



WHITAKER MUSEUM BOARD AGENDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CENTERVILLE WHITAKER MUSEUM BOARD WILL HOLD A REGULAR MEETING AT 5:00 PM ON JANUARY 27, 2026 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. BUSINESS

1. Welcome new City Council liaison - Robyn Mecham
2. Recognize and welcome new and renewal of Whitaker Museum Board Members
 - Blair Parrish - new
 - Jana Taylor - renewal
 - Jim Morgan - renewal
 - Robin Jensen - renewal
 - Spencer Packer - renewal
 - Nancy Smith - renewal
 - Alyson Child - current
3. Open and Public Meetings Training
The City Recorder will provide required annual training on the Open and Public Meetings Act
4. Nomination for Chair and Vice Chair 2026

D. 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 Minutes
October 28, 2025 Minutes

E. DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Review and Discuss the 2026 Whitaker Museum Events

- Utah - Centerville 250
- Calendar of Events

F. **BOARD REPORTS**

G. **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 over 500 flags on the graves of military service
31 members from Centerville every Memorial Day. Bob has stated that it is time to pass this on and
32 the museum is reviewing putting this under the stewardship of the museum board.

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34 **WELCOME UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY INTERN AND REPORT ON 'WOMEN**
35 **OF CENTERVILLE' PROJECT**

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

1 Fans were given at the July 5th booth that depict three women from Centerville’s history,
2 and give a brief description of the history collecting project focusing on the women of Centerville
3 circa. 1847 to 1947. The women featured are: Elizabeth Whitaker, Evelyn Engen, and Myrtle
4 Evans. There will be a historical story collecting event on Saturday, September 27th from 9:00 a.m.
5 to 6:00 p.m. at City Hall for people to share their stories and photographs to build the archives and
6 make an exhibit for the Women’s History Month scheduled for March 2026.

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8 The histories and photographs will then be given to Lisa Sommer to be placed in the
9 Centerville archive files. Volunteers from the Board are needed to help at this event. Fawn
10 McArthur reported she recently met with Pam White with the Daughter’s of Utah Pioneers (DUP)
11 and informed her of this project.

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

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15 **REPORT ON JULY AND AUGUST EVENTS**

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17 Lisa Sommer, Museum Director, distributed thank-you letters for Board members to sign
18 for volunteers who helped with the Open Mic Program on August 1st. The Open Mic was in
19 conjunction with the Movies in the Park, and there were at least 100 people in attendance, which
20 was more than last year. People sang and played musical instruments, and Lisa Bednarz (IT)
21 brought her ukulele band to play and Mike Smith (IT) set up and oversaw the sound system for
22 this event, which was very helpful and appreciated. Bob York and his friends brought their
23 Roadster antique cars for people to see. Lisa reported the July 5th booth went very well.

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25 Date Night Art Class was on August 14th at the Museum. Sunny Bybee was the art teacher,
26 and she taught watercolor 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 Lisa Sommer, museum director with the help of Shauna Knighton volunteer for the ‘No
31 Heroes Left Behind’ project of South Davis cemeteries, began the Centerville Veterans Archive
32 Project last year. This project is to try and locate and recognize all Centerville veterans who are
33 buried at the Centerville Cemetery. Ron White helped by providing a list of veteran’s graves. .
34 Veterans from World War I, including those who lived in Centerville, but moved later are the
35 graves being worked on at present

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37 B. H. Roberts was the Young Men’s leader for many years, and these young men later
38 became part of the 145th Battalion from Centerville who went to France during World War I.
39 B. H. Roberts went with the Battalion and served as Chaplain, but the war ended before they were
40 sent to the frontline. Three of the Centerville soldiers died two in boot camp from influenza and
41 one from injuries of battle.

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43 **B. H. ROBERTS EXHIBIT**

1 The B. H. Roberts Exhibit is currently at the Whitaker Museum and will go through
2 November. This is a self-guided exhibit that features his furnishings that were donated by family
3 members and a timeline of his life and family.
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5 WHITAKER MUSEUM GARDENS

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

12 RAP Projects

13 Lisa Sommer reported the smoke house was approved for construction in 2023, and is now
14 in the process of being built, and the bricks should be arriving shortly. The caldron and
15 clothesline are covered by RAP and family donations.
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18 September Flashback and Heritage Month

19 Bryce King displayed a report of how many people view the city website. He suggested a
20 short video be made about the Museum and have it displayed on the website to create more
21 exposure for the Museum. Lisa Sommer said a video was made with Earl Tingey, a local
22 farmer, to advertise the Flashback Heritage Day that is scheduled for September 11th. This
23 video should be on the website.
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25 Heritage Day will be on Thursday, September 11th at 6:00 p.m. to dark at the Museum. Earl
26 Tingey will be bringing cantaloupe that he has grown, and the Museum will donate ice
27 cream to be served with it. Cantaloupe Days started in Bountiful during the depression.
28 Farmers from Bountiful and Centerville were asked by the JC's to grow and donate
29 cantaloupe at a town carnival planned to give some fun during the hard times. Free melon
30 slices and homemade ice cream were given to all. Spencer Packer will be bringing his
31 horses, and there will be games for the children. Military reenactors, a mountain man,
32 petting zoo, Bamberger Train display and more.
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34 October Cemetery Tour

35 The Cemetery Tour will feature World War I Veterans. The tours will be on October 9th
36 and October 11th. The Tour will also feature people from the time period of 1910 into the
37 1920's.
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39 November – Escape Room

40 The Whit After Dark, Escape Room will be on Thursday, November 6th from 6:00 p.m. to
41 10:00 p.m. at the Museum. The theme will be centered around Lillibet's Pearls, and people
42 will have 20 minutes to solve the mystery of where the pearls are hidden. There will be a
43 fire in the Museum yard where people can make s'mores.
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45 **At 6:10 p.m., Jana Taylor was excused from the meeting.**

1 **BOARD REPORTS**

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3 Nancy Smith asked if we could bring back a link on our Whitaker page for people to be
4 able to volunteer their time or sign up if they would like to be a part of the Whitaker. She suggested
5 we might want to plan some of our events next year, keeping in mind it will be the 250-year
6 anniversary of America’s Independence. Why I Love America has a website that lists available
7 guest speakers.
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9 **NEW MEMBERS FOR THE WHITAKER MUSEUM BOARD**

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11 Individuals who are interested in serving on the Whitaker Museum Board must complete a
12 show-of-interest form that is on the city website.
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14 **NEXT MEETING**

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16 The next Whitaker Museum Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2025
17 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.
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19 **ADJOURN**

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21 At 6:20 p.m., Robin Jensen made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Jim Morgan seconded
22 the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).
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27 Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

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30 Date Approved

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41 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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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, arrived at 5:13 p.m.
9 Nancy Smith
10 Jana Taylor

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12 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

13 Spencer Packer

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15 **STAFF PRESENT**

16 Cheylynn Hayman, City Council Liaison, arrived at 5:13 p.m.
17 Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director
18 Cameron Woodbury, Facilities Supervisor
19 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary

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21 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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23 Minutes of the August 26, 2025 meeting were not approved, as not all of the changes were
24 made. The minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.

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26 **INTRODUCTION OF FACILITIES MANAGER**

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28 Cameron Woodbury was introduced as the new Centerville Facilities Manager. He has
29 worked for Centerville City since 2011, and worked for the past six years with drainage and
30 utilities.

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32 **CENTERVILLE WOMEN’S HISTORIES REPORT**

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34 Lisa Linn Sommer, Museum Director, reported for Fawn McArthur on the work she is
35 doing on Centerville Women’s Histories. The Women’s History open house was held on
36 September 27th This event was advertised and held so histories of women living in Centerville
37 circa. 1847 – 1947 could be collected. There were a continuous flow of family members and local
38 women’s club members bringing in stories the entire day. . Several people told Lisa they will send
39 her stories they have of women who lived in Centerville. Lisa told the story of the Rockwood Farm
40 and Mary Rockwood who owned and worked the farm. Women’s History Month will be in March
41 2026, and the Whitaker Museum will have an exhibit to commemorate women in Centerville 1847
42 - 1947.

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44 Lisa reported that Fawn McArthur is doing a great job of researching, and she will be with
45 the city until next summer.

1 **SIGN THANK YOU LETTERS**

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3 Thank-you letters are not ready for signature.

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5 **ACCESSION OF HANNAH WADDOUPS WHITAKER SEWING MACHINE**

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7 Pamela Hicks, the great granddaughter of Hannah Waddoups Whitaker, donated Hannah's
8 treadle sewing machine to the Whitaker Museum. It is not known for sure, but it is believed that
9 the sewing drawers and table were made by Thomas Whitaker., but it is estimated the sewing
10 machine was made around 1880.

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12 **REVIEW HERITAGE FAIR**

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14 The Heritage Fair went very well and was well attended. Earl Tingey from Tingey Farms
15 donated the cantaloupe and crenshaw melons he grew in his garden. and Snelgrove's Ice Cream
16 offered a discount, and their vanilla ice-cream was served at this year's event.
17 Cantaloupe Day began in Bountiful during the Great Depression years to lighten the heaviness on
18 the people. Farmers from Centerville, Bountiful, West Bountiful and Woods Cross were asked to
19 plant and donate a certain number of cantaloupes for this Labor Day event. Homemade ice-cream
20 was made to serve with the ice-cream, and it was offered free of charge. This event involved
21 raffles, games and contests and was loved by all. It was put on by the JC's and continued until
22 1960's, There was a mountain man and tipi, military reenactments, Women of Centerville History
23 Collection, Spencer Packer Family horseshoeing, Bamberger Train history shared by Ross
24 Smedley, Hundred Year Farms History shared by Earl Tingey and Ron Randall, lots of pioneer
25 and carnival games for all ages and letters were written for and sent to the Veteran's Hospital to
26 commemorate the Day of Service on September 11th .

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28 **REPORT ON THE RAILROAD HISTORY EXHIBIT AT ALL OF THE DAVIS**
29 **COUNTY MUSEUMS**

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31 The Davis County Museums combined event featured interactive exhibits on the
32 Bamberger Railroad System and the Light Traction and Rail. The Light Traction and Rail ran
33 from Salt Lake City at the University of Utah, and ended at Chase Lane, where it waited a few
34 hours before flipping the benches around and heading back towards the University of Utah, making
35 stops along the way. This was a trolley system. William Streeper's home was located at the end
36 of the line on Chase Lane, and he would let the train conductor garden on his property. The
37 Bamberger was a privately owned railroad that began as a mule drawn trolley owned by Simon
38 Bamberger and would take guests to the hot springs' pools on Beck Street. He extended the
39 Bamberger Rail after creating Lagoon to get guests to his resort. It later was used to transport
40 students to Davis High School and eventually extended service to Ogden. This rail service ended
41 in the 1920's as cars and buses became a popular form of transportation.

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43 **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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45 Cemetery Tours

1 The October 9th and October 11th Cemetery Tours went very well. The tour told interesting
2 stories of early residents of Centerville and WWI veterans who lost their lives during the war.
3 Both days met the registration limit with a waiting list. We could offer a larger attendance if we
4 had a better portable sound system. This is part of a project, 'No Veterans Forgotten', begun by
5 Bob Brown. Shaunna Knighton and Lisa Sommer have been researching and documenting all
6 veterans buried in the Centerville Cemetery. Shaunna has volunteered to take on the task to find
7 all veterans from all the wars and make sure they are recognized, in the Bountiful and Centerville
8 Cemeteries.

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10 Fall Festival

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12 The Fall Festival was held on October 13th in partnership with the Rec Department and the
13 Youth Council. Jana Taylor headed the museum activities with the help of Amanda Sommer and
14 Debbie Fenwick, they and offered, pioneer games, stick pull, and ring toss and a craft where
15 children made thaumatrope It was a very successful event with hundreds of participants.

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17 Whitaker Museum After Dark

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19 The After Dark activity will be on Thursday, November 6th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
20 There is room for ten groups at this evening event. The quest is for the groups to find Princess
21 Elizabeths pears before her 18th birthday. The Lore of Lilebet's Pearls is a timed mystery solving
22 expedition that takes you back in time before we called Lilibet Queen! Help us use clues from
23 Auntie Mae to find what she brought home from across the pond all those years ago! There will
24 be a bonfire outside with S'mores as refreshments. Volunteers are needed to help with this activity.

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26 **BOARD REPORTS**

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28 There were no reports.

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30 **PIONEER CHRISTMAS**

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32 The LDS Missionaries and volunteers from Viewmont High School will be helping to clean
33 the grounds of the Museum and to help decorate for Christmas.

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35 **RAP TAX**

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37 Lisa Linn Sommer asked Cheylynn Hayman, City Council Liaison, about the RAP Tax.
38 Cheylynn reported there are no changes on the RAP Tax, and it is the same language on the ballot
39 as before.

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41 **NEXT MEETING**

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43 The next Whitaker Museum Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at
44 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

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ADJOURN

At 5:45 p.m., Nancy Smith made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Jim Morgan seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

Date Approved

Connie Larson, Recording Secretary