



ANDY GRIFFITH MUSEUM AHEAD



Don't miss the recently completed Andy Griffith Museum exhibits with new items on display, including a gift from Cindi Griffith of Andy's white suit from the "Waitin' On A Woman" music video with Brad Paisley. New audio-visual stations, new storefront cases that protect and preserve the artifacts, and new accessible features highlight the improvements. The Surry Arts Council will be receiving new artifacts during Mayberry Days that will be placed on display.



Across the Andy Griffith Playhouse campus are photo opportunities that range from the TV Land Landmark statue of Andy and Opie to the 270-degree mural of scenes from *The Andy Griffith Show* including the Darlings' cabin, the Taylors' front porch, the Courthouse, and other Mayberry landmarks. Frank "Chip" Holton painted the mural. Chip is an award-winning artist who resides in Greensboro, NC, and is a fan of *The Andy Griffith Show*. He also painted the jail scene in the newly renovated Andy Griffith Museum.

Exhibits downstairs from the Andy Griffith Playhouse include the Betty Lynn Exhibit, the Mount Airy to Mayberry Exhibit, and the Siamese Twins Exhibit. A newly updated audio guide enhances your experience in the Andy Griffith Museum.

Guided tours of the property may be arranged in advance for groups of



ten or more. Call or email heather@surryarts.org or abigail@surryarts.org to schedule. These experiences include the opportunity to see the stage where Andy first performed along with a backstage peek at even more of Emmett Forrest's and the Surry Arts Council's collection of posters and photos. The Museum gardens, designed by our favorite landscape architect,



Chip Callaway, include North Carolina native plants with something in bloom each season. Chip also did the landscape design for Cindi and Andy's residence in Manteo and used many of the same plants that were their favorites. Chip was a member of the Mount Airy High School graduating class of 1966 and was in the senior play, *South Pacific*, that Andy visited that year when he was preparing to move his parents to California. A tour of the gardens with a local master gardener may also be arranged. A photo exhibit of the gardens is also available for showing. Call 336-786-7998 or email in advance to schedule.

The new picnic area is a great place to slow down and enjoy a snack and let your family rest before or after a visit to the museum. The wall and the new picnic tables were made possible by funds from the sale of tank tops donated by Perry Manufacturing Company and the W.K. Woltz family. North Carolina Granite Corporation donated the granite cap for the brick wall.

The Andy Griffith Museum is open every day of the year except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Follow us on [Facebook.com/andygriffithmuseum](https://www.facebook.com/andygriffithmuseum) or www.andygriffithmuseum.com for updates and events.



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