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Spectacular Spud Museum

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Non-Profit Status

It has taken many years of work and being thrifty to actually have non-profit status. Scott Poorman, attorney at law assisted with the filing and creating of the by-laws.

This is an important step in creating the museum itself. With this status we are able to have a bank account for donations and tax purposes. It is very important for the continued growth of this project. Now we can openly ask for donations and have a bank account for accounting purposes.

Previously everything had to come out of our family's meager paychecks. It has been very difficult to have the projects online for educational purposes as the projects in some cases are expensive or expensive to maintain. Now with your help we are able to invest in larger projects and technology to keep the website going.

Also, another stage of the museum has the opportunity to develop. We are working to build a teachers resource project library. Instead of a teacher trying to use

their income to bring projects into a classroom, we will have them available



A Funny Face Toy

to check out and return. Access will also be available for home school families that need that little extra in their educational plans. When the museum has a building to house these projects, there will be access for children, parents and grandparent to see projects and participate in these mini educational adventures .

The Board Members are Todd, Erin and Jacob and this is listed on the website.

The Ups and Downs

As with any new project , there can be set backs. This past year we have had some troubling events happen.

The computer that stored all of our photographs and videos had a drive failure. We lost around 3000 pictures and 50 videos that were intended for the website. Several field trips and projects with Professor Bea are lost forever. This does en-

tail re-doing several of the trips and this will take time to save up the funds to start over due to this happening. As soon as possible we will have the computer repaired.

Another set back had to do with the aquarium that housed the triops. We needed to dry the tank and placed it in our backyard where someone broke the tank.

Visiting Florida

This past June, Professor Bea and I took a plane flight to Florida. The flight was long and my flight companion did receive some strange looks as we took our trip.

I am sure that you are wondering why would we need to go to Florida. This is actually the state where I was born and the week of travel included the date of my brother's birthday. My mother did pay for the ticket so that we could visit and discuss J.J. Since the museum is his memorial, it was thought that this would be good for all.

As part of the trip we did visit as many historical places one could visit in a week. The Milton Railroad Station where my Pampa has his railroad memorabilia on display was one of the stops. The Naval Base Museum in Pensacola was just as I remembered and much more. As the headquarters of the Blue Angles this is a must visit stop

for any trip that is in the area.

We went to the beach as the oil was spilling into the Gulf of Mexico. Sometimes you could smell it in the air.

There were many pictures taken and we are lucky that I actually stored them on my Mom's computer. If not, these pictures would have been lost along with the trip to Denver.



Donated Lunch Box for the Museum

Driving to Denver

How long does it take to drive from North Idaho to Denver? A long time would be the correct answer. Todd and I took turns driving from Coeur d' Alene, Idaho to Denver, Colorado.

Along the way we took pictures and gathered souvenirs of our journey. Of course, the Spokes Spud went along to look up educational stops along the way. The states we drove through included Montana and Wyoming. There is such much history happening along the way that it could not all be covered in one trip.

Regrettably, except for the pictures and slideshows shown on line from this trip, all the rest of trip pictures were lost during the computer failure.

Another trip will be planned to recoup the loss and please be assured this will be a worthwhile venture to be done again.

The King Tut exhibit was in Denver and we were able to attend.

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Star Garnet Acquisition

This was a very special acquisition. Warren Price granted the museum the opportunity to purchase this lovely state gem stone. Currently we are in process acquiring this wonderful example of a garnet.

Warren did the polishing of this stone and did a wonderful job bringing out the rays perfectly. As soon as we have a physical museum, this lovely gem stone will be on display. Although this picture shows the beauty of the stone, until you see it in person or if I had included a ruler sitting next to it, you do not see the actual size of the stone.



Four Ray Star Garnet

Please be assured that we will include some pictures of this garnet on the website with either a ruler or a coin to see the actual scale of the stone.

Plant Projects

The plant project page is a bit bare but we are working on that. There was to be an avocado growing project; however, an interesting thing happened. Tucker, Jacob's kitten has developed a fondness for avocados. The kitten would eat them if they were on the counter. Much to our surprise just as we were to plant the sprouting seed, the cat stole the seed, used it as a cat toy until it split into pieces.

The project has been started over but Tucker insists on taking the seeds out of their growing environment and hiding them throughout the house. We do hope to have resolve to this issue and have the project steps online soon.

There is also the carnivorous plant project. We are gathering species of these exotic plant and are making a terrarium. When this is completed you will see the final results on the website in the Plant Project Section.

Some other plants are going to be grown with seed and or bulbs this year. As spring approaches there will be more happening on the website.



Pitcher Plant, Venus Fly Trap and a Sundew

Other Toys of Interest

While browsing the internet, we found new versions of classic funny face toys. It has been determined that these will be acquired for the museum shortly. Potato Heads are the classic fun and imaginative toy that most of us are familiar with today. However, there are other toys that would be placed in the classification of this style of toy.

As we wish this to be a surprise for the those to visit the museum, we are not going to disclose all of the toys that will be displayed there. It just seems to be the correct timing to let there be a hint of what is to happen in the future for the museum.

In fact, if you think a particular type of toy should be in the museum, please let us know. It is important that we look at all options during this process to make sure we have what you wish to see.

By the way, not only toys will be available to view when you visit. Educational items are very important as well.

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Your News and Views

If you have a story of interest and wish to submit it for review to be included in this newsletter, please contact us. It is very important to have participation and not just onlookers for this grass roots project.

Anyone who wishes to be a volunteer reporter, young or old can submit a story to us. We may have to edit it to fit into the newsletter. With this cold winter here in North Idaho, the plants outside are at rest and the people inside are trying to stay warm. It could even be a family project since it is a good time of the year to be indoors and spend



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type away, more...

time together. Currently this newsletter is only provided twice a year. If there is a special event, a Special Edition would be created. The Board of Directors of the Spectacular Spud Museum wish you a wonderful Holiday Season and hope to here from you soon. Until June, please access the calendar website for any events.

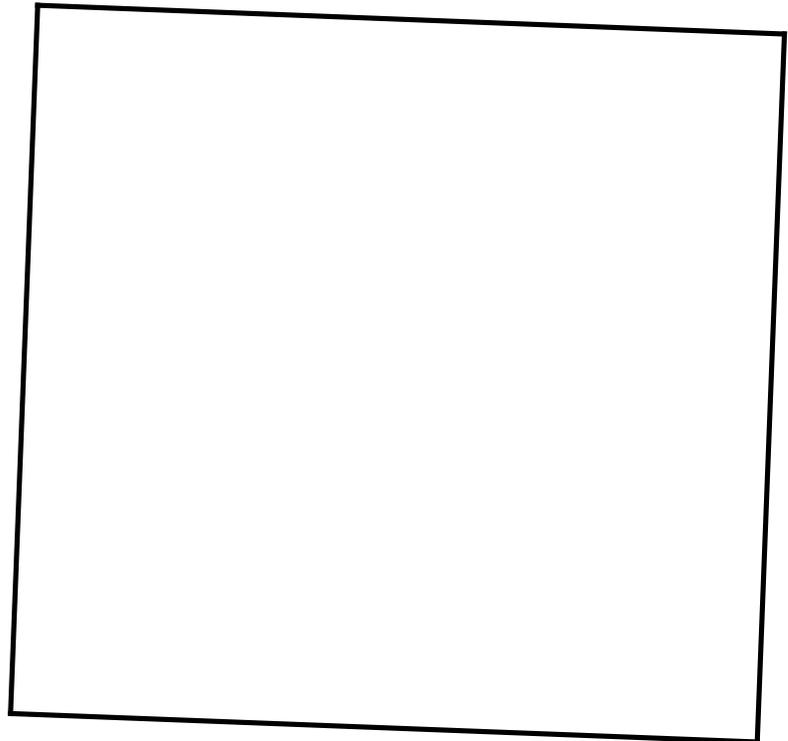
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Spokes Spud Corner

My goodness, I have been a traveling. There was my first airplane trip all the way to Florida. Riding in carry on luggage may not be your way of traveling and being X-rayed during airport security checks may not have been too healthy but it was an adventure.

Then we all went through several states to get to Denver. I made friends with a Jackalope in Douglass, Wyoming. He was such a good listener with those big ears.

Some of the adventures did make it to the website and I now have my own trip map to mark off states that I have visited. Please check out the Spokes Spud page on the website to see my map for 2010.

Currently, the Board of Directors are discussing the 2011 trips. I was told it is top secret so I will keep my lips sealed.



Florida