**MISSION STATEMENT**

Hastings Museum connects Nebraska to the world while collecting and preserving the natural and cultural history of Hastings, Adams County, and Nebraska.

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**MESSAGE from our DIRECTOR & PRESIDENT**

This year the Museum celebrated two of our nation’s most significant accomplishments: the completion of the transcontinental railroad in 1869 and the 1969 Apollo 11 moon landing. For the railroad’s 150th anniversary the Museum hosted a special exhibit, large format film, and numerous programs for community members of all ages. The moon landing was celebrated by sky viewing with our telescopes, on our super screen with the *Apollo 11* documentary, and through several space-themed programs and events including *Pie & the Sky* and *Astronomy on Tap.*

While we took time this year to learn from our proud past, we also looked forward toward our promising future. In early 2019 we added online ticket sales for the first time. Patrons love how easy it is to sign up their kids for summer classes, purchase movie tickets, and renew their memberships. We also continued on our path to fully implementing Virtual Field Trip (VFT) equipment into our program offerings. This year we *received* a VFT from the Henry Doorly Zoo during a premiere event, and *sent* a VFT to Good Samaritan Village.

Perhaps our most significant accomplishment of the year was the installation of compact shelving. This $150,000 purchase nearly doubled our capacity for collections storage. We replaced stationary shelving with a modern moveable system on rails.

Thank you to our members, board members, patrons, the City of Hastings, the Hastings Museum Foundation, and the community of the Hastings for an amazing year.

**Rebecca Matticks**
Hastings Museum Director

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**Mark Funkey**
President, Museum Board
COLLECTIONS
4,093 objects were cleaned, photographed, rehoused, and catalogued.
5,693 were moved into new compact storage.
1,972 hours from the Museum’s 3 interns.
128 hours donated by volunteers to the collections department.

ATTENDANCE
29,986 Museum patrons
22,182 Theatre patrons

PROGRAMS
11,110 People in 701 Planetarium Shows
3,440 Students in 196 School Programs
385 Summer Fun Students in 23 Classes

MEMBERSHIPS
5,533 Members
1,051 Active Memberships
1,772 Twitter followers
1,166 Instagram followers
9,834 Facebook fans

EVENTS, TOURS & MORE Turnout for the following gatherings is included in the attendance numbers for the Museum and Theatre above.
- Cocktails with the Curators
- WWII in Hastings Bus Tours
- Dad Things Tours
- Spirits & Interesting People (SIP)
- Dirty Things Tours
- Pie & the Sky
- Astronomy on Tap
- DeTours
- Up Close Programs
- Preschool Playdays
- Molly the Fire Dog
- Community Conversations
- Nature’s Educators
- Novel Film Nights with Hastings Public Library
- FREE First Fridays
- Low Sensory Third Fridays
- Free PBS kids’ films
- Member Celebration
- Premiere-Level Large Format Film Premieres
- Private Parties
- Facility Rentals
- Annual Girl and Boy Scout Overnighters
- Scouting Badges
- Solar Observing
- Night Sky Viewing
- Kool-Aid Days Activities
- Dead Things Tours
ASTC provides Hastings Museum Members at all levels with free or discounted entry to numerous museums and science centers across the country, including the Omaha Children’s Museum; the Cosmosphere in Hutchinson, Kansas; the Denver Museum of Nature and Science; and the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago. This fiscal year alone, the ASTC Partnership brought 251 new visitors to the Museum.

So interesting! Love that so much of the museum is interactive. We had a great time!

— The Schaefer Family, Ocean Park WA
Of the estimated 33,000 museums in the United States, less than 4% meet the professional standards and best practices required by accreditation. The Hastings Museum is one of the few museums in Nebraska to be accredited.
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