Pink Palace celebrating Memphis’ 200th birthday with exhibit

Making Memphis: 200 Years of Community

August 2, 2018 • Memphis, TN What do you give a 200-year-old for their birthday? How about an exhibit featuring their life? The Pink Palace Family of Museums is proud and excited to announce a special exhibit coming March 2019 to be part of the upcoming Memphis bicentennial celebration. The exhibit, entitled “Making Memphis: 200 Years of Community,” will celebrate Memphis with stories of the past, present and future.

Bringing Memphis Together
Making Memphis: 200 Years of Community is bringing Memphians together to celebrate the city’s 200th birthday. Through interconnecting exhibit displays highlighting Memphis culture, business, nature, neighborhoods and arts, Making Memphis ties together Memphis’ rich history of diversity, heritage and soul. An inspiring Memphis bicentennial exhibit, Making Memphis celebrates Memphis’ successes, struggles and strides to become a diverse and soulful city.

Making Memphians a part of the Exhibit – Community Engagement Tables
Since May 2018, The Museum has reached out to Memphians for their input in telling the city’s story. “We want to give Memphians the opportunity to make this exhibit their own, so we’ve hosted Community Engagement Tables at various locations and events around the city. The goal has been to gather words, photos and sound bites of Memphians describing their city to be part of the bicentennial exhibit,” says Nur Abdalla Coordinating Curator at the Pink Palace Museum.

Community engagement will be at the core of the exhibit with multiple interactive opportunities that allow visitors to illustrate what being a Memphian today means. Photographs, recordings, and community thoughts will be featured.

Some of the interactive components of the bicentennial exhibit will include:
- Three-dimensional art installation of a “Word Cloud” visibly illustrating current feelings and thoughts about Memphis
- “Faces of Memphis Mural” displaying the diversity of “Heritage & Identity” amongst Memphians
- “Sound Bites - Voices of Memphis” - a collection of 30-second sound bites from Memphians

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Community Engagement Table Events

August
Pink Palace Museum: August 4 • 1 pm – 4 pm
Frayser Library: August 6 • 1 pm – 4:30 pm
Cooper Young Farmers Market: August 11 • 8 am – 1 pm

September
Overton Park Farmers Market: September 6 • 4 pm – 7 pm
Kroc Center: September 8 • 11 am – 2 pm
University of Memphis: September 13 • 11 am – 1 pm
Cooper Young Festival: September 15 • 9 am – 7 pm
Gaston Community Center: September 18 • 4 pm – 7:30 pm
Christian Brothers University: September 24 • 11 am – 2 pm
Katie Sexton Community Center: September 26 • 4 pm – 7:30 pm

Community Curated Display Items – Memphians Choose Exhibit Items

Before and during the exhibit, the public will be able to vote for their favorite item to be included in the exhibit from a list of possible items. The items with the highest number of votes will be added to the exhibit. The public will be able to vote at the Pink Palace Family of Museums website.

To learn more about the Pink Palace Family of Museums’ Making Memphis: 200 Years of Community exhibit visit http://www.memphismuseums.org/pink-palace-museum/exhibits/making-memphis--200-years-of-community/