Share Your Favorite Wagnalls Memories:

1. Do you have old photos or historical documents of The Wagnalls Memorial? Please bring them to the front desk so we can scan them, and then return them to you in just a matter of minutes.

2. We encourage you to share a favorite Wagnalls memory or memories by scanning the QR code below and following the prompts to a Google form set aside for sharing your memories. There are also paper forms at the front desk of the library if you would prefer that. We’d love to hear from you!

To schedule one of these group opportunities to learn more about Mabel Wagnalls, her family and The Wagnalls Memorial, please call the Memorial at (614)837-4765, X129.

**Mabel Book Club Tour & Tea**

Here’s a suggestion for your next book club meeting: The Light in the Valley, the biography Mabel Wagnalls wrote about her mother. After reading the book, your group will meet at The Wagnalls Memorial for a tour with Mabel Wagnalls, as portrayed by Wagnalls’ historian, Carol Gaal. Afterward, enjoy a discussion of the book while enjoying a British tea party on the Wagnalls’ china!

**A Tour of The Wagnalls Memorial**

Your group can book a tour of this amazing building — and your tour guide will be Mabel Wagnalls as portrayed by Wagnalls’ Historian, Carol Gaal! Not only will you become captivated by Mabel, her family, and the Tudor Gothic architecture of the building, you will also see Mabel’s treasures: two original Norman Rockwell paintings and letters to Mabel from her friends Harry Houdini and author O. Henry — to name just a few. Learn why the owls are the Memorials’ mascot and why Lithopolis was once called, “One of the most famous towns in the world!”

**Mabel Wagnalls’ Monologue**

Mabel can also visit your group wherever you meet! Enjoy learning about Mabel Wagnalls, her family and the building of The Wagnalls Memorial as Wagnalls’ Historian, Carol Gaal, delivers a fifteen-minute monologue presentation as Mabel Wagnalls.

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On May 30, 1925, Mabel Wagnalls Jones dedicated The Wagnalls Memorial in honor of her parents, Adam and Anna Willis Wagnalls. Adam was the co-founder of the publishing giant, Funk & Wagnalls. Both Adam and Anna were born in log cabins in Lithopolis.

The Wagnalls Memorial will be celebrating its centennial from Memorial Day 2024 until Memorial Day 2025. We hope you’ll join us in celebrating this treasure of Lithopolis!
Memorial Day 2024
- 100 Days of Giving begins. Donations will support The Wagnalls Memorial and its centennial activities. Special gifts available for certain giving levels, including a children's program!
- Visit us on Wagnalls lawn to share your Wagnalls memories.
- Winners announced for The Wagnalls Memorial’s first teen literary journal, Ink & Stone.
- 12:30-3:00 in the Loft above the library, Reception for Veterans Art Initiative Exhibit.

September 4, 2024
- 100 Days of Giving ends.

September 8, 2024, 2:00-3:00 pm
Rager Reading Room in the Library
- Special Lecture Series: Architectural and Historical Tour of The Wagnalls Memorial, the Treasure of Lithopolis

October 26, 2024, 7:00-9:00 pm
Historical Ghost Tour of Lithopolis
- Pre-registration required.

November 24, 2024, 2:00-3:00 pm
Rager Reading Room in the Library
- Special Lecture Series: Mabel Wagnalls and her Famous Friends

March 1-27, 2025
- Coloring Contest with winners announced on National Crayon Day, March 31

April 27, 2025, 1:00 pm
- Planting ceremony for American Heritage Tree on Wagnalls grounds.
- Dedication of statuary in honor of Dr. Roller

April 27, 2025, 2:00-3:00 pm
Rager Reading Room in the Library
- Special Lecture Series: Lithopolis’ Interesting History

May 2025, time to be determined
- Bloom Carroll’s 2nd Grade Wax Museum of local notable historic figures

May 24, 2025, 7:00 pm
in the auditorium
- Dramatic read-through of the play, Our Mabel.

Memorial Day 2025
- Unveiling of the 100-Year Timeline
- Time Capsule Ceremony
- Reception

ART EXHIBIT SCHEDULE
From original Norman Rockwell illustrations to John Dunsmore’s portraits of the Wagnalls family, displaying art has always been a special part of The Wagnalls Memorials’ legacy. Art exhibits are in the gallery in the Loft above the library.

May 25-July 6, 2024
- Veterans Art Initiative

July 13- August 24, 2024
- Open Door Art Studio & Gallery

August 31-Oct 12, 2024
- Gini Rhodes Elliott (charcoal and sketch art)

October 19-November 30, 2024
- Becky Morey (quilts)

December 7, 2024-January 4, 2025
- Pamela Montgomery (watercolor and slate portraits)

February 8- March 22, 2025
- Mt. Pleasant Photography Club

March 29- May 10, 2025
- Clyde Henry (large abstract paintings)

May 17-June 28, 2025
- Juried Art Show for Area High School Students