

January 2020

Dear Friend of the Museum,

Over the past century, the Helena Museum of Phillips County has served as a cultural bastion in the state of Arkansas. Not only do we have the distinction of being the oldest purpose-built museum in the state, but our donors and patrons rank among the highest echelons of society, including First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, author Samuel Clemens, and advocate Helen Keller. The museum has one of only three Thomas Edison's exhibits in the world.

This past year has been very eventful. Joseph Alley came on board in January as a full-time curator. He has brought much talent and insight to displaying the many artifacts at the museum. We received a donation to refinish the floors and make other needed improvements to Library Hall. The final tuck pointing of the exterior has been completed with a grant from the Arkansas Historical Preservation Program.

Your support is crucial to our efforts to continue to preserve the history of Phillips County for not only you but for citizens of the delta as well as visitors from around the world. The museum receives no public funds for our operations. The budget for 2020 is \$65,000. Of the amount needed approximately 40% comes from the Margaret Ready Foundation and the Demerot Trust. Another 10% will come from tour boat fee and the donation box. That leaves 50% needed from patrons such as yourself to continue to operate. These funds are strictly for operations. You are being sent this request because you have had an interest in the museum and its mission. Any donation will be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to talk about how you could further assist the museum, please contact one of our board members listed below or call Joseph (870-338-7790) at the museum.

Please make your donation using the enclosed postage paid envelope.

Thank you again!

Sincerely,

Museum Board of Directors

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