

New Education Director Announced



Stafford Air & Space Museum's Director, Lynne Thurman has announced the addition to the museum of an Education Director, Dr. Tami Martyn. With the need for more educational experiences in math, science, and technology in Western Oklahoma, the museum has expanded the education program to include the part-time position of Education Director. "Tami's background in both education and science make her a valuable addition to our team," said Museum Director, Lynne Thurman. "I believe that Tami is uniquely qualified to help us build our educational programs as well as building connections with state, local, and national

science entities. Tami is an experienced grant writer as well as a scientist and educator. We are very pleased that she has decided to devote her talent and energy to the Museum."

Dr. Martyn began her position at Stafford Air & Space Museum near the beginning of December. The Education Director is responsible for overseeing the direction, planning, implementation and promotion of a wide array of general public, school, and outreach programs taking place at the Museum. Martyn will also oversee the development of education components for exhibits and events. Upcoming additions will include hands-on

activities to make the concepts of flight more accessible to people of all ages. STEM- (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) related disciplines will be directly addressed through displays, events and resources offered to visitors.

Previously, the museum expanded the education programming with grants funding the additions of 2 flight simulation computer labs, the Sarkeys Digital Planetarium, the new Rose & Tom Luczo Educational Center, and many hands-on, interactive exhibits throughout the museum. The museum brought in more than 100 groups in 2009 which nearly doubled the number of school groups from the previous year. With an Education Director now on site, the museum's goal is to increase the number of visiting schools significantly. Qualifying school groups will still be able to utilize the field trip reimbursement program with a grant sponsored by the Inasmuch Foundation.

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New Additions to Coming to the Museum!

- Interactive Kiosks from Early flight- Rockets of the World
- WWII Theatre
- Aviation/Space Audio Visual History Station
- Stafford mission collages
- Space Postcards
- Hands-on Exhibits
- Docking Simulation Software

Stafford Museum 2010 Board of Directors



Pictured front left to right: Jana Rowland, Kay Tautfest, Jenifer Reynolds
Back left to right: Thad Wolgamott, Rick miller, Gary Mol, Jim Friesen, Blake Sonobe, Dan Stroud
Audie Corning is not pictured

Jana Rowland is the Science Director of the Oklahoma State Education Department. Rowland is from Weatherford and continues to live in her hometown.

Gary Mol is a retired Manufacturing & Procurement Executive. Mol is from Hydro and is an alumnus of SWOSU.

Chairman of the board, is now Thad Wolgamott and the President-elect position is held by Dr. Blake Sonobe. Dr. Jim Friesen, 2008 Chairman of the board is the newly elected Secretary. Rick Miller will continue to serve as Treasurer.

The board has set 2010 goals for the museum which include an increase in museum hosted events, membership drives and an increase in volunteer work.

As the new year begins, the board of directors began the decade with a new look. The Stafford Air & Space Museum, Inc. and Thomas P. Stafford Museum Endowment have now been combined to solely be run under the Stafford Air & Space

Museum, Inc. The changes will not affect how donations or grants are managed.

Also, the board lost one of their most ambitious and hard working members. Mr. Bill Moore has retired from his job at the Oklahoma

History Center and has decided to take some well deserved time off from the museum board as well.

Two new board members were elected making a total of 10 directors.: Jana Rowland and Gary Mol.

Membership

2010 is beginning very well! The museum hopes all the members enjoyed the events in 2009. This year there will be even more member beneficial events and discounts. Memberships can be purchased at any time and last a full year.

The museum appreciates all their supporters and hopes

everyone decides to renew their membership or join for the first time! Membership dues pay for educational programs, new exhibits and events.

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Mr. & Mrs. David Tennenbaum

The New Year Brings!

First Monthly Volunteer Brunch



On Halloween day in 2009 the Volunteers met to be honored at the volunteer appreciation brunch. Kay Tauffest was awarded 2009 Volunteer of the Year. The brunch was also

utilized to promote the changes to the volunteer program beginning in 2010.

There is now a Volunteer Leadership group. The group meets to discuss all areas of

museum volunteering, scheduling, and costs of projects.

The volunteers will also now have a vest to wear while volunteering at the museum. This will help guests to identify

the volunteers as well as giving volunteers a couple of extra pockets and a cool NASA patch!

Once a month, there will be a volunteer get-together to discuss problems, changes, and training. The plan is to have the brunch the first Saturday of every month. These get-togethers are not required they are a fun time to meet and eat with a group of fun folks. Tour schedules will be passed out for sign-ups and new projects planned.

Everyone is welcome to join us for brunch. Staff will be available to answer questions and help train in areas of interest.

Space Consortium Grant

The Oklahoma Space Grant Consortium has awarded the Stafford Air & Space Museum \$16,000. Two areas of expansion will utilize the money. \$10,000 of the monies will be used for NASA-Space Educational project. The remaining \$6,000 will be used for a SWOSU student staff position at the museum.

The Oklahoma Space Grant Consortium represents a statewide partnership of

universities, a cooperative extension service, state government, city government, industry, and a major science museum working to enhance opportunities for Oklahomans to understand and participate in NASA's mission directorates by supporting programs in science, mathematics, Engineering, technology, education, geography, and other aeronautics and space

related disciplines throughout the state.

The OSCG supports endeavors throughout the State of Oklahoma that are related to NASA's Mission which is "To pioneer the future in space exploration, science discover, and aeronautics research.

Right now, the plans for the project funds is to improve the flight computers to include space docking simulation software.



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What's Happening...

Coming Soon: The Dr. Thomas S. & Mary E. Stafford WWII Airpower Theater



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