

Spring 2023 Calendar

EXHIBITS

From Portraits to Polaroids | January 14-July 8

A look at the evolution of photography through a selection of cameras and photographic prints from the Rogers Historical Museum collections. This exhibit gives a glimpse at everything from 19th-century daguerreotypes and formal studio portraits, to the rise of personal cameras, instant Polaroids, and the modern era of snapshot photography.

A Parade of Apple Blossoms | April 15-October 28

The Apple Blossom Festivals of the 1920s were a grand celebration of the apple industry in Northwest Arkansas. They were also a chance to showcase the beauty of Arkansas in springtime, and the prosperity and progress of a growing region. Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the first Apple Blossom Festival in 1923, the exhibit takes you through the elaborate costumes, contests, tours, and more that turned Rogers and the surrounding area into *A Parade of Apple Blossoms* each spring.

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The Etiquette of Courtship | January 14-May 20

A glimpse into early 20th-century courtship and the rules and rituals that governed proper behavior between men and women looking for love. From first introductions to proposals of marriage and everything in between, social etiquette helped to smooth the way for young couples. Explore everything from the art of letter writing, to the most appropriate gifts, and some early 1900s love songs.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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

Are you looking for a fun and educational activity for your preschooler? 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 that helps foster interest in history, reading and museums. Each month features a themed story and fun activities that preschoolers are sure to love. There are only 20 spots available each month so be sure and signup today at rogershistoricalmuseum.org/museum-and-me! Sign up is only required for children, but parents/guardians are asked to stay with their children during the program.

January 10: Lunar New Year

February 14: Valentine's Day

March 14: Farm Animals

April 11: Water in Northwest Arkansas

May 9: Apples

Spring Break at the Museum

- **Blind Cave Fish and Bats and Stalactites, Oh My! | March 21, 10:00 a.m-12:00 p.m.**

Learn about the ecosystems of caves in the Northwest Arkansas region and the animals and formations that you'll find there. Then create your own stalactite! Ages 6-12. 45-minute session reservations required. Online registration opens January 23 for this FREE program.

- **Caves Were Used For...What? | March 23, 10:00 a.m-12:00 p.m.**

Did you know that caves have been used by humans for thousands of years? Learn about some of the people from the past who used caves in the Northwest Arkansas region and what they used them for. Then, do a hands-on activity to make your own artwork inspired by ancient rock art motifs found in caves and bluff shelters around the region. Ages 6-12. 45-minute session reservations required. Online registration opens January 23 for this FREE program.

Family Day | June 3, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. *FREE admission*

Bring the family and have some fun at the museum for a day of food, crafts, games and more!

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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 museums in Arkansas.



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