

AMELIA EARHART MUSEUMS IN ATCHISON

Amelia Earhart Hangar Museum

16701 286th Road

Journey through Amelia's adventurous life as a trailblazing aviator who defied the odds to pursue her dreams! The centerpiece of the museum is "Muriel," the last remaining Lockheed Electra 10-E, identical model to the plane Amelia piloted on her attempt to circumnavigate the world in 1937.



MURIEL

Adults: \$15
Seniors & Military: \$12
Students: \$8
Children under 3: Free

Hours:
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday & Friday
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday
Noon-5 p.m. Sunday

*Last entry at 4 p.m. daily.
Taxes not included in admission price.*

AmeliaEarhartHangarMuseum.org

Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum

223 N. Terrace St.

Tour the 1861 historic house where Amelia Earhart was born in 1897 on the bluffs overlooking the Missouri River.



Adults: \$12
Adults over 60 & Military: \$10
Students: \$8
Children under 4: Free

Hours:
10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday
9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday

Last tour starts 30 minutes before closing.

Pioneering Achievement

Award Luncheon

An award presentation and luncheon will follow at Noon with Dr. de Mello as the featured speaker. Reservations are requested. Cost \$30 per person. Tickets may be purchased: <https://square.link/u/8JVJ9EYo>



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2026 PIONEERING ACHIEVEMENT

AWARD RECIPIENT

Dr. Duilia de Mello

We are honored to name Dr. Duilia de Mello as our 2026 Pioneering Achievement Award recipient. Dr. Duilia F. de Mello is Vice Provost for Global Strategies and Executive Director at the Oliveira Lima Library at The Catholic University of America. She joined CUA in 2003 as a research associate at



NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center and became a faculty member in Physics in 2008. An extragalactic astrophysicist, her career is marked by pioneering contributions, including the discovery of Supernova 1997D, the identification of stellar nurseries outside galaxies and the characterization of the largest spiral galaxy identified to date. She also served on the team that produced the deep images of the universe with the Hubble Space Telescope. Dr. de Mello is widely recognized within the astronomical community, and her work continues to be highly cited and influential. She was the first woman promoted to full professor of Physics at CUA and has been a leading advocate for expanding the participation of women in STEM. Through extensive mentoring and outreach, she works to broaden access to science, particularly for girls in underserved communities.

We invite you to join us in celebrating Dr. de Mello as she shares her story on July 18th at the 2026 Amelia Earhart Festival. Duilia will be a panelist in the "To The Stars" Speaker's Symposium at 10:30 am in the O'Malley McAllister Auditorium on the campus of Benedictine College, 1020 North 2nd Street. Admission to the Speaker's Symposium is FREE.

For more festival information, email mj@aaefm.org or aefestival@aaefm.org



ABOUT AMELIA EARHART:

Atchison, Kansas Native
Amelia was born in Atchison on July 24, 1897, in her grandparents' home, which is now the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum.

The Annual Amelia Earhart Festival celebrates Amelia's storied flying career, the spirit of adventure she possessed and the determination that took her from Atchison to international fame and admiration. She is still a role model for children of all ages. Learn more about Amelia's life and adventures at the Amelia Earhart Hangar Museum.

Happy 129th birthday, Amelia!

SUPPORT YOUR FESTIVAL

Souvenir buttons are available for \$2 at many downtown Atchison locations, as well as at the Amelia Earhart Hangar Museum. Your donation goes toward the spectacular fireworks enjoyed on Saturday evening by thousands of spectators. Thank you for your support!



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Amelia Earhart Festival



July 17-18, 2026
Atchison, Kansas



THURSDAY, JULY 16

Grandfather Earhart's Ice Cream Social
5-7 p.m. | St Mark's Lutheran Church, 400 S. Sixth St.
Ice cream and other desserts served in the memory of Amelia's grandfather who attended St Mark's Lutheran Church.



FRIDAY

JULY 17

LIVE MUSIC ON THE RIVERFRONT

ADVANCE TICKETS: \$25 | AT THE GATE: \$30
PRICES INCLUDE TAXES.
CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER ADMITTED FREE WITH AN ADULT.
GATES OPEN AT 4 P.M.
NATIONAL ANTHEM AT 7 P.M.



Purchase tickets at: <https://square.link/u/N5Hzwkr3>.

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FRIDAY, JULY 17

"Amelia at the Library"

10:30-Noon p.m. | Atchison Library, 401 Kansas Ave
A program featuring Amelia Earhart as portrayed by Sydney Blake. A great opportunity to learn about Amelia!

Amelia Earhart: The Boston Years

2:00 p.m. | Amelia Earhart Hangar Museum
16701 286th Road

Presented by Dr. Margaret Arnold, retired educator and academic administrator. Come learn about Amelia's time in Medford, Marblehead and Boston and how her adventures led to a phone call that changed her life.

Live Music on the Riverfront

7 p.m. | 100 Commercial St.
Outdoor music featuring country music's BlackHawk, Lorrie Morgan and Paige Griffiee. Gates open at 4 p.m., show starts at 7pm. Multiple food and drink vendors available. No food or drink may be brought in.

SATURDAY, JULY 18

2K/8K Fun Run-Walk

7:30 a.m. | YMCA, 321 Commercial St.
Chip timed race begins and ends at the Atchison Family YMCA. Showers are available after the race. For more information, please contact Jennifer Kiehl, at (913) 367-4948 jenniferkiehl@kansascityymca.org. Sign-up at: <https://runsignup.com/.../Atchison/AmeliaEarhartFunRunWalk>

International Forest of Friendship

10 a.m.-3 p.m. | Warnock Lake, 17862 274th Road
Walk the paths and celebrate Amelia and all of the honorees. Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the International Forest of Friendship. Honor the accomplishments in aviation and space. Enjoy the many flags waving representing our 50 states and countries represented in the Ninety-Nines, the International Organization of Women Pilots.

Food, Crafts & Music

10 a.m.-4 p.m. | 500, 600 & 700 Commercial Street
Vendors in each block, along with live music and traveling street entertainers. Stage Schedule: TBD

"White Wings & Wheels" Car Show

10 a.m.-4 p.m. | 700 & 800 blocks of Commercial Street
Any cars welcome. Show will include trophies, 50/50 drawing and more! To sign up, call Zach Wolfe at (913) 426-3002.

SATURDAY, JULY 19 CONTINUED

Children's Activities

10 a.m.-4 p.m. | 400 Commercial St.
The kids will have plenty to keep them busy with street performers and interactive fun! There will be displays from the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Creatures by Theresa, fire truck rides, miniature horses and donkeys, a petting zoo, balloon creations, the Mad Science booth and more!



10 a.m. BJ Talley Illusions
11 a.m. Mad Science
12 p.m. Reptiles Up Close
1 p.m. Mad Science
2 p.m. BJ Talley Illusions
3 p.m. Reptiles Up Close

Happy Birthday, Amelia!

11 a.m.- 12 p.m. | 400 Commercial St.
An enduring festival tradition! Visitors are invited to sign a birthday card and eat cake to celebrate Amelia's upcoming 129th birthday.



"To The Stars" Speaker's Symposium

10:30 a.m. | O'Malley McAllister Auditorium, Benedictine College | 1020 N. Second St.
A panel discussion featuring the 2026 Pioneering Achievement Award recipient Dr. Duilia de Mello and other women sharing their life journey and career stories. The Speaker's Symposium is FREE to the public.

Pioneering Achievement Award Luncheon

Noon | Benedictine College Cafeteria, 1020 N. Second St.
A luncheon honoring the 2026 Pioneering Achievement Award recipient, Duilia de Mello. Dr. de Mello will be the featured speaker. Reservations are requested. Cost is \$30 per person. Tickets: <https://square.link/u/8JVJ9EYo>.

Afternoon Tea with the Authors

3-4:30 p.m. | Art & Cultural Center, 111 N. Eighth St.
Join us Saturday afternoon for tea and treats as we enjoy a presentation from two authors with new books about Amelia. Bram Kleppner will present his mother Amy Kleppner's book Oceans to Cross, Amelia Earhart's Extraordinary Life & Her Fight for Women's Rights. Rachel Hartigan will share her book LOST, Amelia Earhart's Three Mysterious Deaths and One Extraordinary Life. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit with authors, as well as purchase books and have them signed.

SATURDAY, JULY 19 CONTINUED

Meet Amelia!

2-4 p.m. | Amelia Earhart Hangar Museum 16701 286th Road
mpersonator Sydney Blake welcomes visitors at the Amelia Earhart Hangar Museum. A great photo opportunity!



Music on the Riverfront

4-11:30 p.m. | 2nd & Commercial
The perfect setting for a laidback, outdoor show! A fun evening of free entertainment. Bring your own seating. NO GLASS CONTAINERS. Live music begins at 4. 4-7 p.m.- The Vincents
7-11:30 p.m. TriLemma featuring Moonstruck



Evening Aerobic Performances
Approx. 7:45 p.m. | Over the Missouri River

Prepare yourselves to enjoy dazzling aerobic performances over the majestic Missouri River!



"Concert in the Sky" Fireworks Show

Approx. 9:30 p.m. | Over the Missouri River
After dark on the banks of the Missouri River, enjoy one of the Midwest's most dazzling fireworks shows, orchestrated to music by Stellar Fireworks Inc.

FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE 5-11 P.M.

- Park at Atchison Elementary School (825 N. 17th St.) and shuttle to Second and Main streets.
- Those with limited mobility can be dropped off at Second and Main streets.
- Bring your own seating. Lawn chairs and blankets welcome.
- No coolers are allowed on the buses.