

Jim Henson Museum

The Jim Henson Muppet Museum, also called the Birthplace of Kermit the Frog Museum is located in the small town of Leland, Mississippi. It features puppets, mementos, videos, and artifacts created for and used in Jim Henson’s Muppet shows. It opened in 1990 and was established by Jim Henson’s wife, Jane, as a “gift to the people of Leland, Mississippi.” The two-room museum is located within the small Leland Chamber of Commerce building. Henson grew up in Leland, and was inspired to create the famous Kermit the Frog character from his childhood explorations of nearby Deer Creek. According to legend, Kermit is loosely based off of Henson’s childhood friend Kermit Scott.

The museum features a life-size Kermit the Frog stuffed animal and an original Kermit the Frog puppet. In addition, the exhibit tells the story of Kermit the Frog and the story behind the creation of the Muppets. During Christmas, there is a Christmas tree decorated with Muppets ornaments.

1. Who is Kermit Scott?

- A. A character in the museum
- B. A childhood friend of Jim Henson
- C. The person who established the museum
- D. The passage doesn’t say

2. Which of the following would NOT be found in the museum?

- A. A life-sized Kermit stuffed animal
- B. Muppets mementos
- C. Muppets ornaments
- D. All of the above are found in the museum

3. Why did Jane Henson establish the Jim Henson museum?

- A. To honor Kermit Scott
- B. To give a gift to the people of Leland
- C. To honor the history of Kermit the Frog
- D. To build a chamber of commerce

4. Which is NOT true about the museum?

- A. It has many rooms
- B. It opened in 1990
- C. It is located in a chamber of commerce
- D. It is a small museum

5. What inspired Jim Henson to create Kermit the Frog?

- A. Christmas
- B. Other characters from the Muppets
- C. The Town of Leland
- D. His explorations of Deer Creek