

TRAUB DESIGN ASSOCIATES

Complete Museum Exhibit Design Services

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY:

Don C. Traub, Principal Designer with Traub Design Associates, has nearly 40 years experience in all stages of the museum exhibit process; programming and planning, research, design, fabrication and installation. His design experience includes public and private museums, corporate headquarters, historical societies, a university library, and a presidential library/museum. Having designed over 150 exhibits, his exhibits have showcased a wide range of museum and archival collections and themes: presidential head-of-state gifts, fine arts, historical objects, archival records and historic photographs, scientific and industrial technology, archeological and ethnological materials, and social histories. His exhibits have won regional, state and national awards.

Beginning his career as an exhibit designer with the Eisenhower Presidential Library-Museum in Abilene, Kansas, Don had the rare opportunity to work with an extensive collection of presidential gifts and historical documentary records. As a project manager/designer he was responsible for all stages of the exhibit process, including historical research. Don was also responsible for conducting historical research as well as training and supervising docents for the interpretive program at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Boyhood Home. He also worked as an assistant curator/registrar, which sensitized him to the fragile nature of all historical resources. During his time in Abilene he volunteered at the Dickinson County Historical Society, holding positions of exhibit designer, chairman of the education committee, and president of the board of trustees.

Moving to the State of New York to be the director of a historic site/museum complex, Don was the project manager/designer of an award-winning exhibit. He also supervised the processing of the museum and archival collections, supervised the installation of climate-controlled storage and exhibition spaces and greatly expanded the museum's interpretive program and volunteer corps. Don served on the boards of a local historic preservation board and a statewide museum organization.

Don moved to Pittsburgh, PA to build the exhibits department at the developing Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center. He assisted the architects and planners in the renovation of the large historic building and served as the project manager and designer for many of the History Center's exhibits, while supervising a multi-talented exhibit installation team.

In 1996 Don started his own museum exhibit design and consulting firm. Don Traub Exhibit Design won state and national awards for its exhibits, and provided those skills and services to small to mid-sized historical organizations, corporations, state governments, and universities in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and Maryland. In 2005 Don expanded his business as Traub Design Associates and moved back to Kansas. Recently he has completed exhibits for the Old Depot Museum in Ottawa, KS; The Butler County History Center in El Dorado, KS; and two historic interpretive signage projects for Old Cowtown Museum in Wichita and in Pottawatomie County, KS. Near completion are exhibits for the Olathe Heritage Center located at the Mahaffie Farmstead and Stagecoach Stop, Olathe, KS.

Don has a BA in Anthropology from Adams State College (Alamosa, CO) specializing in Anthropology and Southwestern US Archeology. He received an MA from the University of Missouri-Columbia in Secondary Social Studies Curriculum Development, with a concentration in Anthropology and Museum Studies.

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