

Camp “Artifact of the Month” Person

Here are the 2024-25 Artifacts of the Month to be presented to your Camp members at your monthly Camp Meeting.

There is a comment about the monthly event at the Museum on each page. We would appreciate it if you would let your members know about the events when you make your monthly Camp presentation.

Your help in encouraging members to invite family and friends as well as attending our events is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support.

September 2024 Artifact of the Month

Double Copper Cup

1336 – Room 5



Jacob Hamblin made this double copper cup in 1870's. Its purpose or use is unknown.

Jacob Hamblin was a missionary and friend to the Indians of southern Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico. Born in Ohio in 1819 he died from Malaria in New Mexico in 1886. He is buried in Alpine, Arizona. His historical home in Santa Clara is open for tours.

Reminder: 3rd Weekend Event: September 21, 2024 10 AM
“The History of Washington County “ by Loren Webb

DOCENT TIP OF THE MONTH: RECEIPTS AND HAP ORDERS

A sales receipt must be filled out for every transaction in the Gift Shoppe. Fill in the date, name of Patron (when you can), each item sold (include the correct title of books), cost total amount. Check the box for the payment method, if a check is given put the check number on the receipt. Sign the receipt. **Process all transactions through the cash register.** Put the WHITE copy in the cashdrawer with the cash or check, the YELLOW copy goes to the patron and the pink copy stays in the book. The money in the cash drawer must match the receipts.

The HAP (History, Artifact, Photo) orders are no longer charged. A receipt must be filled out for the order. Make sure to get phone number and email address along with customer name. WHITE copy in the cash drawer, Yellow copy to patron and PINK stays in the book. There is a different receipt book for HAP orders that is on the Reference Desk. It is larger than the Gift Shoppe receipt book. There is no charge for HAP orders, we email the information to the customer.

October 2024 Artifact of the Month

Surveyor's Leveler

1869 – Room 5



Owned by Isaac C. MacFarlane, son of John M. MacFarlane. MacFarlane made an early map of St. George and made corrections of the original survey. He also did surveys of Silver Reef mines.

Reminder: 3rd Weekend Event: October 19, 2024, 10 AM

“New Castle Reclamation Project” by Jerry Atkin

Docent Tip of the Month: TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ALL TRAINING CLASSES THAT ARE OFFERED.

Training videos available on www.dupstgeorge.org

Take advantage of all training classes that are offered, whether it's through your Camp, your Company or the Museum. This is a great way to become more comfortable with serving and refresh your memory. A bit of refresher and a review of the changes in the museum will be a huge benefit to you.

If you are worried about the cash register, just review the online training the night before you serve, it's amazing how much better you will feel about making sales transactions and using the cash register.

November 2024 Artifact of the Month

Navajo Rug

1841 – Room 8



This rug was probably made by J. Sosie. It is a gray mountain area rug. (Northern Arizona). It features symbolic cloud design. The red/black line (top right) is woven in to let the spirit leave. Some herb dye colors have faded and some have run together.

It was obtained by George Forsythe by trading with the Indians in Rabbit Valley, Wayne County, in the vicinity of Loa, Utah in 1870. At his death it went to his daughter, Sarah Isabelle Forsythe Gardner. At her death it went to Cannon "Pete" Gardner.

It was donated to DUP Museum by his widow, Eleanor Stuart Gardner.

Reminder: 3rd Weekend Event November 19, 2024 10 AM

"Weaving Navajo Rugs" Presented by Ginny Sparks

Docent Tip of the Month : Chairlift Instructions / Food and Drink

To use the Chairlift is very easy. There are instructions on the wall both at the top of the stairs and below. There is a walker for visitors to use down stairs so they can enjoy both levels of the museum.

We do not allow food or drink inside the Museum because of potential problems. Water in sealed containers is okay. Backpacks are to left in the lobby. They are dangerous to wear in the Museum because they could knock things over. Baby stroller should also be left in the lobby.

December 2024 Artifact of the Month

“Forget me Not” Rolling Pin

673 – Room 5



These glass rolling pins were not used for baking but were a decorative house gift. They often had a wire or soft rope that tied to both ends and hung on the wall as a decoration. Glass rolling pins started being made in Bristol England in the 1790's and had a cork at one end. They would fill the hollow container with salt, cocoa, baking powder or spices to make the gift special.

This rolling pin was brought across the plains by C. P. and Elizabeth Reeves Liston in 1852; donated by Rosathia Orvilla Liston Empey.

Reminder: 3rd Weekend Event December 21, 2024 10 AM

“Pioneer Christmas Baking” Presented by Teresa Orton/Nancy Carlton

Docent Tip of the Month: BE A WECOMING HOSTESS AND TOUR GUIDE –

Just as you warmly welcome visitors to your home, invite visitors into the museum . Ask them to sign the Guest Book, inquire where they are from and what brought them to the area and the Museum. Remember, the Parton's memories of the Museum depend in large part on the experience they have with you as a Docent. Let them know how pleased we are that they would take the time from their busy schedules to visit our Museum. Share how much you love the Museum and appreciate those who came before us to settle Washintong County. Offer to give them a tour and tell a few stories about one or two items in each room. Remember to ask them to complete the **Exit Survey** before they leave. Put those completed forms in the drawer under the Sign-In book.

January 2025 Artifact of the Month
1858 Remington Army Revolver

Located in Thompson Case Room - 5



William Henry Thompson owned this revolver, he was born in Birmingham, England in 1839. William came to America when he was sixteen, he learned the trade of silversmith in Rhode Island. He came to Utah in 1861 driving an ox team across the plains. Upon arrival he was sent to Dixie in December 1861. He was married five times and had eleven children. He served in the Indian Wars and most likely carried this pistol and earned a metal for his service. He helped in the building of the St George Temple and was called by Brigham Young to labor in it. He made and cared for the furnace that heated that building. He died April 2, 1922, and was laid to rest in the St George Cemetery.

Reminder: 3rd Weekend Event: January 18, 2025, 10 AM

“Pistols of the West” Presented by Robert Singleton

Docent Tip of the Month: - Docent Area and Sign-In Book

Docents sign in at the beginning of their shift in a book, located in the very first position in the filing cabinet in the Docent Area (room 6). Please make sure this book is put away after you sign in.

Please encourage all visitors to complete the Exit Survey as they leave the Museum. This helps us know where our advertising is doing the best good and lets us know about improvements that can be made. The completed forms are put in the drawer under the Guest Sign In book.

February 2025 Artifact of the Month

Wooden Glove Stretcher

527 - Room 8



The glove stretcher worked by placing the narrow end into a glove finger and then squeezing the handle, thereby expanding the two halves of the narrow end, and stretching the glove finger wider apart. They were also useful in maintaining the overall shape of kid leather gloves, which when washed were prone to wrinkling and could turn quite stiff.

This was brought from England by Hector McQuarrie

Reminder: 3rd Weekend Event: February 15, 2025, 10 AM

“Women of 5th Avenue” Reading of book by Author, Julie Satow

Docent Tip of the Month: Get to Know the Artifacts

It is a good idea to become familiar with as many of the artifacts in the Museum as you can, so you can share the history of the visitors, but remember it is like eating an elephant one bite at a time. You cannot learn it all at once. There are videos on the website that tell a story about some of the artifacts. Watch them to learn a little more.

If you are new to the Museum, find one artifact in each room that you are especially drawn to, learn the story behind it and you will have something to share with guests in each room as they visit us.

We have many aids to learn about different artifacts and histories of our early pioneers. Listening to your partner is a good way to learn new information. There are also small flip books in the lobby that talk about the artifacts by room.

March 2025 Artifact of the Month

Fife

1773 – Room 6



This fife was made by Elisha Averett in Nauvoo, Illinois, before he came west. The brass bands were made from Remington shotgun shell. Born in 1810 in Tennessee he marched with the Mormon Battalion as a musician. He was a stonemason by trade and helped build the Nauvoo and St George Temples.

3rd Weekend Event: March 15, 2025, 10 AM

“Tunes Along Their Trails – Musicians in the Mormon Battalion” Presented by Kevin Henson

Docent Tip of the Month: Protecting the Collection

It is particularly important to keep the doors closed as much as possible. The temperature is set for the benefit of the collection. Keeping the doors closed prevents bugs, pests, and dust from getting in. Docents should bring a jacket or sweater if it gets too cool for them.

If an emergency occurs, help guests to the nearest door. There are evacuation maps posted in each room.

April 2025 Artifact of the Month

Sheep Sheers

1087 – Room 4



Sheep shearing is the process by which the woolen fleece of a sheep is cut off. Typically, each adult sheep is shorn once each year.

These sheep shears were owned by Milo Blake, a third generation of St. George resident. Born in 1920 in Bloomington, he was a sheep and cattle rancher. He also owned and managed the Liberty Hotel and was a member of the Lions Club. He served as a board member of the Utah State Wool Growers Association, Milo passed away in 1975.

Reminder: 3rd Weekend Event April 19, 2025, 10 a.m.

“Shepherding in Songs and Stories” Presented by Clive Rommy

Docent Tip of the Month: Front Door Open and Closing

If you have trouble opening the front door and your key will not turn, pull the door towards you, that should take care of the problem. When closing the door and locking it, pull the door towards you until you hear it click, then turn the key to lock it.

May 2025 Artifact of the Month

Rock Chisel

#976 – Room 4



This Rock Chisel is made of iron. With this simple tool and a hammer, our pioneers created beautiful buildings including the St George Temple. When you look at our historic buildings think of those men and their talents plus their strength to create them. There is also a trail map to the St George Sandstone Quarry (maps in the front of the museum).

Reminder: 3rd Weekend Event May 17, 2025, 10 AM

“Volcanos in our Area” Presented by: Jeff Axel

Docent Tip of the Month: Call Your Partner Before You Serve at the Museum

Call your partner in advance about your time at the Museum. It is helpful to arrive at least 15 minutes before your shift begins. Should you not be able to serve, call your Camp Docent Leader to help find a replacement. Should you change times or dates with another camp, notify your Company Docent Leader and Kayleen Potter, Docent Director (435 632 1412). Also, it would be beneficial to review the Docent Packet prior to serving. It is available online at www.dupstgeorge.org on the Docent Information page.