

2023 End of Year Report

It was good to have the museum open for a full year. We dropped our masking requirements and opened for regular hours on Saturdays. We also continued to open on request. This past year we opened for 29 specially requested tours, basically one every other week. Most of the tours were local groups but we also had visitors from out of the area and out of the country.

We do not have standardized tours and our docents accommodate the needs and interests of our visitors. A few of the notable tours this year were:

Two different groups from the MJ Murdock Charitable trust. We began the tour with a presentation on the life and history of Jack Murdock and the early history of the formation of the company.



Barry Marshall (2nd from left),
Australian physician and 2005
Nobel Prize winner.



Leadership Beaverton Class of 2024.



Tektronix President Chris Bohn (2nd from left) and the Tektronix Leadership Team.



Mariaje Jesus Antonana and Javier Cuenca Suescun, Tektronix collectors from Pamplona, Spain. We were unable to find an interpreter but were still able to conduct a successful tour.



Creekside Village Retirement Center. For seniors, our tours focus more on the history of the company, the impact on the community and industry, and those individuals that created Tektronix's legacy.



Gary Nelson (left) donated the award he received on the occasion of the 250,000th T465 CRT celebration. The award consists of a rodded gun mounted on a wood plaque recognizing his role as designer of the 465 CRT. Gary also brought the gold-plated rodding fixture for the T41 CRT gun awarded to Connie Wilson when she retired. Donations of these historic items are priceless and valued greatly by the museum.



Our mission is STEM and encouraging the next generation of engineers and scientists. To this end we held three remote booths during the year.

In May we hosted a booth at [MESA Day](#) at Portland State University. Oregon MESA helps underserved middle and high school students excel in STEM through hands-on invention education. MESA programs help marginalized and low-income students not only graduate from high school, but also enroll in post-secondary studies and enter the workforce with STEM, 21st century and invention skills.



In June we hosted a booth at the Beaverton Library [Science Geek-Out Festival](#) which was an all-age event devoted to science, engineering, and technology exploration.



In November the museum hosted a booth in Salem for the Oregon/SW Washington [Girl Scouts STEM Day](#). This event had over 1600 attendees and our booth was packed all day. This is a long day for our volunteers and in the future, we will need to divide the day into two shifts. We will be calling for additional volunteers if we are to participate next year. We already have one new volunteer for this event.



While not specifically a STEM event, we received a letter from Gavin regarding a school project. We responded to the letter by sending Gavin one of our museum flying discs and mousepad.

Our teacher is helping us understand the importance of small businesses in the USA. We have been researching successful small businesses in our country and vintageTEK really stood out to me!

I think it is very interesting that you guys are doing STEM projects. I, myself, am a huge fan of electronics and have an interesting curiosity for old things. I hope you guys have another good year in 2024 with great regards for your contributions.



His teacher responded with how excited he was to hear from the museum.

Our other two remote booths were for the Tektronix Accelerated Growth Conference, and the NW Electronics Design & Manufacturing Expo, which is held on the Tektronix campus in October.

We've had several new volunteers start at the museum. Their support has helped us with restoration, detailing and preserving history, organizing the museum and new exhibits, and creating new content for our website. We published 12 monthly newsletters to over 1,000 subscribers with news and information about the museum. We published 12 Photo of the Month highlighting the history of the company. We solicited new stories and added them to our [Employee Stories](#) page. One story of note is a video Zoom call with a transcript from [David Bradshaw](#), who joined Tektronix Guernsey in 1968.

We created a 24" x 36" glossy poster of the 500-series oscilloscope plug-ins for sale. We also published our 2024 vintageTEK museum calendar.



We continue to support and participate with the various Tektronix collector groups – Facebook *Old Tek Scopes*, *Tektronix* (i.e. Heerenveen), *Tektronix Guernsey Memories*, and Groups.io *TekScopes*. Together, these groups have over 12,000 members. The museum gets daily emails with questions and requests for information and parts, but also these individuals provide historic information, photos, and instruments.

Astute viewers continue to send us sightings for our [Product In Movies and Shows](#) page. We now have 79 movies and shows sightings covering 1953 to 2023. Our historic and educational films and videos are hosted on our YouTube channel which has nearly 11,000 subscribers. We added 12 new videos this year and our videos had nearly 115,000 views.

The museum operates on contributions, our [eBay store](#) sales and the generosity of Tektronix in hosting our space. Donations to the museum continue with visits, by mail, and with company matching through [Benevity](#). Unfortunately, Amazon discontinued their contributions through their Amazon Smile Charity program.

Our initial 501(c)3 corporation was created reflecting the name of our website. This year we changed it to our identity as the vintageTEK Museum. We had a successful 2023 thanks to the dedication and energy of our volunteers. Our on-line efforts continue to make the museum resources available to our worldwide audience who are not able to visit in person. Our kindest thanks to Tektronix for their generosity in hosting space for the vintageTEK museum. We did have 22 requests from Tektronix for support this year ranging from employee tours to helping customers with information on specific products.

We look forward to a great 2024 for sharing and preserving the history of Tektronix and encouraging STEM in our community.

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