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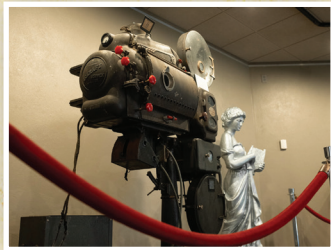
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ON DISPLAY THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

The Museum has displayed thousands of objects in exhibits over the years, but there are many more pieces in storage than have ever been seen by the public. Have you wondered what other pieces might be preserved behind the scenes? Or maybe you want to know how the Museum chooses items to become part of the permanent collection? How does the museum organize the objects in the collection? The answers to these questions and more are in this unique exhibit.



RECENT ACQUISITIONS CASE

Since the death of George Floyd on May 25, 2020 fifteen to twenty-six million Americans have participated in protests, marches, and demonstrations; the largest single protest movement in American history. Locally, an estimated 1,500 residents of Waterloo and Cedar Falls participated in about 12 protests since the first demonstration in Lincoln Park, Waterloo on May 29, 2020.

The Museum began an initiative in June of 2020 to document the movement through the collection of stories, images, and objects. To date, the Museum has collected 61 protest-related objects from 13 donors and has collected almost 150 images from those same donors or from staff members.

In order to quickly reciprocate the generosity of the donors and to thank the community for its willing participation, the Museum has dedicated an extended *Recent Acquisitions* exhibit to telling the local story of the protests of 2020. Donors helped develop and plan the exhibit and wrote content to accompany their own pieces in the cases.



FEATURED EXHIBIT

OVER LAND & SEA: IOWANS IN THE PACIFIC IN WWII
NOW - DECEMBER 31, 2022

GROUT MUSEUM OF HISTORY & SCIENCE

December 7, 1941, "a day which will live in infamy," changed everything the United States believed about its security in the Pacific, resulting in the US and Japan becoming engulfed in years of gruesome fighting.

Over 285,000 US soldiers fought in the Pacific and thousands of them were Iowans. Through their stories came the beauty and horror of the Pacific Theater and what it took to win the war against Japan.

SPONSORS: Gallagher Family Foundation; T-Mobile; Hovey Brom, WWII Veteran; American Legion of Iowa Foundation; Dave Greene, WWII Veteran; Robert J Hibbs Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3896 in Cedar Falls; Bob and Liz Beecher Petersen; Evan "Curly" Hultman, WWII Veteran

Pictured Above: A Navy photographer snapped this photograph of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on December 7, 1941, just as the USS Shaw exploded. The stern of the USS Nevada can be seen in the foreground.
Photo Credit: Wikimedia Commons

PURCHASE A WWII VICTORY MEDAL
IN HONOR OF A WWII VETERAN
IN YOUR LIFE

PURCHASE PRICE: \$19.45

Purchase a WWII medal for a loved one in your life who served in WWII. Replica medals will be printed on a plastic-like material and displayed in *Over Land & Sea* for the duration of the exhibit. Each ribbon may include the Veteran's name, branch of service, and dates served. Example: John Smith, US Navy, 1942-1943.

PURCHASE YOURS AT THE MUSEUM OR AT GMDISTRICT.ORG/STORE.

NORRIS CORSON FAMILY
PLANETARIUMEXCLUSIVELY OPEN TO MUSEUM MEMBERS
NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 23, 2021

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BEGINNING DECEMBER 27, 2021

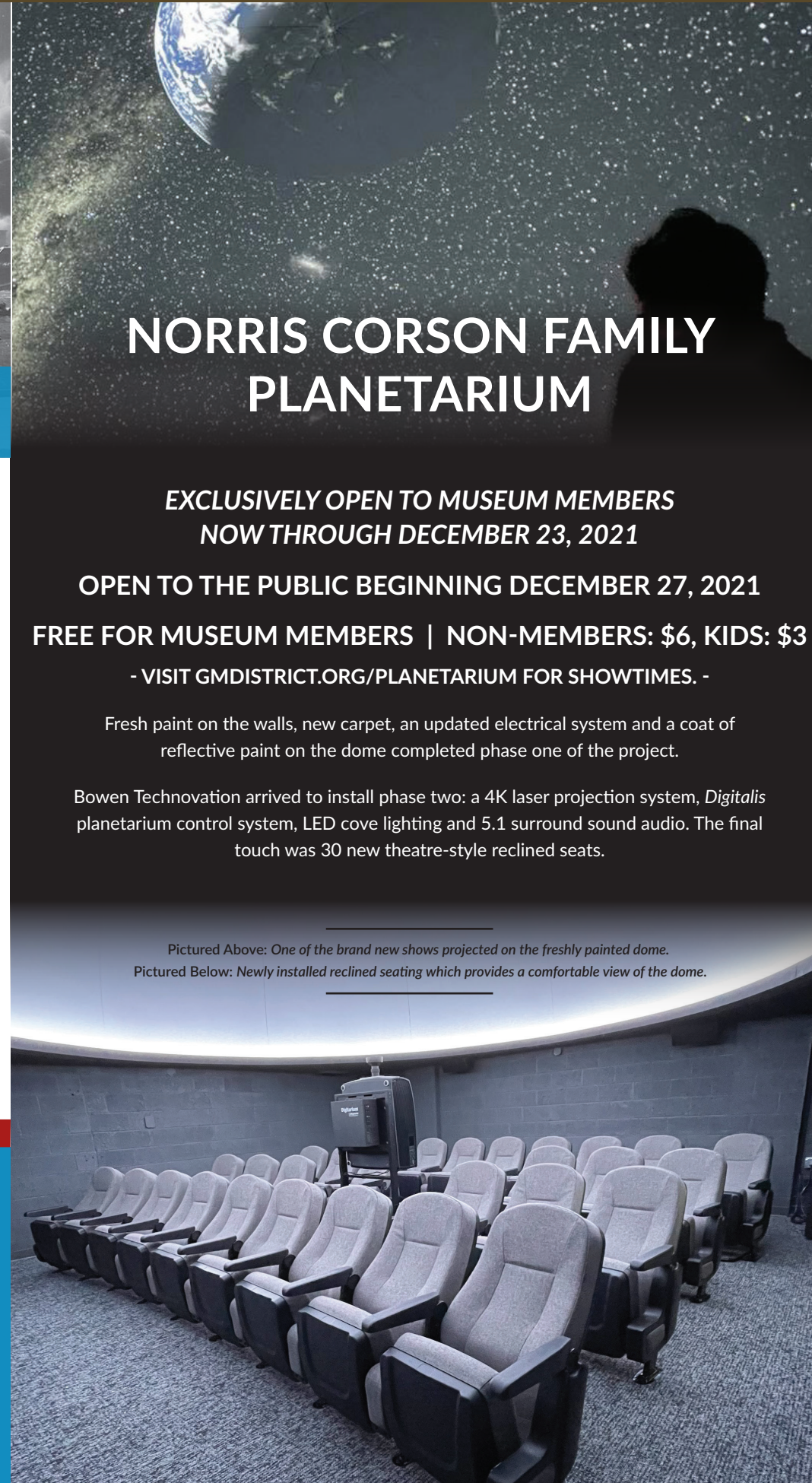
FREE FOR MUSEUM MEMBERS | NON-MEMBERS: \$6, KIDS: \$3

- VISIT GMDISTRICT.ORG/PLANETARIUM FOR SHOWTIMES. -

Fresh paint on the walls, new carpet, an updated electrical system and a coat of reflective paint on the dome completed phase one of the project.

Bowen Technovation arrived to install phase two: a 4K laser projection system, *Digitalis* planetarium control system, LED cove lighting and 5.1 surround sound audio. The final touch was 30 new theatre-style reclined seats.

Pictured Above: One of the brand new shows projected on the freshly painted dome.
Pictured Below: Newly installed reclined seating which provides a comfortable view of the dome.



WINTER PROGRAMMING

IMAGINARIUM LIVE

DECEMBER 1, JANUARY 5, FEBRUARY 2 | 2PM
FACEBOOK.COM/GROUTMUSEUMDISTRICT

Free science program available through Facebook Live! Join us on our Facebook Page from wherever you are.

PEARL HARBOR 80TH ANNIVERSARY
LIVING HISTORY EVENTDECEMBER 10-11 | 11AM-3PM
GROUT MUSEUM

Included with Admission

Join us for an immersive dive into one of the most impactful events in American history: the attack on Pearl Harbor. Hear the stories of Veterans, their families, and civilians at the time of the attack—and afterward—all portrayed by actors.

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM OVERNIGHT

DECEMBER 11-12 | 7PM-9AM

ESCAPE ROOM OVERNIGHT

FEBRUARY 12-13 | 7PM-9AM

\$32 MEMBERS/\$40 NON-MEMBERS

AGES: 6-12

GROUT MUSEUM

Spend the night at the Museum and take part in a variety of themed activities during these two NEW overnights! Snacks and breakfast provided.

TODDLER TIME

DECEMBER 16, JANUARY 20, FEBRUARY 17

11AM | IMAGINARIUM

TODDLERS FREE | ADULTS \$6

Enjoy an educational themed craft and story.

TEA PARTIES at the SNOWDEN HOUSE

DECEMBER 18: CELEBRATION TEA

JANUARY 29: UNDER THE TEA

FEBRUARY 26: TO TEA OR NOT TO TEA

10AM-NOON

\$8 MEMBERS/\$10 NON-MEMBERS

Enjoy themed crafts and activities, treats, tea and other drinks!

MUSEUM SCHOOL SATURDAY

DECEMBER 18, JANUARY 29, FEBRUARY 26

10AM-4PM | ALL SITES

All third graders who attended Museum School this school year can bring their families for FREE to share all that they learned throughout their week on one of the designated dates.



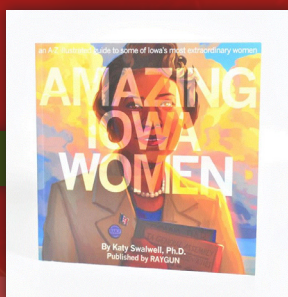
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WINTER 2021-22

SHOP THE GROUT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

MEMBERS RECEIVE 25% OFF ALL MUSEUM STORE PURCHASES DECEMBER 1-31, 2021

FEATURED ITEMS:



AMAZING IOWA
WOMEN BOOK
\$22



ROSIE THE RIVETER ITEMS
\$12-17