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Oshkosh Public Museum Celebrates 100 Years

Milestone Year Marked with OPM 100 Series of Exhibitions, Events, and Programs

Oshkosh, January 30, 2024 – The [Oshkosh Public Museum](#) proudly celebrates its centennial in 2024. The community is invited to join the celebrations through “OPM 100,” a year-long series of exhibitions, events, and programs marking 100 years of preserving and promoting Oshkosh's rich history.

For 100 years, the Oshkosh Public Museum has been a cornerstone of our city's cultural legacy. “We could not be more excited to mark this incredible milestone alongside the Oshkosh community,” says Museum Director Sarah Phillips. “The Museum itself is part of Oshkosh history, and the stories we preserve and share continue to strengthen Oshkosh for future generations,” she continues. OPM 100 is a tribute to the countless stories, artifacts, and moments that have shaped our past and continue to inspire the future.

Special Exhibits:

Sawyer Saga – A Trilogy of Exhibitions Chronicles a Family's Enduring Legacy. Part One opening March 15; Part Two opening June 15; Part Three opening September 21

1920s Oshkosh: Colorful Times in Black and White – See Oshkosh, 100 years younger! Opening February 6.

Educational Programs:

American Girls: 1920s History with Claudie – Join the party to win an American Girl® Claudie and accessories! Tickets required. Saturday, February 24, 2024

Preserving Memories Workshops:

- How to Care for Your Family Photos – Saturday, April 20, 2024

- How to Care for Your Treasured Textiles – Saturday, October 5, 2024

Oshkosh Creates during the OFAA Plein Air Festival – Join us for free plein air art for all ages on the grounds of OPM during the [Oshkosh Fine Arts Association](#) Plein Air Festival!

Special Events:

Date Night at the Museum – Bring a friend or special someone for an evening at the Museum. We'll provide the hors d'oeuvres and history. Good conversation provided by you! Tickets required. Friday, February 9, 2024

Historic Osh Hop – Get access to historic properties around Oshkosh through this exclusive event! Locations include The Doe House, The Corbett House, and more to be announced! Saturday, May 11, 2024

Día de los Muertos – An uplifting celebration of lost loved ones through traditional elements, vibrant colors, and the arts. Join us for our third-annual free celebration of Day of the Dead! Saturday, November 2, 2024

A Toast to a Century: OPM 100 Reception – Cheers to a century of memories, and to the countless stories yet to unfold! More information to come. Friday, November 8, 2024

Join the Celebration:

"OPM 100" is an invitation to the entire community. Whether you're a longtime supporter or a first-time visitor, there's something for everyone in this once-in-a-lifetime celebration. "Even while gallery spaces remain under construction, we hope the community will celebrate this exciting moment with us," says Marketing & Development Coordinator Kate Stel. "No one likes construction and closures, myself included, but they're part of moving our mission forward to serve the community." Parts of the second floor of the Museum will remain closed during 2024. More updates and events will continue to be released throughout the year.

Get Involved:

For sponsorship opportunities, event details, and the latest updates on "OPM 100," visit oshkoshmuseum.org or contact Kate Stel at kstel@oshkoshwi.gov or 920.236.5799.

About the Oshkosh Public Museum:

The [Oshkosh Public Museum](http://oshkoshmuseum.org) preserves and promotes the history, art, and culture of Oshkosh and the Lake Winnebago Region. The cornerstone of the Oshkosh Public Museum is the Historic Sawyer Home with its world-class Tiffany Studios-designed interiors, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Since 1924, the Oshkosh Public Museum has served the public by stewarding collections, creating educational experiences, and providing access to our region's unique heritage.

Join us as we embark on the next century of preserving Oshkosh heritage with OPM 100 from the Oshkosh Public Museum. ###