

2024 Calendar

EXHIBITS

Last Call: History of Alcohol in the Ozarks | March 15-November 9

Take a peek into the tangled history of alcohol laws in Northwest Arkansas from the 1800s to today. From moonshiners of the Ozark hills, to the energetic women of the temperance movement, Arkansas has had a complicated relationship with alcohol. See how the legacy of this historic battle between “wets” and “drys” extends to the present day, and how Northwest Arkansas has weathered the journey.

A Century of American Glassware | February 17-August 10

A glowing showcase of glassware in the museum’s collections from the 1870s-1970s, featuring cut, pressed, and decorative glass, as well as a collection of decorative salt dishes that belonged to the Reagan sisters.

Building Rogers | August 31-March 1

Explore the early architectural heritage of Rogers from 1881-1950s. Learn about the architects and builders who created many of Rogers’ businesses, churches, public buildings, and homes through a display of photographs, documents, and building related objects from the museum’s collections that highlight Rogers’ architectural past.

1895 HAWKINS HOUSE TOURS

Oh, Christmas Tree | November 23-January 4

The Hawkins House will be decorated to reflect the history of the Christmas tree and its decor. Visitors will be guided from room to room learning and seeing the traditions of the Christmas tree, from the early tradition of a small tree that sat on a table with handmade ornaments, to the introduction of glass ornaments and large trees standing from floor to ceiling.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Rogers Historical Spinners Club monthly meeting | January-November, Every 1st Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Interested in spinning fibers into yarn? This group may be for you! Join us for this free monthly meeting at the museum for beginners and experts alike where we discuss all things spinning.

NWA Quilt Study Group monthly meeting | February-October, Every 3rd Wednesday, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Every quilt has a story. Join us for this free monthly meeting at the museum where we discuss the heritage and techniques of quilting. No special skills needed.

Spring Break at the Museum: Pioneer Days

Learn about some of the early settlers in Benton County and their ways of self-sufficient living. Ages 6-12. Free admission. *45-minute session reservations required.* Online registration opens January 22 at rogershistoricalmuseum.org/spring-break-at-the-museum.

- **Butter Making | March 19, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**
- **Tin Lanterns | March 21, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

Museum and Me | January-May & September-December, Every 2nd Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.

Join the Rogers Historical Museum and Rogers Public Library for *Museum and Me*, an hour-long, free program at the Rogers Historical Museum for children ages 3-5. Each month features a themed story and fun activities. Register at rogershistoricalmuseum.org/museum-and-me.

Family Day | June 1, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Bring the family for a day at the museum! Lot’s if fun things to see and do for all ages, including a quilt show, spinning and weaving demonstrations, food trucks, farm animals, kids crafts, blacksmith demonstrations, a vintage tractor show, and more. FREE admission.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS (CONTINUED)

Kid's Craft Corner

Have hands-on fun while learning about different historic creative arts from our Ozarks past. Kids of all ages welcome. FREE admission. *45-minute session timed reservations required.* Online registration opens May 13 at rogershistoricalmuseum.org/kids-craft-corner.

- Stained Glass Suncatchers | June 11, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Textile Weaving | June 25, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Soap Carving | July 16, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Architecture | July 30, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Rogers Explorers

Join us as we explore museums in Northwest Arkansas! Rogers Explorers is a program for children ages 6-12 that allows them to explore their community by visiting four different locations which offer hands-on learning, adventure, and activities. Each session will begin at the session's location. *Parents/Guardians will accompany their children at all times during the sessions.* Pre-registration is required. \$10.00 admission per each child per session. Online registration opens May 13 at rogershistoricalmuseum.org/rogers-explorers.

- Museum of Native American History | June 7, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Arkansas & Missouri Railroad Museum | June 21, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Shiloh Museum of Ozark History | July 12, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Rogers Historical Museum | July 26, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Ghost Walks Tour | October 18, 19, 24, 25, & 26, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Every town has mysteries and stories of murder and mayhem. Rogers and the surrounding area is no exception. For five evenings in October, the Rogers Historical Museum will offer Ghost Walks tours in historic downtown Rogers featuring true local stories of murder, mystery, and mayhem told by costumed interpreters. This one-hour tour begins and ends at the Museum and is suitable for older teens and adults. \$5 admission. Ticket sales begin September 16. For tickets and more information, visit rogershistoricalmuseum.org/ghostwalks.

Goblin Candy Crawl | October 31, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Join us Halloween evening for this fun and safe event in Downtown Rogers. Pick up a trick-or-treat bag and map from the Rogers Historical Museum booth in Railyard Park and start your "candy crawl" around downtown.

24th Annual Holiday Open House | December 14, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

This free event features guided tours of the 1895 Hawkins House featuring a look at the history of the Christmas tree and its decor. We will also have holiday crafts and refreshments. Santa Claus will be here to visit, so be sure to bring your wish list. Santa will also be reading Clement Moore's famous story, "Twas the Night Before Christmas" at 1 p.m.

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE RHM

- ★ The Rogers Historical Museum is a department of the City of Rogers governed by a five-person Museum Commission and managed by nine staff members.
- ★ Founded in 1975 as the City of Rogers community Bicentennial project.
- ★ Mission: To enrich lives through education, experience, and exploration of our heritage.
- ★ Tagline: REAL. TRUE. FUN.—Real objects from our past. True stories about our community and its people. Family fun and life-long learning.
- ★ Moved once and expanded twice since its founding.
- ★ The Key Wing opened in 1987 and was named for one of the Museum's founders and first Museum Commission chairperson Miss Vera Key.
- ★ The Hailey Building, now home to the Museum's galleries, was originally built in 1946 for the Newt Hailey Ford Dealership.
- ★ The Museum's Hawkins House was built in 1895 and is among the oldest brick homes remaining in Rogers.
- ★ Has two hands-on children's areas: *The Children's Gallery* at the Hailey Building and *Grandma's Attic* at the Key Wing Education Center.
- ★ Regularly displays community exhibits in four locations around Rogers: Rogers Public Library, Rogers Wellness Center, Center for Non-Profits, and the Rogers Executive Airport.
- ★ Collections number over 65,000 individual items.
- ★ Programs and loan materials serve over 10,000 school children annually.
- ★ Since 1990, the Museum has been awarded grants totaling \$2,078,396.55.
- ★ Only museum in Northwest Arkansas to be accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and currently one of nine accredited museums in Arkansas.



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