



# WHITAKER MUSEUM BOARD AGENDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CENTERVILLE WHITAKER MUSEUM BOARD WILL HOLD A REGULAR MEETING AT 5:00 PM ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 AT CENTERVILLE CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM, 250 NORTH MAIN STREET, CENTERVILLE, UTAH.

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## **A. MISSION STATEMENT**

The Whitaker - Centerville's Heritage Museum tells Centerville's story, teaches traditional values, creates links between past and present and cultivates pride in our rich heritage.

## **B. ROLL CALL**

## **C. MINUTES**

Minutes of prior meetings may be reviewed and accepted. Minutes review and approval shall comply with the Centerville City Minutes Approval Policy.

1. Minutes Review and Approval  
August 26, 2025 WMB Minutes

## **D. DIRECTOR REPORT**

1. USU Intern Fawn McArthur  
Report on the 'Centerville Women's Histories' collection held at City Hall Saturday September 27
2. Sign Thank You Letters
3. Accession of 'Hannah Waddoups Whitaker's sewing machine'
4. Review Heritage Fair  
-Day of Service letters to the VA Hospital Veterans  
-Veterans
5. Report on the Railroad History Exhibit at all of the Davis County Museums
6. Upcoming Events  
Cemetery Tours  
-Thursday October 9 Full. Saturday October 11 has 8 spots open  
Fall Festival October 13 in partnership with the Rec Department and Youth Council  
(2) volunteers for the Thema troupe craft table  
(2) volunteers for the Button craft table  
(2) volunteers for the pioneer games
7. Whit After Dark. Thursday, November 6. 6:00 to 9:30  
Advertisement

Volunteers

- Set up
- Ushers. (Participate as character with the game/help if they get stuck)
- Oversee firepit and refreshments
- Help clean up

**E. BOARD REPORTS**

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

## **CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

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**Jennifer Robison  
Centerville City Recorder**

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Whitaker Museum Board meeting held Tuesday, August 26, 2025  
2 at 5:00 p.m. in the Centerville City Hall Conference Room, 250 North Main Street, Centerville,  
3 Utah.

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5 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

6 Alyson Childs  
7 Robin Jensen  
8 Jim Morgan, Chair  
9 Nancy Smith  
10 Jana Taylor, was excused at 6:10 p.m.

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12 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

13 Spencer Packer  
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15 **STAFF PRESENT**

16 Bryce King, Administrative Services Director  
17 Lisa Linn Sommer, Whitaker Museum Director  
18 Fawn McArthur, USU Intern, was excused at 5:27 p.m.  
19 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary  
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21 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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23 Minutes of the July 1, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Nancy Smith made a **motion** to  
24 approve the minutes as written. Alyson Childs seconded the motion, which was passed by  
25 unanimous vote (5-0).  
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27 **THANK YOU TO BOB BROWN**

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29 Bob Brown's term on the Whitaker Museum Board has ended, and he is no longer on the  
30 Board. Mr. Brown and his family voluntarily place 800 flags on the graves of military service  
31 members from Centerville every Memorial Day.  
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33 **WELCOME UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY INTERN AND REPORT ON 'WOMEN**  
34 **OF CENTERVILLE' PROJECT**

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36 Fawn McArthur, Utah State University Intern, was welcomed to the meeting. Fawn is  
37 completing her degree in History & Folklore and Museum Studies. She will be an intern at the  
38 Whitaker Museum working on the Women of Centerville project, which is collecting women's  
39 histories from Centerville and researching the archives at the Museum for histories of women. This  
40 is for the period from 1847 to 1947.

1 Fans were distributed that were given at the July 5<sup>th</sup> booth that depict three women from  
2 Centerville's history, and give a brief description of each woman. The women featured are:  
3 Elizabeth Whitaker, Evelyn Engen, and Myrtle Evans. There will be a story collecting event on  
4 Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at City Hall for people to share their stories  
5 and photographs to build the archive and make an exhibit for the Women's History Month  
6 scheduled for March 2026.

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8 Bryce King, Administrative Services Director, said he will have forms available for people  
9 to complete and be able to attach photographs at this event. The forms and photographs will then  
10 be given to Lisa Sommer. Volunteers from the Board are needed to help at this event. Fawn  
11 McCartney reported she recently met with Pam White with the Daughter's of Utah Pioneers  
12 (DUP), and informed her of this project.

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14 **At 5:27 p.m., Fawn McArthur was excused from the meeting.**

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16 **REPORT ON JULY AND AUGUST EVENTS**

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18 Lisa Sommer, Museum Director, distributed thank-you letters for Board members to sign  
19 for volunteers who helped with the Open Mic Program on August 1st. The Open Mic was in  
20 conjunction with the Movies in the Park, and there were at least 100 people in attendance, which  
21 was more than last year. People sang and played musical instruments, and Lisa Bednar brought  
22 her band to play. Bob York and his friends brought their Roadster cars for people to see. Lisa  
23 reported the July 5<sup>th</sup> booth went very well.

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25 Date Night Art Class was on August 14<sup>th</sup> at the Museum. Sunny Bybee was the art teacher,  
26 and she taught water color painting. Everyone made a postcard that they painted themselves.

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28 **REPORT ON CENTERVILLE VETERANS ARCHIVE PROJECT**

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30 Bob Brown began the Centerville Veterans Archive Project last year. This project is to try  
31 and find Centerville veterans who are buried at the Centerville Cemetery. Ron White helped by  
32 providing a list of headstones and pictures of members from the Mormon Battalion. Bob and Ron  
33 are currently working on veterans from World War I, including those who lived in Centerville, but  
34 moved later. Volunteers are needed to help index information.

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36 B. H. Roberts was the young men's leader for many years, and these young men later  
37 became part of the 146<sup>th</sup> Battalion from Centerville who went to Europe during World War I.  
38 B. H. Roberts went with the Battalion and served as Chaplain, but the war ended before they were  
39 sent to the frontline. Three of the men died from influenza.

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41 **B. H. ROBERTS EXHIBIT**

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43 The B. H. Roberts Exhibit is currently at the Whitaker Museum and will go through  
44 November. This is a self-guided exhibit that features his furnishings that were donated by family  
45 members.

1           **WHITAKER MUSEUM GARDENS**

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3           Lisa Sommer reported this year has been great for the gardens. There will be a Potluck  
4 Barbeque on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Smith Park for the people who had garden plots, and  
5 for members of the Whitaker Museum Board. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish to share.

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7           **DIRECTOR REPORT**

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9           RAP Projects

10          Lisa Sommer reported the smoke house was approved for construction in 2023, and is now  
11 in the process of being built, and the bricks should be arriving shortly. The caldron and  
12 clothes line are covered by RAP and family donations.

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14          September Flashback and Heritage Month

15          Bryce King displayed a report of how many people view the city website. He suggested a  
16 short video be made about the Museum and have it displayed on the website to create more  
17 exposure for the Museum. Lisa Sommer said a video was made with Earl Tingey, a local  
18 farmer, to advertise the Flashback Heritage Day that is scheduled for September 11<sup>th</sup>. This  
19 video should be on the website.

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21          Heritage Day will be on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to dark at the Museum. Earl  
22 Tingey will be bringing cantaloupe that he has grown, and the Museum will donate ice  
23 cream to be served with it. Cantaloupe Days started in Bountiful during the depression.  
24 Farmers would donate their excess cantaloupe to help feed families who were struggling.  
25 Spencer Packer will be bringing his horses, and there will be games for the children.

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27          October Cemetery Tour

28          The Cemetery Tour will feature World War I Veterans, and the tours will be on October  
29 9<sup>th</sup> and October 11<sup>th</sup>. The Tour will also feature people from the time period of 1910 into  
30 the 1920's.

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32          November – Escape Room

33          The Escape Room will be on Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the  
34 Museum. The theme will be centered around Lillibet's Pearls, and people will have 20  
35 minutes to solve the mystery of where the pearls are hidden. There will be a fire in the  
36 Museum yard where people can make s'mores.

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38          **At 6:10 p.m., Jana Taylor was excused from the meeting.**

39          **BOARD REPORTS**

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41          Nancy Smith discussed the website that shows where people are willing to donate their  
42 time and talents. She suggested an exhibit next year for the 250-year anniversary of America's  
43 independence. September is Constitution Month. Nancy suggested having the Whitaker Museum  
44 website on the city website page.

1            **NEW MEMBERS FOR THE WHITAKER MUSEUM BOARD**

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3            Individuals who are interested in serving on the Whitaker Museum Board must complete a  
4 show-of-interest form that is on the city website.

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6            **NEXT MEETING**

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8            The next Whitaker Museum Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2025  
9 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

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11           **ADJOURN**

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13           At 6:20 p.m., Robin Jensen made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Jim Morgan seconded  
14 the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

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19           Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

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                 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary