Artifacts
2019-20

A pioneer artifact is an item used or made by a pioneer living in the State of Deseret prior to May 10, 1869. Items should be dated prior to 1900. An exception would be an item (i.e. a plate, pin, etc.) that is tied to a commemorative event such as the 1947 Pioneer Day Centennial, the 150th anniversary of your community or an event honoring a community building such as a rock church, etc.

Providing a pioneer artifact is an integral part of Daughters of Utah Pioneers meetings. Showcasing artifacts helps us honor our pioneer heritage by learning about the various items ancestors utilized. The ISDUP Bylaws indicate that the meeting agendas include “Artifact or Museum Story – 3-5 Minutes.” There are many resources members can use to present the artifact or museum story in DUP meetings.

“Stories from the Museum” was developed using artifacts from the ISDUP Museum and other satellite museums. From now on daughters will use other resources. Let the camp leaders and camp artifact leader know of the many resources available for providing the artifact. Below are ways artifacts can be presented in meetings for the 2019-20 year:

- **Lesson Books** - DUP lesson books are filled with pictures of artifacts and the stories behind them. An artifact could be selected from the lesson being given as coordinated with the daughter giving that lesson or from any past lesson book.

- **Marker Book** – You might choose to study a marker or markers found in the DUP Marker Book.

- **Personal Artifact** - Many daughters have a personal pioneer artifact they own which can be highlighted. If the artifact is too big, suggest they take a photo.

- **Local Museum Artifacts** - Many of the DUP satellite museums have photos or artifacts and descriptions that can be shared in meetings.

- **Artifacts from the Pioneer Memorial Museum (ISDUP Book)** - This book is available at the ISDUP online store or available to purchase at the museum. Many camps purchase this book and utilize it throughout the year in presenting the artifact. A photo of the cover of this book is below.

- **Pioneer Memorial Museum Sampler (ISDUP Book)** - This book is available at the ISDUP online store or available to purchase at the museum. Many camps purchase this book and utilize it throughout the year in presenting the artifact. A photo of the cover of the book is below. These books can be purchased at the Pioneer Memorial Museum or online at ISDUP.org