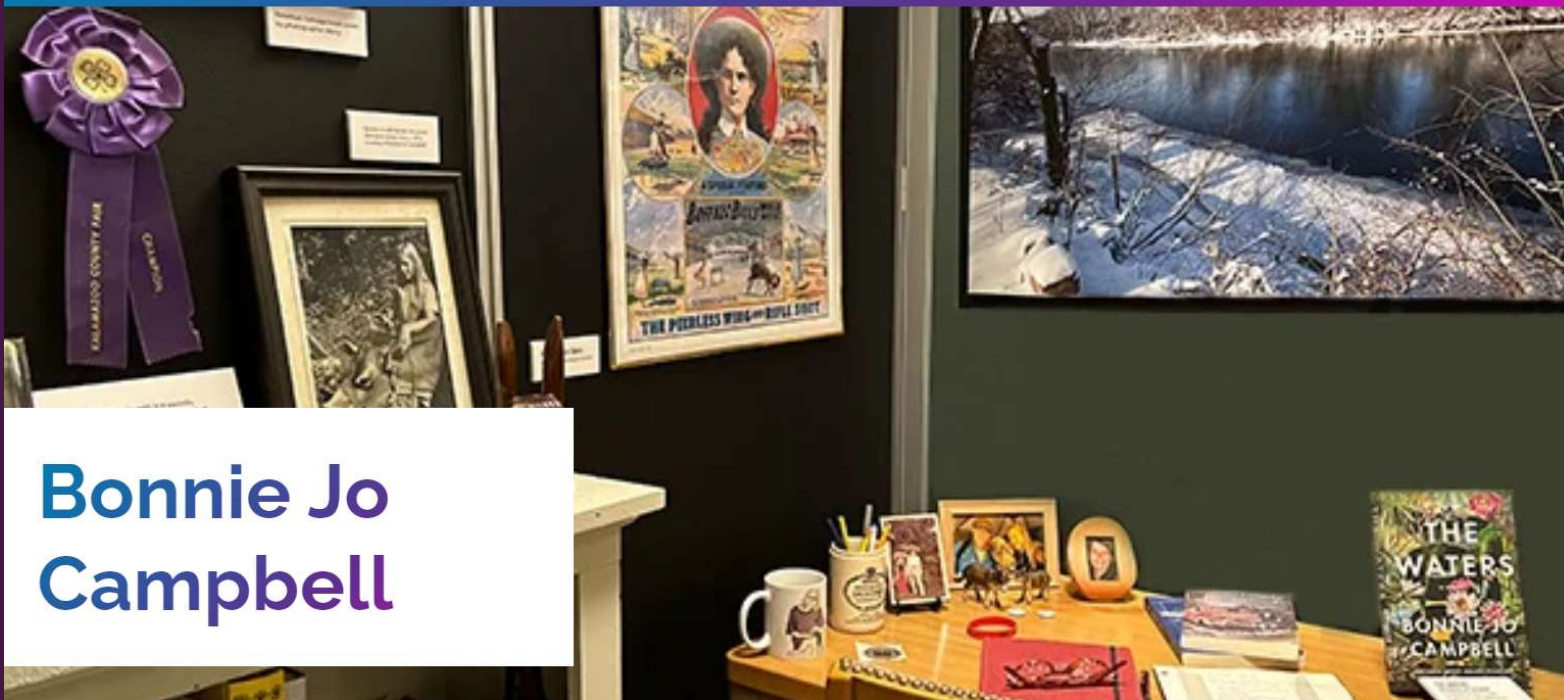
In partnership with the Kalamazoo Valley Museum and the Kalamazoo Film Society, Kalamazoo Valley Community College Texas Township's Dale B. Lake Auditorium will host a conversation with Nationally Acclaimed Author Bonnie Jo Campbell and the Director of the award-winning film based on Bonnie Jo's book Haroula Rose. They will speak about the film adaptation of Campbell's book "Once Upon a River," a meandering story of survival.

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Bonnie Jo Campbell

January 20, 2024 - June 30, 2024

Additional Winter Events & Programs Adult Discovery Series and Retro Café - Connecting with Our Seniors



This series is done for the spring and may be revised for this fall. Programs for seniors. The last one was in March the upcoming Solar Eclipse.

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The Kalamazoo Valley Museum is proud to host the FREE Chest/Breastfeeding Cafe in partnership with Kalamazoo County on the third Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the museum's Children's Landscape. Children's Landscape is a space for hands-on learning fun for kids age 0-5 years. During the program, you will have the opportunity to connect with professional lactation consultants from the WIC program, socialize with other parents of young children, and engage with your child in enriching play. Light refreshments will be provided. Children's Landscape has new themes every three to four months filled with enriching play, sensory exploration, hands-on learning and a focus on early literacy. A new nursing and lactation lounge for chest/breastfeeding was added in 2020. No advance registration is required. For more info, please visit kalamazoomuseum.org.

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Winter Events & Programs

19th Annual Fretboard Festival



This year's Fretboard Festival was a great success with both in-person and live streaming participation of nearly 4,000 guests. In person attendance was over 3,000 for the day and half event.

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Kalamazoo Foodways Outdoor Festival

Friday and Saturday, April 5 & 6, 2024
at Kalamazoo Valley Museum and Culinary Allied Health. This year's theme is African Heritage Foodways Symposium. We are currently collaborating with several community gardens to grow a variety of African heritage crops, such as millet, sorghum, eggplant, okra, beans and more. We hope to save seeds to share during the 2024 event, as well as use some of the preserved food in the cooking classes. Stay tuned for more information.

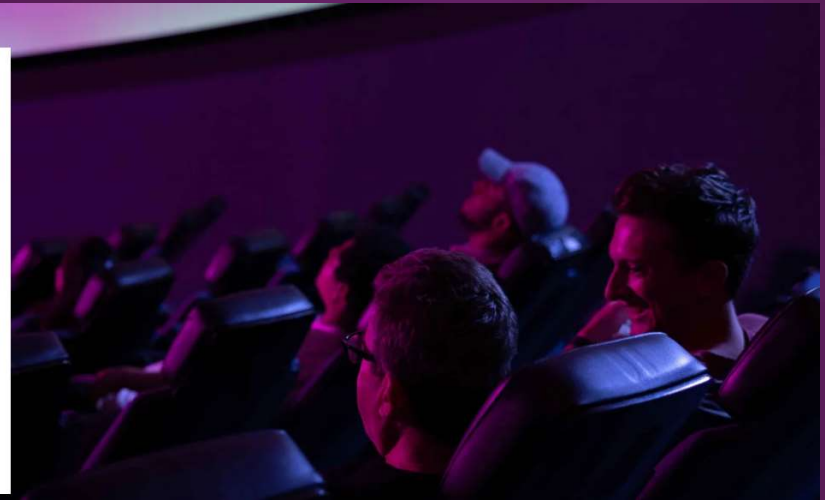


Astronomical Happenings at the Museum

2024 Solar
Eclipse -
April 8



Statewide
Astronomy
Night -
Friday, April
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Collections Updates

- **Murphy Darden Collections Acquisition Completed**
- **Collections “Blog” online resource being launched for the website**
- **Collections Deaccessioning Project Update**
- **High-Density Mobile Shelving Installation – Completed in February**



Collections By The Numbers

Argus Collections Database (access via Museum's Website)

- Here are the Argus Numbers for December.
- View Record 112
- Search 79
- Total 191

Inquiries

- Donation Offer
- Acquisitions: 5
- Research: 7
- Photo Reproduction: 2
- Total: 14

2023 Year-End totals

Acquisition: 130

Research: 132

Repro: 36

Total: 298



What's next? Updating the STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2023



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Approved on November 12th by Dr. Washington
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