

After Years of Dreaming and Planning, STEAM Center Opening!

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, August 31**, for the grand opening of the Museum's new STEAM Education Center! The opening will be planned in conjunction with our first Family Science Night of the 2023-24 school year so everyone will be able to experience this colorful new space.

The idea for this project began back in 2018 as attendance at Family Science Nights exploded, experiments increased in fun (as in much messier!), and integrating into our community became a priority. As staff sifted through ideas, needs and possibilities, the idea of a dedicated building began to "grow legs" and serious thought about another capital campaign began to form. With great support from our Board of Trustees, thoughts became ideas and ideas became blueprints. We asked **RWA Architects** to join us on yet another project and plans began to take shape.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Museums spend more than \$2 billion a year on education. The typical museum devotes three-quarters of its education budget specifically to K-12 students.
- Museums receive more than 55 million visits every year from students in school groups.
- Museums create educational programs in math, science, art, literacy, language arts, history, civics and government, economics and financial literacy, geography and social studies, often tailored to the needs of state and local curriculum standards.
- Each year, museums provide more than 18 million instructional hours for educational programs, such as guided tours for students, staff visits to schools, and school outreach through science.

Thanks to the foresight of **George Abell**, the Museum is blessed with wonderful grounds. The desire to expand on these grounds and incorporate more of a community feel to our project encouraged us to think "outside the box" and to explore ways we could emphasize "community" alongside our educational opportunities. The STEAM Education Center will play a vital role in our community by engaging families to explore, learn and enjoy together.

Museums are educational powerhouses in communities! Museums continue to move from being an optional educational resource to playing a more central role in influencing learners. We know we will be inspiring the next generation of artists, scientists and engineers in the Permian Basin. We believe that the next era of education will be characterized by self-directed and experiential learning. Plans are underway to offer makerspace opportunities this fall and to host teacher workshops. Students will have both indoor and outdoor opportunities to explore while emphasizing teamwork, creativity and collaboration – important 21st century skills. The STEAM Education Center will help us meet all these needs by providing a highly interactive, unique and safe environment that will be a valuable asset to our community.

Come help us celebrate this imaginative, colorful and fun space in August! And a special thank you to all of our donors who helped make this great space a reality for our community! (See donor list on Page 6).

**STEAM Education Center Opening
Thursday, August 31**



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Honored at the Petroleum Hall of Fame are: from left, Dr. Glenn Rogers, accepting for the late F. Marie Hall; Kenneth B. Nolen, Edward E. Runyan and Don L. Sparks.

Event Celebrated Lifetime Successes

The 2023 Petroleum Hall of Fame biennial event was a memorable evening celebrating the achievements of **F. Marie Hall, Kenneth B. Nolen, Edward E. Runyan, and Don L. Sparks**. As members of this elite group of 155, each inductee has upheld the tradition of achievements that will be remembered and beliefs that will serve to inspire. The Petroleum Hall of Fame is dedicated to those individuals who have distinguished themselves as leaders in their community and in the petroleum industry and whose work and service helped develop the Permian Basin.

On April 20, more than 400 people were present to honor and recognize these distinguished leaders and visionaries in the petroleum industry and the community.

We are most grateful to those who supported this event. It is through your generosity that we are able to share the petroleum and energy story and its impact on our lives.



Chaparrals Still Running in Winners' Circles

The Chaparrals were a hit at the Keels & Wheels at Seabrook, TX this spring. Hundreds of people gravitated to these historic race cars. The

Chaparral 2F, in photo at top left, won the "Best Race Car" Award while the GSIB, featured in top right photo, was voted "Best Corvette."

XTO+Girls=Engineering

We were proud to host XTO's "Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day" on May 9 in our new STEAM Education Center.

Ninety-two middle school girls from across Midland ISD were led by XTO employees in a series of problem-solving activities designed to ignite curiosity in STEM careers. The girls heard first-hand from XTO engineers as well as representatives from UTPB's College of Engineering and experienced the history of the petroleum industry through the Museum's interactive exhibits.

We were honored to provide a collaborative space at the Petroleum Museum for the girls to get excited about their future in STEM careers.



This is one group of MISD middle-school students who enjoyed Engineering Day.



XTO employees lead female students in experiments showing the fun of engineering.

The Arts: Of Paintings, Rocks, and Candy

Artist Illustrates Oil Industry

We are proud to have acquired the incredible artwork of **Tim Singley** for the Petroleum Museum. **EOG Resources** has donated and framed five pen-and-ink drawings and an oil painting by Singley, who works for the company. He is an artist with many interests, from pen-and-ink drawings with fine details to oil painting and photography. He spent more than a decade in law enforcement, training to become a lead forensic artist. Singley later moved into the oil and gas industry, where he has built his career and continues to work. His artistic interest has intersected with his career and his latest work has begun to take off within the industry.

Stop by the Museum's office and enjoy Singley's incredible oilfield work. Thanks to **EOG Resources** for this donation to the Museum's permanent collection.



Working Painting Added to Collection

The Petroleum Museum is the new home to **Tom Lovell's** working painting of *Plane Table Party on King Mountain*. Thank you to Midland artist **Mary Griffith** for her generous donation of this very special work of art to the Museum's collection. The painting depicts geologist D.E. "Cap" Lounsberry and George T. Abell working with a plane table on top of King Mountain northeast of McCamey. After receiving the initial sketches of this painting, Abell wrote to Lovell, "I get a 'kick' out of this painting. It is interesting to note that this may have been the exact point on the escarpment where I was standing in early 1925."

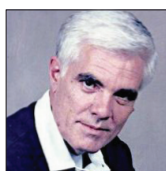
Lovell was known to sketch various scenes of each of his paintings, as well as producing "studies" of people and animals to be included. He would then move to small working painted studies of what would be the final painting. We are excited to include one more glimpse into the talented artistic mind of Tom Lovell with this beautiful and very special work of art.



"Plane Table Party on King Mountain" by Tom Lovell

Minerals: Remembering Dr. Stephen Neely

This quarter's focus on minerals features two pieces from **Dr. Steve Neely's** collection at the Petroleum Museum. His death in September 2022 was a loss for many people. Dr. Neely was the first orthopedic surgeon in Wilson County, Tennessee and was recognized for his compassion and excellent care. He was also well known in the mineral world, attending his first Tucson show in 1985. Over the years he amassed one of the finest collections of minerals from Tennessee's Elmwood, Gordonsville and Cumberland mines. Living only 35 miles from the mines, he appreciated the miners in the area, sometimes trading minerals for medical services. These Tennessee mines are known for their beautiful calcites, often featured with barite, sphalerite and fluorite. The Museum staff was fortunate to work with Dr. Neely and are proud to feature several minerals from his collection. The mineral world and the medical world will miss his humor, passion and pursuit of perfection.



Stephen Neely
June 1, 1945-
Sept. 2022



Elmwood Mine



Gordonsville Mine

BBLs Designed for Family Summer Fun

June 13, 2023

This summer our Brown Bag Lunch & Lecture Series will include the entire family! Join us on June 13 as we welcome Susie Hitchcock-Hall with Susie's South Forty Confections. Susie will share the history of her confections and how her love of family, friends, and Midland have led to the success of her beloved candy store. Susie will also lead the children in making their own chocolate-dipped Oreo cookies. This lecture will be a sweet treat for children and adults of all ages.

July 11, 2023

We are also thrilled to welcome Dr. Petro for some exciting experiments. On July 11, he will lead us in discovering the secrets of optical illusions. Bring your lunch and your family to this fun lecture where scientists young and old will enjoy learning and experimenting with Dr. Petro.

The BBLs are free and are sponsored by **Norma J. McGrew & Hahl Proctor Charitable Trust, Bank of America, N.A. Trustee.**

BBL Dates

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

June 13, 2023
Susie Hitchcock-Hall
"Susie's South Forty Confections"

July 11, 2023
Dr. Petro
"Optical Illusions"

Temps Soaring: Time to Register for Fall Classes



STEAM Classes Offer Winter Break Fun

Our Education staff is excited to offer a condensed version of our STEAM Break programs during the winter break. **STEAM Break: Toymakers Workshop** will be held on December 27-29, 2023 and **STEAM Break: Winter WonderLAB** will be held January 3-5, 2024. Three session options are available. Parents have the option to register their young scientist for:

- A.M. session from 8 a.m. to 12 noon;
- P.M. session from 1 to 5 p.m., OR
- All-Day session from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The A.M. session will feature experiential learning through themed experiments, engineering challenges, and inventive projects. The P.M. session will feature hands-on investigations, collaborative engineering projects, and games all centered around a popular kids' movie.

STEAM Break is open to students in first through sixth grade. Pre-registration is required. Daily drop-in rates are available for each camp. Early drop-off and late pick-up is available for an additional fee. STEAM Break is generously sponsored by **Ovintiv**.



Building Robotics & Engineering FunLabs

At the Petroleum Museum, we are gearing up for a fall semester full of science, fun and learning. Our **Building Bots Robotics & Engineering Funlabs** will kick off September 5. Building Bots classes encourage students in grades K-6 to develop 21st century skills in critical thinking, creativity, and problem solving while completing engineering challenges, robotic design, and innovative creations. Classes for students in kindergarten through second grade utilize our LEGO WeDo 2.0s, LEGO Spike Essential, Osmos, and Sphero equipment while classes for the third through sixth grade feature LEGO Mindstorm EV3s, LEGO Spike Prime, Osmos, and Spheros. With different curriculum each class, your young engineer will stay engaged throughout the semester. Building Bots Robotics & Engineering Funlabs are generously sponsored by **Oxy**.



Building Bots Robotics & Engineering Funlab Schedule:

K-2nd Grade

Tuesday, September 5, 2023,
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 3, 2023,
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 7, 2023,
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

3rd – 6th Grade

Tuesday, September 19, 2023,
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 17, 2023,
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 21, 2023,
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

STEAM Sprouts Planned for TinyBots This Fall

Our Fall schedule will continue with our STEAM Sprouts TinyBots six-week session beginning on Monday, September 18. This session will feature hands-on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) - based curriculum for children ages 4 to 5. Students will engage in age-appropriate coding and engineering challenges utilizing our new Sphero indi kits. The indi learning robot is designed to introduce Pre-K and up to the fundamentals of computational thinking, STEAM, and computer science principles in an exciting way,

while encouraging open-ended, imaginative play-based learning with real-life scenarios as students build custom mazes and solve puzzles. Two identical time sessions are available: one from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Students will be registered for the entire six-week session. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$80 for Petroleum Museum members and \$100 for non-members. STEAM Sprouts is generously sponsored by **SM Energy**.



Preregistration is required for all fall programming. Registration will open on Monday, July 17, to Museum members, and Thursday, July 20, to non-members. To become a Museum Member today, visit our website at www.pbpetro.org.

Memorials

Memorial contributions to the Petroleum Museum are deposited in the permanent endowment fund, unless donor advised, to provide ongoing tribute to the individuals recognized in bold. Donors are listed below the honoree. Contributors from February 18 through

May 10 2023, were:

IN MEMORY OF...

Lee Gerdau

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Q. What is a “walking beam” and how was it used in drilling?

A. A walking beam is a swinging beam from which drilling tools draw their up-and-down motion. One end of the beam hangs directly over the wellhead and attaches to rods holding the drilling tools. The other end is connected to the belt drive band wheel.

As early as 1823 there is a record of a walking beam being used for drilling water wells in Louisiana. This may have been a case of technology transfer from France, where this tool was used to drill artesian wells. The first use of the walking beam for drilling petroleum in North America is uncertain, but most likely took place in the mid-1850s on the rigs of the Pennsylvanian salt brine wells that also produced petroleum.

The walking beam was the fundamental component in cable tool drilling. Cable tool rigs drilled the first important wells in the Permian Basin in the early 1920's. The walking beam concept then continued into the portable spudders and drilling machines of the 1930's, 40's and 50's.

The Petroleum Museum has several examples in our Oil Patch exhibits of walking beams used for drilling. The most prominent example is on the Santa Rita No. 2 rig in front of the Museum by the east parking lot. If you would like to see a walking beam in action, view the Santa Rita No. 2 video on the Petroleum Museum's YouTube channel.



Walking Beam



Santa Rita No. 2 with Beam



Traveling RV's Stop at Museum

The Petroleum Museum is part of the Harvest Host network of travelers. Harvest Hosts is an RV membership program that allows self-contained travelers to overnight at unique locations around the country including farms, wineries, museums, breweries and more located in the lower 48 states, Canada, Alaska and Baja California! With 4,863+ host locations in the network and no camping fees, Harvest Host helps plan routes for travelers. We are pleased to be part of this network.

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We give a round of applause to the following friends, companies and businesses. Their in-kind contributions of time, assistance or services are appreciated:

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Family Science Night Blasts Off Year

Thursday, August 31

“Out of This World”

6:30 to 8 p.m.

Family Science Nights for the 2023-2024 school year will begin with “Out of this World” on Thursday, August 31, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Come celebrate the opening of our new STEAM Education Center and blast off into the world of outer space as you learn about rockets, the solar system, and much more!



6 to 6:30 p.m.

Thank you to our generous sponsor, **Chevron**, for making these free events possible! Museum members enjoy the added bonus of early admission from

2023-24 Family Science Night Calendar

August 31, 2023
“Out of This World”

October 26, 2023
“Spooky Science Spectacular”

January 25, 2024
“Under the Sea”

May 2, 2024
“LEGO Mania”

Makerspace Saturdays Added to Schedule

Join us this fall for our new community makerspace event *Makers Gonna Make!* On the second Saturday of each month, students in kindergarten through 12th grade can utilize our new STEAM Education Center and all its resources. Students will have access to our TeacherGeek Makerspace Carts, tools, cutting machines, 3D design/printing materials, and more. These events are also ideal for completing STEAM projects.



Each month will feature a highlight session from our museum educators. Students in kindergarten through fifth grade will have access to the makerspace from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and students in sixth through 12th grade will have access from 1 to 3 p.m.

Students can test the limits of their own creativity during these learning-centered events. The cost per session is \$15 for Museum Members and \$25 for non-members. Looking to save more? Discounts are available for six- and 12-month bundles. Pre-registration is required.

Donors Key to STEAM Center's Opening

Through the generosity of many people, the STEAM Education Center is becoming a reality. The Center will be open for learning this summer! We extend a HUGE "Thank You" to all our generous donors for helping us make Midland an even better community! We look forward to an "official" opening in August to celebrate this addition.

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No time like the present to join or renew your membership! Museum membership has many perks beginning with free admission, store discounts, and special invitations. To become a member, log on to our secure website at www.pbpetro.org or contact Luanne Thornton at 432-683-4403.

Welcome to our newest and renewed members from February 18 through May 10, 2023.

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Notable Dates

JUNE

JUNE 5

Movie Maker Monday: The Sea Beast
1 to 5 p.m.
Ages 6-12
Museum members \$10; Non-members \$15
Pre-registration required. For more information or to register online, visit www.pbpetro.org.
Sponsor: **Oxy**

JUNE 7-8

STEAM Sprouts Mini Camp: Learn to Code
9:30 to 11 a.m. OR 12:30 to 2 p.m.
Ages 4-5
Museum members \$40; Non-members \$50
Pre-registration required. For more information or to register online visit www.pbpetro.org.
Sponsor: **SM Energy**

JUNE 10

11th Annual Chaparral Party on the Patio
6 to 8 p.m.
Ticketed Event for Pit Crew Members ONLY.
Join today at pbpetro.org.
RSVP to Luanne Thornton, 432-683-4403, or lthornton@petroleummuseum.org

JUNE 13

Brown Bag Lunch & Lecture Series
Speaker: Susie Hitchcock-Hall
Susie's South Forth Confections
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Free admission. Drinks and dessert provided.
Sponsors: **Norma J. McGrew & Hahl Proctor Charitable Trust, Bank of America, N.A. Trustee**

JUNE 14-16

Summer Science Camp: LEGO Robotics
9 a.m. to 12 noon
Ages 6-8
Museum members \$60; Non-members \$75
Pre-registration required. For more information or to register online, visit www.pbpetro.org.
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JUNE 19

Movie Maker Monday: The Good Dinosaur
1 to 5 p.m.
Ages 6-12
Museum members \$10; Non-members \$15
Pre-registration required. For more information or to register online, visit www.pbpetro.org.
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JUNE 21-23

Summer Science Camp: Mini-Makers
9 a.m. to 12 noon
Ages 6-8
Museum members \$60; Non-members \$75
Pre-registration required. For more information or to register online, visit www.pbpetro.org.
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JUNE 28-30

Summer Science Camp: Diggin' for Dinos
9 a.m. to 12 noon
Ages 6-8
Museum members \$60; Non-members \$75
Pre-registration required. For more information or to register online, visit www.pbpetro.org.
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JULY

JULY 3

Movie Maker Monday: Mummies
1 to 5 p.m.
Ages 6-12
Museum members \$10; Non-members \$15
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JULY 10-13

Summer Science Camp: LEGO Robotics
8 a.m. to 12 noon
Ages 8-12
Museum members \$60; Non-members \$75
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JULY 11

Brown Bag Lunch & Lecture Series
Speaker: Dr. Petro (Greg Hinterlong)
Optical Illusions
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Free admission. Drinks and dessert provided.
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JULY 17

Movie Maker Monday: Super Mario Bros Movie
1 to 5 p.m.
Ages 6-12
Museum members \$10; Non-members \$15
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JULY 24-27

Summer Science Camp: STEM-gineering
8 a.m. to 12 noon
Ages 8-12
Museum members \$60; Non-members \$75
Pre-registration required. For more information or to register online, visit www.pbpetro.org.
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JULY 31-AUGUST 3

Summer Science Camp: LEGO Mini Masters: Dino World
8 a.m. to 12 noon
Ages 8-12
Museum members \$60; Non-members \$75
Pre-registration required. For more information or to register online, visit www.pbpetro.org.
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AUGUST

AUGUST 8

Brown Bag Lunch & Lecture Series
Speaker: David Arrington
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Free admission. Drinks and dessert provided.
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AUGUST 31

Family Science Night: Out of This World
6:30 to 8 p.m.
6 p.m. Early Admission for MEMBERS ONLY
Free Admission
Hands-on Science Experiments & Activities
Sponsor: **Chevron**

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