

Broadwater County Museum Prepares for 2018 Season

The Broadwater County Museum will open for the 2018 season on Tuesday, May 15 at 1:00. We are open every day, except the 4th of July, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. from May 15 until September 15.

We have several new displays for the season and are very excited to present our new railroad display. Townsend would not be here if it were not for the railroad and there is an abundance of history surrounding the railroad. We have an array of railroad memorabilia that we are excited to share with the public. If anyone has any artifacts they would like to have included in this display, you are more than welcome to share them with us.

The displays in our entryway change every year and included in these for 2018 are antique tea cups and teapots; artifacts recovered from Fort Logan; antique baby items and a memorial tribute to our friend, Troy Helmick.

We are pleased to announce that as a result of the memorials received honoring Troy, we were able to purchase an antique map case. This case is a valuable asset to the museum. We now have a place to house the ever expanding collection of valuable maps.

Another addition, which we hope to have completed in the near future, is a Broadwater County map depicting many historical and long forgotten sites throughout the county. We are also working on having the collection of Broadwater County newspapers digitized and placed on-line. This project will take several years, and will be a valuable asset once it is completed.

Open house for the 2018 season will be on Sunday, May 20 at 2:00 at the museum at 133 North Walnut Street. We will be hosting former Broadwater County resident, Art Graham, for a book signing to launch his recently completed memoir entitled: "Baseballs to Bombshells". Mr. Graham has expressed he would like to officially launch his book in the same town that many of the events in it took place. We are delighted that he will also be our guest speaker on that day.

Art Graham grew up in Broadwater County and graduated from Broadwater County High School in 1966. He served in the U.S. Navy as a Vietnamese linguist at sea and with the Army at Bien Hoa. He has spent years studying Vietnam's culture and history and has lived in Vietnam for the past ten years. He will be talking to us about growing up in Broadwater County, his book and what life in Vietnam is like today.

We will be offering Mr. Graham's book for sale in the museum, in case you miss the book signing.

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us on Sunday, May 20 at 2:00 for a most informative day.