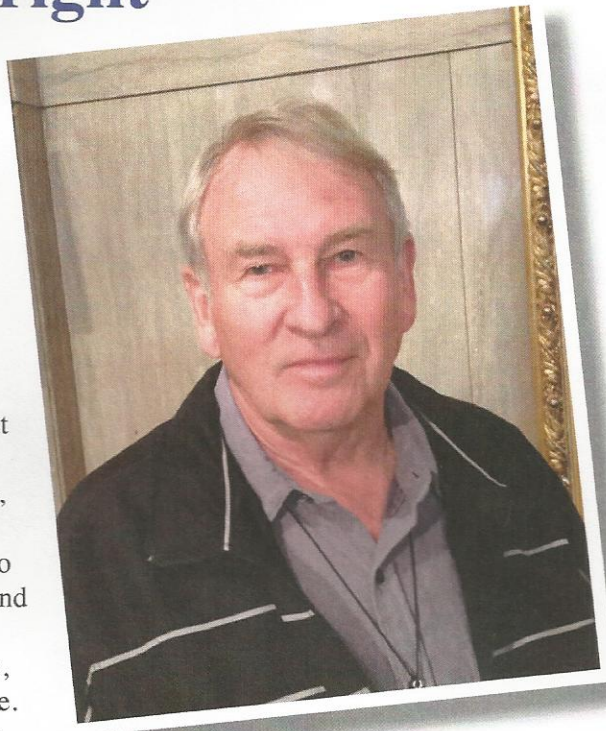


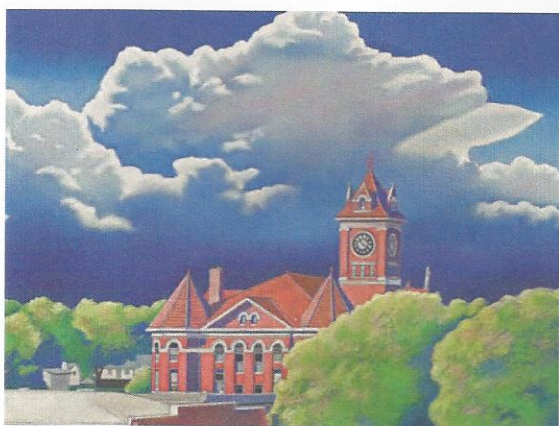
Volunteer Spotlight – Richard Albright

Richard is one of those people who could fit into so many categories. We could recognize him as a board member just as much as a volunteer! Richard came on the Coutts Board of Trustees in 2011 and at the same time became Chair of the Facilities Committee. He has served on several committees and helps out at the museum in whatever way we need him, including painting, building and repair projects as well as helping to find workers to complete jobs. He shopped for and gathered up all of the fixtures to complete the 3rd floor restrooms, saving museum staff a lot of time. He is also quite an artist with his wood creations and is always more than willing to donate his work to help raise money for the museum.



“Volunteering at the museum is very rewarding to me,” explains Richard. “I have learned so much about art from Rod and his staff. I took oil painting at Juco years ago and found out very quickly I was not a painter. I like arts and crafts and tell people I paint with wood and all its colors instead. I believe the Coutts is one of Kansas’ unknown treasures. If people have not been to the museum I suggest they plan a visit. One way the museum promotes art in Butler County is through the Butler County Student Art Shows. I am proud to say my grandson’s art has been selected twice to hang in a student show. The museum has seen many improvements in recent years, including the elevator making all floors accessible to all people. I look forward to more improvements in the future and encourage people to become members of the museum and get involved.”

2013 Membership Print by Michael Duane



The 2013 Membership Gift Print is provided by Kansas artist Michael Duane, and depicts the Butler County Courthouse. Members at the Couple/Patron Level will receive this beautiful gift print.

Our special thanks to Michael Duane, who has also agreed to donate the original pastel to the Coutts Collection. See Michael’s other works at www.skyscapeart.com

Mark Your Calendars! Upcoming Brown Bags

February 19, 2013

Cindy Novelo, Fiddle

Cindy’s music and spirit captivate the heart and soothes the soul. She blends her classical training with her deep love of folk music. Her voice draws you in while her fiddle soars and her songs inspire.

March 19, 2013

RoJean Loucks, Folk Harp

RoJean has been a musician most of her life, studying piano and flute privately and singing in school and church groups. An intriguing mid life encounter led her to find a folk harp of her own.

April 16, 2013

Bones Ownbey, Ragtime

Trained as a percussionist, Bones taught himself to play the piano and to sing. His music combines ragtime and smooth swinging boogie-woogie of 20th century American tunes. Every ear is happy and toes start dancing.

May 21, 2013

**Tammy Stamps,
Contemporary Folk**

Tammy employs acoustic guitar to create simple, heartfelt tunes that engage her listeners to sing along. Her unique sound is an easy listen and has been described as “contemporary folk” filled with emotion.

June 18, 2013

**Robin Roberts &
Billie Preston**

Billie is a folk singer from Wichita who brings beautiful vocal harmony and finger picking guitar to the duo. Robin is a singer/songwriter, guitar and banjo player who plays renditions of folk, blues and bluegrass.