

TRAUB DESIGN ASSOCIATES

Complete Museum Exhibit Design Services

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY:

Don C. Traub, principal designer with Traub Design Associates, has over 35 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 and a presidential library/museum. Having designed over 140 exhibits, his exhibits have showcased a wide range of museum and archival collections: presidential head-of-state gifts, fine arts, historical objects, archival records and historic photographs, scientific and industrial technology, archeological and ethnological materials. 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. 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. Don also started his consulting career at this time working with regional historical agencies.

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, wrote the specifications and supervised the installation of climate-controlled storage and exhibition spaces. Don served on the boards of a local historic preservation board and a state-wide museum organization.

Don moved to Pittsburgh 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.

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.

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.