



# ABERDEEN MUSEUM

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## REVIEW

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### A Historical Whoville Christmas *Christmas Street Open House, 2021*

The Aberdeen Historical Museum’s annual Christmas Street Open House is always a highlight of Aberdeen’s Christmas Street Celebration. This year’s Open House was no exception.

About 80 visitors stopped by the Museum on Saturday, December 4, 2021 to explore new exhibits on local history. For most visitors, the Open House was their first opportunity to see the changes that have taken place at the Museum since its closure in 2020 due to Covid-19.

Fueled by plenty of hot cider, coffee, and cookies, visitors and volunteers enjoyed socializing while sharing their own memories of life in Aberdeen. Some even took a look at old yearbooks from the Museum’s Resource Library, dating back to Aberdeen High School’s first yearbook in 1938, to find family high school photos.



*Councilman Adam Hiob studies wine bottles from Bush Chapel Farm Wines, an Aberdeen winery operated by members of his family from the late 1960s to the 2000s.*



*Plenty of goodies were enjoyed by visitors, including hot spiced cider, coffee, fizzy punch and tasty cookies.*



*Visitors shared a variety of favorable comments about the many new displays at the Museum, including this one that explores APG in wartime. If you haven’t seen our new displays yet, stop by soon!*

An old school photo was also on display in the Museum's front window for Aberdeen's Christmas Street window display competition. For this year's theme of "A Whoville Christmas," the Aberdeen Museum explored the historical context of How the Grinch Stole Christmas and featured a mid-20th century photograph of whimsically-costumed Aberdeen students. The Museum's window took 1st place in the adult organizations category of the competition. You may stop by to see the display through the first week of January 2022. (If you wait until the lights come on in the evening, it's even better!)



*Some of the lights and images from our prize-winning window, "Every Who Down in Who-ville."*



*Long-time volunteer Barbara Baker enjoys the excitement of the parade as she watches right in front of the Museum.*

Standing by the prize-winning window display, Museum visitors and volunteers had a front row seat for the Aberdeen Christmas Street parade. Now that the parade route extends down Howard Street, the Aberdeen Historical Museum's front door is just a block away from the judge's stand and is the ideal spot for watching the parade. Come join us in 2022!

Even if you missed the Christmas Street Open House, there are still plenty of opportunities to visit the Aberdeen Historical Museum before Christmas Street next year! We are open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am to 1 pm and (for the winter season) Saturdays from 11 am to 2 pm, or by appointment. Email us at [info@aberdeenmuseum.org](mailto:info@aberdeenmuseum.org) for more information or to schedule your visit today.



*Volunteer Stephanie Powell delights guests with Christmas carols and tunes from the keyboard during the Open House.*