



Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

What's next?

CNMCC has been awarded a \$44,993 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services Native American/ Native Hawaiian Museum Services Program to develop a 3-5 year strategic plan for the museum. CNMCC staff is currently working with a consultant to gather information about where we are now and which direction the museum should go in the future. The project will focus on four core groups (tribal, nontribal, military, and education) that are seen as the museum's audience base.

The objectives are:

- To educate the CNMCC Board and Staff regarding responsibilities, standards and best practices
- To obtain public input from key stakeholders regarding the future direction of CNMCC
- To plan for the future direction of the museum
- To implement the strategic plan gradually and successfully

Details of the plan will be made public in September 2012.



CNMCC Gallery



Lecture on the lawn featuring Emil Her Many Horses



Armed Forces Cedar Ceremony



Riverside Indian School tours CNMCC

For more information or a complete list of events and showings, please visit our website at www.comanchemuseum.com

"Lords of the Plains, Know Us." Sokobaita Taa Narmimih, Nami Supanaita

Under Construction

Big things are happening at CNMCC. A portion of the gallery is temporarily closed for renovation. Please don't let this prevent you from visiting! The rest of the gallery is still plenty to see and do! The front part of the gallery remains open and currently displays all of our historical information, "never displayed before" paintings by various Comanche artists and our very

Last summer, CNMCC focused on childhood wellness with the national traveling exhibition, *Through the Eyes of the Eagle: Illustrating Healthy Living for Children*. Nearly one year later, a special relationship has blossomed out of that exhibit. Fit Kids of Southwest Oklahoma has asked CNMCC to continue spreading the word about the benefits of healthy lifestyles among young people. We are proud to work with this organization to provide an expanded knowledge base of fitness and health related issues. It

New Partnership!



popular Bison Kill interactive game. We hope to have the entire gallery back open by early summer with new flooring and lighting. Come on by!

also gives us a unique opportunity to educate the public about the Comanche history and language. Working together enables our kids of Southwest Oklahoma to benefit from an experienced group of professionals who can help provide a better quality of life through education and by understanding our communities' needs.



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Admission is Free
Group Tours Welcome



2011 Oklahoma Museums Association Award Recipient for Best Newsletter

Award Winning

The Wichita Falls chapter of the American Advertising Federation (AAF) has honored CNMCC with a regional ADDY Award. The museum took home a bronze award in the Broadcast/Electronic Category for its television commercial, *The Bison: American Icon*.

The annual awards showcase Texoma's best advertising in print, broadcast, television and interactive media. The ADDY Awards is the advertising industry's largest and most representative competition, attracting over 60,000 entries every year in local ADDY competitions. The mission of the ADDY competition is to recognize and reward creative excellence in the art of advertising. "This award is a huge honor for our museum," said Phyllis Wahahrockah-Tasi, CNMCC Executive Director. "It shows that we are among the



2012 Addy Award

best when it comes to the overall marketing of our museum. Unfortunately, we can't just open the doors and expect visitors to come.

We have to tell them who we are and show them what we are about. Television advertising provides us with a wonderful opportunity to do just that. It's our chance to entice the public into finding out more about us. The fact that our hard work is not going unnoticed is humbling. An award such as this is a nice validation and confirms that our approach to marketing works," Wahahrockah-Tasi said.

This is the second year in a row for the museum to win this award. CNMCC picked up four regional ADDY's in 2012. The museum's marketing is spearheaded by Phyllis and Education and Public Programs Manager, Candy Morgan, in collaboration with DesignWorks Group Inc. in Wichita Falls.

A Note from Phyllis



Dear Loyal Supporters,

Our museum is the heartbeat of our Comanche Nation. For that reason alone, the staff works very hard every day to make this facility one that pleases our tribal members. We want our Comanche people to be proud of our museum. A lot of people have come through the doors since I took over as executive director four years ago. Many of them have been visitors from other countries and states. Some have been school children on field trips. A lot of them are just folks off the street, curious to know more about us. Regardless of who they are or why they stepped foot in the museum, it's always a pleasure to interact with them. We keep a file in the museum that we've dubbed the "Kuddos Folder." In it, we keep all the cards and notes that we receive from people who have visited us. It's always a pleasure to hear back from our visitors, but there's one note in particular that stands out for me. It's an email from a tribal member and it says: "I admit when the museum first opened I was disappointed, but after yesterday's visit, it made me proud to be a Comanche...I just wanted to tell you and all those involved how much you are appreciated for the work that you are doing and for the museum. Keep up the good work." All I can say to that is...wow! It's always awe-inspiring to hear that we are doing a good job, but when it comes from our own people, it's truly extra special.

~Phyllis Wahahrockah-Tasi, Executive Director

All Things Comanche

We're already preparing for our next exhibit, *All Things Comanche*. The exhibit opens September 27th and kicks off the start of the Comanche Nation Fair. The exhibit will feature a variety of artwork and interactive historical information about the Comanche Nation. We could use your help. If you have any

Comanche items or art to loan us for display in the exhibit, please give us a call. We are particularly in need of buckskin dresses and moccasins. All loaned items will be promptly returned at the conclusion of the exhibit. Call Kristin at 353-0404 for more information.



Board Highlight: Dr. Patsy Coutts, chairwoman



mesh her educational background and career experience with the opportunity to serve her tribe. Her professional background includes a broad range of experience in all levels of

public education. She currently serves as the chair of the Advanced Professional Services Department and Instructional Media Education Program Coordinator for the College of Education and Professional Studies at the University of Central Oklahoma. She oversees class scheduling, curriculum alignment, faculty and staff personnel and student advisement. She also assists with college and university strategic planning, policy development and assessment, as well as preparing program and college accreditation reports. She is proficient in multiple technology applications and research. She also has a strong knowledge base of young adult and children's multicultural literature. Dr. Coutts will serve on the museum board until summer 2013.



CNMCC Kuddos File

Mission

To preserve and expand the knowledge of our communities about Indian Arts and Culture with an emphasis on Comanche History and Culture.