It seems that everyone was in a festive and retrospective frame of mind as the calendar adopted by most of the western world turned to 2000. Pittsburghers brought family and out-of-town guests to the History Center in record numbers during the holidays.

The Byzantine Catholic Expression exhibit drew the largest crowds and, as a result, will be "held over by popular demand" until April 30, 2000.

The History Center will open What We Wore: Hard Hats to High Heels on April 19. This extraordinary show will feature never-before-exhibited costume treasures from the Historical Society's own collection. Nearly 200 years of men's and women's fashion—strange and wonderful creations worn by Pittsburgh's famous and forgotten—might just help guide your wardrobe selections in the next millennium.

Beatlemania! Where were you on September 14, 1964? Do you remember the "British Invasion" and the day the Beatles played the Civic (now Mellon) Arena? If you do, the History Center needs your help collecting artifacts, photographs, and memories. Historical Society curators are developing an exhibit titled The Beatles: Now and Then. This traveling photo exhibition, created by the Newseum in Arlington, Virginia, will be augmented with local memorabilia. Please contact David Grinnell (412-454-6367) with photos (then and now) and memories. Anne Madarasz (412-454-6352) needs your ticket stubs, bell-bottoms, and Beatles-related artifacts.

I hope to see you all at the History Center in 2000!

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EXHIBITS AT THE HISTORY CENTER

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GLASS: SHATTERING NOTIONS ONGOING

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DISCOVERY PLACE ONGOING

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PARKING
$3 in the lot at 11th and Smallman with History Center validation.

HOURS
Museum Shop: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily.
Library & Archives: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.
Center closed on Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

ADMISSION
Members: free; Adults: $6; Students/Seniors: $4.50; Ages 6-18: $3;
Under 6: Free. Wheelchair accessible. Café on site. Discovery Place
for children.

GROUP SALES

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History-related gifts and souvenirs. Members receive a 10% discount.

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