

Museum Advisory Team Meeting

July 2, 2024

Meeting Agenda

Tour of Museum's Collection Storage – 15 minute peek to see the new high-density storage with Regina Gorham, Collections Manager

1. Acceptance of the Agenda

2. Acceptance of the Minutes – April 2, 2024

3. Informational Updates

3.1 Strategic Planning Updates

4. Advisor Discussion

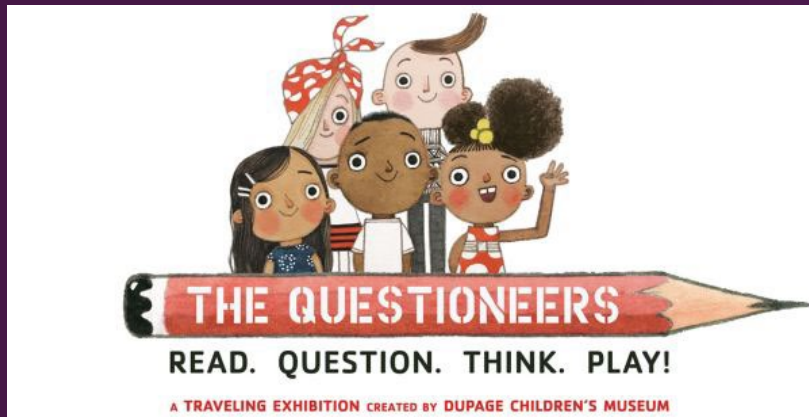
5. Next Meeting October 1, 2024@ 5:30 PM (Future Meeting – **January 7, 2025)**

6. Adjournment

Current Exhibits

Open June 15 , 2024 -
August 9, 2025

In The Questioners: Read. Question. Think. PLAY! exhibit questions are posed, challenges identified, and problem-solving begins in this traveling exhibit from The DuPage Children's Museum.



Mini –
Exhibit on
Kalamazoo
Baseball
Open
Through
End of July!

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.



Kalamazoo State Hospital

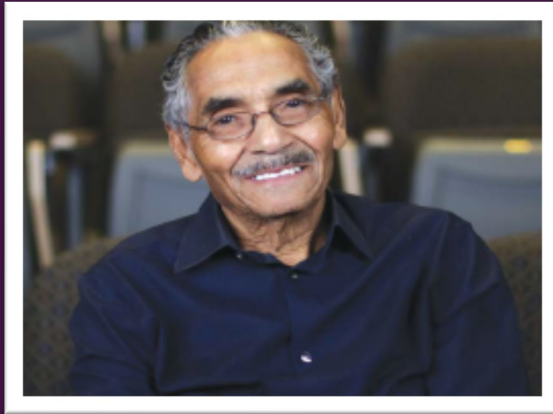
Open February 10, 2024
- June 2, 2024

Explore the shape-shifting, color-changing and adaptable skin of a rhinoceros and the technological advances that inspire in the exhibit **Skin: Living Armor, Evolving Identity**.



**Skin: Living
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Identity**

2024 Murphy Darden Exhibit & Event Thursday, Sept. 5 & Friday, Sept. 6



The Collecting of Black History: Murphy Darden's Legacy exhibit.



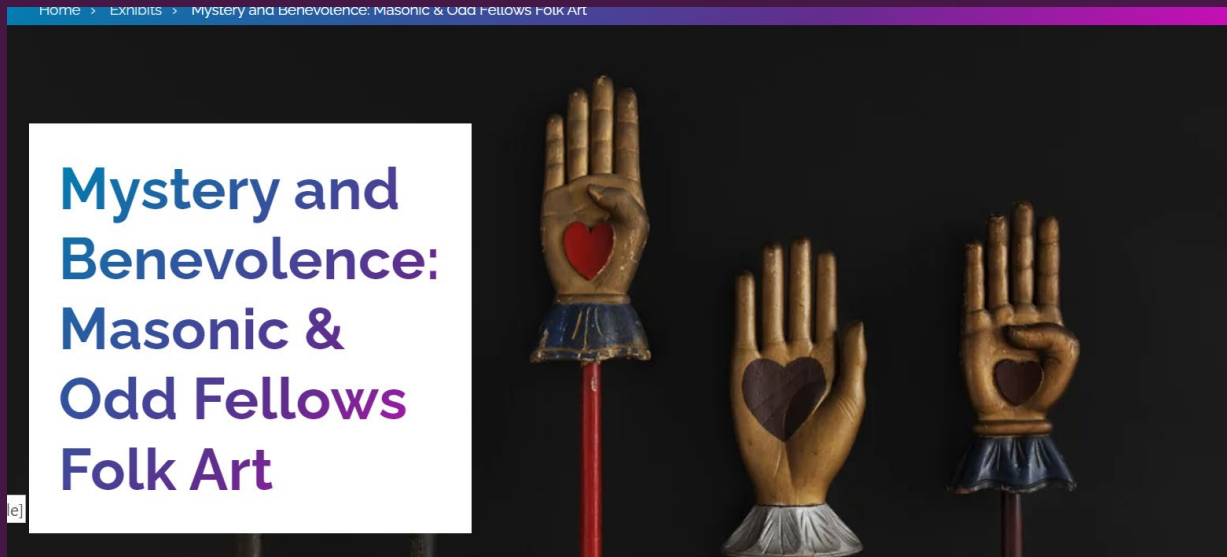
Mr. Darden speaking to Woodward Elementary students. Filling the gaps in a history not readily shared in school.



Bonnie Jo Campbell

January 20, 2024 - June 30, 2024

Coming This Fall



Featuring over eighty carvings, sculptures, textiles, and regalia revealed in *Mystery and Benevolence: Masonic and Odd Fellows Folk Art* bring to light the histories, symbolism, and values of the Freemasons and the Independent Order of the Odd Fellows.

September 28, 2024 - January 5, 2025

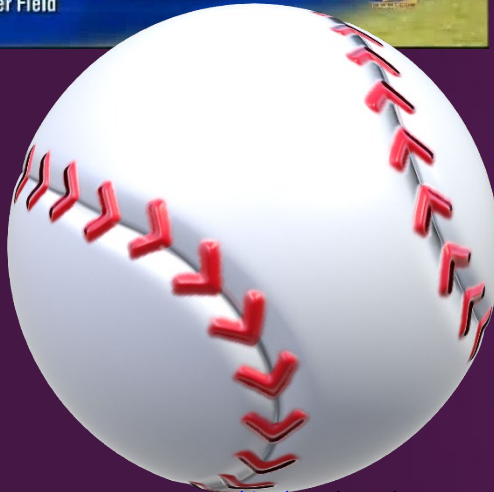
A Few Spring & Summer Programs



May is National Skin Cancer and Melanoma Awareness Month. Many skin cancers are caused by overexposure to ultraviolet (UV) light from the sun.

Program had 55 participants.

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The SW MiSTEM Network STEM Education Days at the Growlers games were successful. We engaged 738, 551, and 451 middle school and elementary students over the three game days, respectively. KVCC EMC staff were present all three days and brought KVCC summer camp information and swag. KVM contributed summer program information, swag, and the circuit activity.

Program had 451 middle and elementary schools participants.

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Juneteenth Celebration

June 14th



Come view a screening curated by Soul Artistry LLC of the newly released film "Bob Marley: One Love." This event is free of charge, taking place at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum on Friday, June 14, at 5 p.m.

"Bob Marley: One Love" is the story of how reggae icon Bob Marley overcame adversity, and the journey behind his revolutionary music. Celebrate the life of an icon who inspired generations through his message of love, peace and unity.

Attendance 19

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Spring & Summer Programs

Discovery
Quest!
Summer
Programming
at the KVM

June & July, 2024

At Discovery Quest this summer, you will read, question, think and play. Meet the Questioners and go on your quest with different activities weekly! Enjoy STEAM Story Time and scavenger hunts, learn about the science of light, create art, design your dream building, build a catapult, and more. Details for each day's activities can be found at kalamazoomuseum.org.



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Additional Spring & Summer Events & Programs



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. 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.

No advance registration is required. For more info, please visit kalamazoomuseum.org.

Look Back Spring Events & Programs

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.



Attendance Fri. Evening 171 & Sat 350

Astronomical Happenings at the Museum



April 8, 2024

Total Attendance 898

Distributed over 23,000

Eclipse Glasses



★ **Statewide
Astronomy
Night -
Friday, April
12**



Gilmore Keyboard Festival Film Series



Partnership with Gilmore
Keyboard Festival
&
Kalamazoo Film Society

Four Films with Total
Participation of 232

Collections Updates

- Collections “Blog” online resource launched for the website – April to feature Darden history article
- High-Density Mobile Shelving Installation – Vendor Addressing a few needs to complete this project soon.
- Please visit the museum’s online collections catalog via the website – over 24,000 records available.



Collections By The Numbers

Argus Collections Database (access via Museum's Website)

Argus database:

May

View Record: 146

Search: 129

Total = 275

May Inquiries

Donation offer: 16

Research: 8

Photo reproduction: 4

Total = 28



What's next? Updating the STRATEGIC PLAN 2024-2029



**Strategic Plan's Next Steps
Is Reviewing The KVM's
Departmental Vision & Mission
Statement With Goal to Align
With The College's S.P. and Core
Values.**