

HOUSTON MUSEUM of DECORATIVE ARTS



Houston Hosts 2nd Annual Museum Hop!

The 2nd Annual Chattanooga Museum Hop took place on Aug. 9&10.

Nine of Chattanooga's great museums participated including Song Birds Guitar, TVRM, Medal of Honor, 6th Cavalry, Bessie Smith CC, Coker Tire, International Towing, National Park Partners, and of course the Houston.. The cost is nominal was \$20 per visitor or \$50 for a family of four and with two days to visit them all, you were able move at a leisurely pace.

Carrying a "passport" supplied by the museums, visitors had them stamped along the way at each stop. When all stamps are completed, they received a t shirt as a remembrance of the day.

Participants were: Medal of Honor, TN Valley RR, Bessie Smith CC, 6th Cavalry, Coker Car, National Park Partners & Int'l Towing & Recovery museums.

Collaborating with these other museums, is one more way that the Houston makes a difference in the community and solidifies our place in the arts.



Jim McDowell's portrayal of Dave Drake, slave potter at the Chattanooga Theatre Centre on July 22nd was a magnificent success. The audience was captivated while "Dave" threw pots and talked about his life as a slave potter on the Edgefield plantation in S.C.

Over 120 people attended and thoroughly enjoyed the presentation which the Houston organized, giving exposure to the museum and its world class collection.



Hours

Wednesday- Saturday:
12-4 p.m.

Admission

Adults: \$9
Children (4-17): \$3.50
Students (with current id): \$5
Active Military: \$5

Keeping Up with the Houston



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Houston Highlights



Meet the newest member of the Houston's volunteer team, Bundles Wadley.

Bundles discovered that the Houston needed volunteers and she recently began training as a docent. She's such a joy and is so sweet! Welcome Bundles!

If you or anyone you know would be interested in being a volunteer, please have them contact the museum for more information.

Houston Sponsor, 1st Tennessee Foundation is celebrating 25 years of Giving.

To celebrate they are giving away \$250,000 to TN non-profits who enter a video contest telling how the Foundation has helped them. Winners can get up to \$25,000. The Houston has entered the contest which begins Aug.15 and runs through Aug 31st. To vote you will need to go to www.25yearsofgiving.com and create an account with an email and password. This is to authenticate and validate votes. There you will find a gallery of videos, locate the Houston's video and view. You can then vote. Please cast your vote for the Houston every day for the duration of the voting. Voting closes on August 31st and the top 30 videos will then go before a panel of judges and the winners will be selected from them.

Please, share with your spouse, friends and family and ask them to support your favorite museum.

Education Outreach

On August 21st the outreach program partnered with Scenic City Clay Arts in conjunction with potter, Jim McDowell to teach middle school aged children about pottery throwing and the history of renowned slave potter, David Drake.

The 24 children were treated to an afternoon with an animated Jim, learning about clay, and creating face mugs that they would be able to take home.

We are grateful to SSCA for the use of their facility and equipment with plans to work together again in the future.

We are always looking for opportunities to work with schools or groups who might be interested in our programming. If someone you know might like to have a visit from our outreach program please contact Lilly Waters at 423-267-7176 or houstonmuseumoutreach@gmail.com

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