

Nebraska State Historical Society **FOUNDATION**

ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

Teamwork Produces Successful Partnerships with Great Results

WHITE HORSE RANCH,
NEAR NAPER, NEBRASKA, 1953.
Founded by Caleb "Cal" Thompson,
the White Horse Ranch thrilled
audiences throughout the United
States and Canada. Guiding their
horses through spectacular tricks,
the White Horse Troupe toured the
United States and Canada from
1938 to 1963. The ranch's archives,
plus many photos and objects, are
in the collections of the NSHS.





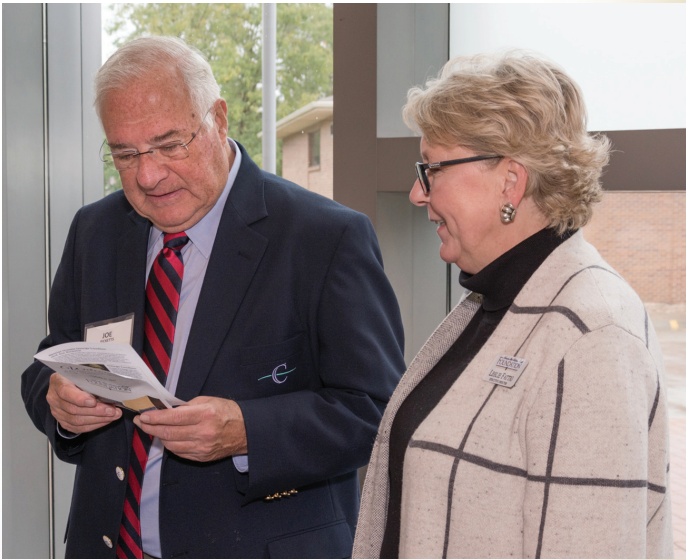
New Trustee Dr. Don Gerlach of Harvard with friend and attorney Don Bottorf at the Dr. Don R. Gerlach Capitol View Room dedication



Trustees Dottie and Senator Al Davis of Lincoln



Trustees Dr. Martin Massengale, Senator Joel Johnson, Dr. Bill Karrer and Charlie Wright. Dr. Massengale and Dr. Karrer are directors.



Joe Ricketts and Foundation Executive Director Leslie Fattig. Mr. Ricketts was a special guest speaker at the foundation's 75th anniversary reception.



A toast to the foundation's 75 years at the International Quilt Study Center and Museum, Lincoln

Letter from your Foundation President

Growth can come in many different forms.

The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation has witnessed this growth potential in wonderful new events, increased fundraising and partnerships.

- Our fundraising growth has been nothing short of impressive. In the 2015 calendar year we received \$192,124 in total gifts, in 2016 the total was \$427,236 and in the 2017 calendar year we received \$602,773.

- Our trustees have continued to expand and grow, originating from Nebraska and other states across the nation including California, Florida and Iowa.

- Our friends continue to expand across the state of Nebraska. These dedicated people volunteer and support our many activities from Elkhorn to Chimney Rock and Bellevue to Anselmo.



President
Trixie Schmidt

The Staff

Growth does not happen without a staff that works well together, is cohesive, and driven to achieve. We have all of that in our foundation office.

Executive Director, Leslie Fattig has driven our growth in marketing this year through social media, print media and new collaborations to achieve these goals. Leslie has increased our outreach to new levels organizing 14 friend/fund raisers and events this past year. This grows our donor base, and also connects us to new partners who support the foundation and society. Her leadership makes us shine.

Business Manager, Lori Heaton has done an outstanding job facilitating the transition to Union Bank this year. Lori deals with every aspect of our growth with a "can do" attitude. Her oversight of all committees along with managing our accounts, working with our auditor and accountants insures all of us that the growth of the foundation is in good hands with accurate and readily accessible financial and program information.

Development Director, Tony Dworak grows our books of business. He is the driving force behind the 150 Fund, (see page 11 for

details) and has also established the Oldfield Fund to recognize the vision and generosity of legendary Nebraskans Colonel Barney and Vada Oldfield, as well as those who are remembering our Foundation through planned giving.

Tony's genuine interest in the shared stories of the people and organizations in Nebraska has resulted in the outstanding financial support that we have witnessed this year. Tony is taking the foundation and society to a whole new level of financial success.

Administrative Assistant, Sue Quambusch is new to the foundation this year. Sue keeps everyone organized and moving forward with all of the new demands that come with growth. She brings a wide range of experience to our organization and as one staff member said, "Sue is the glue that holds the office together". Welcome Sue!

Donors, trustees, staff, friends, and the Nebraska State Historical Society have made all of this possible. We love our state and love being part of its developing history. Thank you all for making this a marvelous year of growth!

The Board of Trustees

As the Foundation prepares to welcome its Trustees of 2018, it is worth recalling three guiding principles offered to newcomers in past years:

- We are united in the cause of history.
- As a Trustee, you can be as active as you wish, and as your time allows.
- Your service can take the form of time, talent or treasure or any combination of the three.



Trustee Allen Dayton reviews the financials at the 2017 annual meeting in Omaha

Trustee Mary Ann May Pumphrey relaxes at Hebron's World's Largest Porch Swing

Trustees Carmen and Bob Shiveley, Ed and Sue Tricker, Trula and Kirk Jamison, all of Lincoln

Membership is the backbone of this Foundation

The Board of Trustees grew by 19 members, or 12 percent, from 164 members in calendar year 2016 to 183 members in 2017.

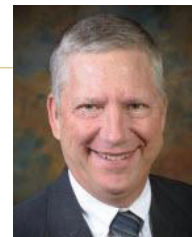
We are grateful for your willingness to donate. In calendar year 2016 almost three out of four Trustees donated to the Foundation and its undertakings. In 2017 that proportion remained about the same.

As the Foundation welcomes new Trustees we thank those who have completed their terms since our last annual meeting.

They include: Dee Adams of Merna; John Atkins of Omaha; Ann and Peter Bleed of Little Rock, AR; Gerald Dimon of Lincoln; John Dittman of Lincoln; Tim Francis, Lincoln; Judy Humiston of Grand Island; Del Lienemann of Lincoln; LeRoy and SharonAnn Loudon of Ellsworth; and Sheryl Schmeckpeper of Norfolk.

This group was notable for its years of service and range of donations.

Steve Guenzel has retired from the board but remains a trustee. Steve joined the board of trustees in 1992 and served as President from 2006 through 2010. His insightful wisdom will be missed.



Meanwhile three Trustees have joined the Board of Directors:



- Lizabeth Bavitz of Lincoln joined the board in 2017 and will be nominated to serve as Executive Vice President at the 2018 annual meeting,

• Sue Clement of Grand Island will join the board in 2018 as representative of the Hall County Historical Society, and



- Gail DeBuse Potter of Lincoln will join the board in 2018 and will serve in her inaugural year as Foundation Treasurer.

Six noted Trustees have died since we last met

VINCENT GOERES OF LINCOLN died in November, 2017, at age 89. Goeres was a longtime volunteer at the Nebraska State Historical Society. An aviation history enthusiast, he had written a book for the Society, *Wings Over Nebraska*. A Lincoln High graduate, Goeres started flying at 16 but couldn't afford to continue when he started college at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln at age 18. He never returned to the hobby but instead went to work in the banking business. Nebraska State Historical Society Senior Folklorist John Carter suggested Goeres put together a book for the Society – his first. "He's a crackerjack researcher, which is where all of this kind of came from," said Carter.

JOHN GUENZEL died in March, 2018. Guenzel was President and Founder of First Nebraska Trust Company and served many community and philanthropic organizations. He was an avid horseman enjoying many cutting competitions and serving on the Western Nebraska Cutting Horse Association Board. He attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. Guenzel became involved with the Foundation in 2000 and served as Treasurer from 2004 to 2006.

CHRISTIAN PETERSEN of Lincoln died in March, 2017, at age 61. A philanthropist and investor, he graduated from Judson School in Paradise Valley, Arizona. Petersen attended Kearney State College and was a member of several organizations including: the Sheldon

Art Association, Preservation Association of Lincoln, UNL Art Department, Medici Society, Planned Parenthood, and the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation. Petersen loved a good party, the arts, architecture, gardens and his dogs.

BEATRICE "MIKE" HAMILTON SEACREST of Lincoln died in December, 2017, at age 97. Seacrest was born and raised in Philadelphia and graduated from Syracuse University. During World War II she served as a lieutenant and through her service met Joe R. Seacrest, a naval officer. After the war, the couple moved to his hometown of Lincoln and raised five children. Mike loved her adopted state and was active in many organizations and fundraising drives.

BRYCE NEIDIG of Madison, the second-longest serving president of the Nebraska Farm Bureau, is being remembered for helping the state's largest agricultural organization become a more vocal and powerful advocate for farmers. He was a foundation trustee since 1997. Neidig died in March, 2018.

ARNOLD "JOHN" WALTERS of Lincoln died in July, 2017. Walters received an education degree from John F. Kennedy College in Wahoo and worked briefly as an officer for the Lincoln Police Department and then as a teller at First National Bank, before becoming an early partner in Smith-Hayes Financial Services. He retired from Executive Wealth Management in Lincoln.

Bequests and endowments

We are grateful to the many donors who turn to this Foundation because they are seeking a way to preserve the past for future generations. We provide management of bequests and strive to meet the wishes of the donors.

Dr. Don R. Gerlach

Dr. Don R. Gerlach, Professor Emeritus of History at the University of Akron, Ohio, received bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees from the University of Nebraska from 1954-61, and was an instructor there before moving to the University of Akron in 1962. He retired in 1993, and returned to his hometown of Harvard, Nebraska in 2010, where he resides in the 1919 home that his grandparents acquired in 1929.

This early American historian and education advocate is giving back to his home state, pledging \$1.3 million to the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation.

In September the Historical Society dedicated the Dr. Don R. Gerlach Capitol View Room at the Nebraska State Historical Society

headquarters, 1500

R Street . Dr.

Gerlach's gift will be used to further future educational programs and history education throughout the state. "It's one of the greatest things that has ever

happened to me,"

he said at the

dedication. "It's

wonderful what

connections

will do

sometimes."

Trustee
Dr. Don R. Gerlach

Dillon Foundation

The Nebraska Marker Project was launched in June of 2016 with an initial goal of \$80,000.



Trustee Don Dillon

Even though the markers are made of aluminum, some of them are showing their age while others have been damaged by vandals. Consequently, the foundation started a campaign to raise the money to repair or replace the fading or damaged signs.

In January, 2017 the board of directors approved the Project as a perpetual legacy campaign for the benefit of the Nebraska Historical Marker Program. Although the markers are designed to be permanent, over time, the markers are worn down by weather, damaged by vehicles and defaced by vandals. Repairs can vary in need from paint touch up to complete replacement.

The capstone gift of \$20,000 came from the Dillon Foundation, a philanthropic organization based in Lincoln which has long supported historical and community projects in Nebraska. Trustee Donald Dillon, originally from western Nebraska, has made many cross state journeys and said he felt the upgrades were both important and needed. "I think of how often I took the time to stop to read markers simply because they were eye-catching. A sleek, well-maintained historical marker has always been a powerful invitation to me when I traveled and I cannot remember being disappointed for stopping."

The Nebraska Marker Project is the original concept of Michael "O.J." Nelson, former president of the NSHS Foundation Board. About 30 of the 100 markers needing restoration have been repaired or replaced by the Historical Society since the Foundation announced the campaign.

D. R. Gerlach

Bequests and endowments *(continued)*

The Marker Project continues moving toward its dual goals:

- To raise money to repair 100 or so damaged and deteriorating markers statewide, and
- To identify through donations a corps of unknown allies - people statewide who will support your Foundation and its activities on behalf of the cause of history.

TransCanada, NextEra Energy, and Nebraska Farm Bureau Services were the leading corporate/business donors, contributing a

combined \$30,000 to the campaign.

Your foundation appreciates all gifts – small and large – to the Nebraska Marker Project.

Oldfather Family Endowment

The Oldfather Family Fund for Nebraska History was established in 2017 by the Charles and Diane Oldfather family to provide history education outreach services and/or materials to the Archway of Kearney, Nebraska in manners consistent with the established historical and educational aspects of the Society's mission.

A Year of Fundraising

Since the last annual meeting our fundraising has increased significantly.

Tony Dworak is now leading two important efforts, and playing a role in several others:

- THE OLDFIELD BRIGADE has been formed to honor those who have included, or intend to include the Foundation in their estate plan.

Jack and Sally Campbell

Harl and Kay Dalstrom

Allen Dayton

Tony and Tam Dworak

Martin and Leslie Fattig

Dr. Don Gerlach

Ron and Mary Ann May-Pumphrey

Charles and Diane Oldfather

Jim and Gail DeBuse Potter

Robert and Carmen Shively

- THE 150 FUND FOR NEBRASKA HISTORY celebrates our history; it's sort of a thank-you note to the past.

One hundred and fifty donors are sought. Each donor—be it a couple, family, individual or organization—pledges \$15,000 to be paid over five years. The rules are flexible.

CURRENT 150 MEMBERS:

Dr. Rodney and Debbie Basler

Cloyd Clark

Harl and Kay Dalstrom

Nancy and Bob Davis

Allen Dayton

Don Dillon

Dillon Foundation

Tony and Tam Dworak

Don and Judy Dworak

Katherine Endacott

Martin and Leslie Fattig

Dr. Don Gerlach

Dr. Priscilla Grew

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Thomas and Janet L. Kraus

Trevor Jones and Kate McDougall

Dr. Martin Massengale

Robert and Cynthia Milligan

Michael K. and Christie Cater Nelson

Diane Oldfather

Ron and Judy Parks

Gary and Allison Petersen

Gail DeBuse Potter and the late James Potter

Bruce and Sandra Rippeteau

David and Trixie Schmidt

Robert and Carmen Shively

L. Joe Stehlik

TransCanada

Edward and Sue Tricker

Our outreach mission

In 2017 the foundation organized more than a dozen events which focused on initiatives of the Nebraska State Historical Society and its Foundation.

The NSHSF staged "Meet & Greet" events all around the State of Nebraska in order to raise awareness of Nebraska's history and the legacies of its people, along with the roles played by the NSHS and NSHSF.

JANUARY - January 2017 found many trustees and donors celebrating the New Year with state senators at the annual Legislative Reception. Since 1995, the Foundation has hosted the event in an effort to promote the services and extraordinary work of the Society. We even had a special guest, Governor Pete Ricketts.

MARCH - On our state's 150th birthday, March 1, 2017 – Statehood Day – the foundation hosted an open house for our neighbors at University Towers. The event was fun – Nebraska shaped cookies and punch were served. Sometimes we don't have to travel far to engage our fellow Nebraskans.

APRIL – On April 1, your foundation's 75th annual meeting was held in Omaha at the historic Magnolia Hotel, formerly the Aquila Court Building, built by Chester Cook in 1923. The structure was designed to mimic the Bargello, a palace in Florence, Italy, in homage to Chester's grandfather Aquila. Named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1974, the faces of George and Aquila Cook can still be seen on the front of the boutique hotel's building today.

On April 23, the NSHS Archaeology staff were our special speakers and advisors at a "Volunteer Dig" located at the Pike-Pawnee Village Site near Guide Rock in Webster County. Over 60 people enjoyed the spring air and sunshine while digging for



Over 60 archaeologists and enthusiasts gathered for the Volunteer Pike Pawnee Archaeological Dig in April

artifacts. Several members of the Nebraska Archaeology Association joined us and provided additional information about the preservation of the site.

The Pike Pawnee site was purchased by the Foundation in 1979. The primary goal was to preserve the site and its historical and archaeological resources.

MAY - The "Bellevue Rifle Range" historical marker was dedicated in memory of James E. Potter on May 21, 2017. Potter worked for the Nebraska State Historical Society from 1967 to 2016. During those years he probably vetted and wrote more of the markers' texts than anyone. This was the last marker he wrote. The memorials given in his name were used to fund this one and for the restoration of damaged markers across Nebraska.

JUNE - 2017 was the third year the foundation attended the Cattlemen's Ball, this time in Anselmo. There we met Dr. David Biehl, retired veterinarian and sculptor of "The Martin Brothers", two life-sized statues which sit in front of the Kearney Archway and the Hastings Museum. We also met Rob Latimer, TransCanada's Senior Advisor, Government and External Affairs. Later that year, TransCanada became our 20th 150 Member.

Also in June, trustee Mary Ann May-Pumphrey organized a Meet and Greet in Thayer County.

A celebration was held on June 10 in Hebron and Deshler to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Nebraskan Jennifer Reinke's National Spelling Bee championship. As part

Our outreach mission (continued)

of Nebraska’s Sesquicentennial observance, the NSHSF looked back to the state’s Centennial, when Ms. Reinke was asked to ride in literally dozens of parades after her win in Washington, DC, on June 8, 1967.

Events at the commemoration included a gathering on the lawn of the Thayer County Courthouse in Hebron. Attendees toured the Courthouse, the site of Ms. Reinke’s Thayer County Spelling Bee win in March, 1967. There was also a celebration at the Jennifer Reinke Public Library in Deshler, which was dedicated in June 2016.

The foundation hosted its annual trustee orientation on June 14, 15 and 16. The foundation’s organizational history and fund information were some of the subjects covered.

The Nebraska Marker Project Photo Contest was announced in June and by the deadline, we had received more than 180 photographs. The participants were encouraged to share each marker’s unique environment through photography. The photo contest was used to raise awareness about the Project. The committee overseeing the project consisted

The Top 15 winners of the Nebraska Marker Photo Contest were invited to the Society’s annual meeting. All received Society memberships.

of Trustees Dee Adams, Margaret Berry, Trixie Schmidt, NSHS State Historic Preservation Director (retired) L. Robert Puschendorf, and California Poet Laureate Glenna Berry-Horton.

JULY - The expansion of the Ethel and Christopher Abbott Visitor Center at Chimney Rock was announced in July. The event was well attended and several media and newspaper outlets covered the occasion.

On July 12 Phil Clement of NextEra Energy Resources announced a \$10,000 donation to the foundation’s Nebraska Marker Project. A portion of this donation was allocated to the restoration of the Webster County historical marker located outside the Webster County Courthouse. A reception followed at the National Willa Cather Center.



The Webster County Marker Rededication courtesy of NextEra. From left: Red Cloud Mayor Gary Ratzlaff; Trevor Jones, NSHS CEO/Director; Webster County Commissioner Roger Bohrer; and Phil Clement, NextEra Energy Resources Project Manager.

SEPTEMBER - September 25 marked the Foundation’s 75th anniversary with a reception at the International Quilt Study Center in Lincoln. Special guests were renowned sculptor George Lundeen and founder of TD Ameritrade, Joe Ricketts who described The Cloisters on the Platte project. Trustee Senator Jim Cudaback was quick to volunteer, playing beautiful piano music and serenading us for the evening.



Our outreach mission *(continued)*



Noted Sculptor George Lundeen and Joe Ricketts

"Plainsmen" annual giving members (donors of \$500 or more) were invited to join us for this historic event. A strong turnout – over 100 people – joined us for the momentous occasion.

Also in September as noted earlier, the Historical Society dedicated the Dr. Don R. Gerlach Capitol View Room at the Nebraska State Historical Society headquarters.

DECEMBER - We celebrated Elkhorn's Main Street Studios in December. The building that houses Main Street Studios in historic downtown Elkhorn was completed in 1915, when the Lincoln Highway ran from Omaha through Elkhorn. The building had sat

dormant from the 1980's until 2014, when the present owner, Tyler Curnes, bought it at auction. Tyler's family had a history with the building, as his grandfather used to travel through the area and get gas at this exact location.

Special guests were Dr. Dave and Cindy Biehl who hosted and presented on Dave's notable sculpture of the Martin Brothers.

OUTREACH THROUGH THE MEDIA

Your foundation was featured no less than 57 times last year. We received coverage from the Scottsbluff Star Herald to the Nemaha County Newspaper. That's more than once a week! News outlets covered the Marker Project enthusiastically. It's a project that every Nebraskan can understand and appreciate, no matter where they live.



Life-size bronze statue, "A Narrow Escape," created by Dr. David L. Biehl and commissioned by Fred A. Bosselman, depicts the fateful ride of the Martin Brothers in 1864.

Our future

CHIMNEY ROCK

A lot is happening at the foundation. We are moving forward on the Chimney Rock addition with our partners at the Society. Plans include adding a hardened concrete storm shelter to protect visitors, adding new modern exhibits, creating an outdoor educational classroom, and revising the building plan to accommodate more visitors. At the time of printing, a little over \$500,000 has been raised toward the project which is expected to cost \$1,800,000.

WEESE FARM

The Weese Farm property which we have held since the Lageschulte-Weese sisters gifted us with property in east Lincoln in 2000 is now for sale. The Society looks forward to honoring their wishes of funding an agricultural exhibit in their names at the Nebraska History Museum. The exhibit will contain segments on Nebraska agriculture which will be representative of the work, family and social lives of farmers in Nebraska from territorial status to the present,

Our future *(continued)*

interpreting changes that have occurred over time. Curricula and materials utilizing a variety of electronic and non-electronic media interpreting Nebraska agriculture and agricultural history will also be created.

THE 150 FUND

The 150 Fund is off to a great start. With over \$450,000 our 150 Fund members make a substantial pledge (typically \$15,000 or more payable over a five-year period) to the NSHS Foundation. Unless donor-directed otherwise, 150 Fund dollars are being primarily designated for critical upgrades to the Society's existing exhibits and facilities throughout our state.

Both individuals and organizations are making a historic "citizens response" to the 2013

Nebraska Legislature, which dedicated \$8 million to the upgrading of our Nebraska History Museum on the beautiful new Centennial Mall in Lincoln.

Donors to the 150 Fund will have their biographies displayed in a permanent exhibit at the Nebraska History Museum. Where appropriate, some donors to the 150 Fund may be recognized at other pertinent NSHS sites across our state as well.

Development Director Tony Dworak would love to meet with you in person to talk about this historic campaign in support of Nebraska history. Please contact him anytime at 402-314-4848, or at tdworak@nshsf.org.

The Society

If you haven't already become a member of the Nebraska State Historical Society, please do. Your membership helps the Society collect, preserve, and open to all the stories of Nebraska's people and places.

Every membership provides:

- The opportunity to support one of the nation's leading historical organizations
- A connection with other Nebraska history enthusiasts through social media and special events

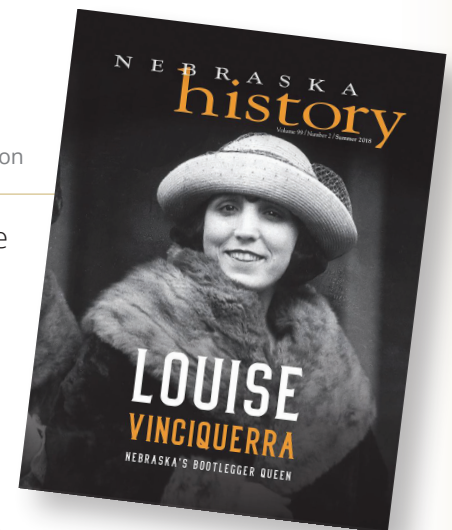
Subscription (\$32/year) lets you enjoy:

- Four issues each of *Nebraska History* magazine and the digital edition of *Nebraska History News*
- A vote in Board of Trustees elections

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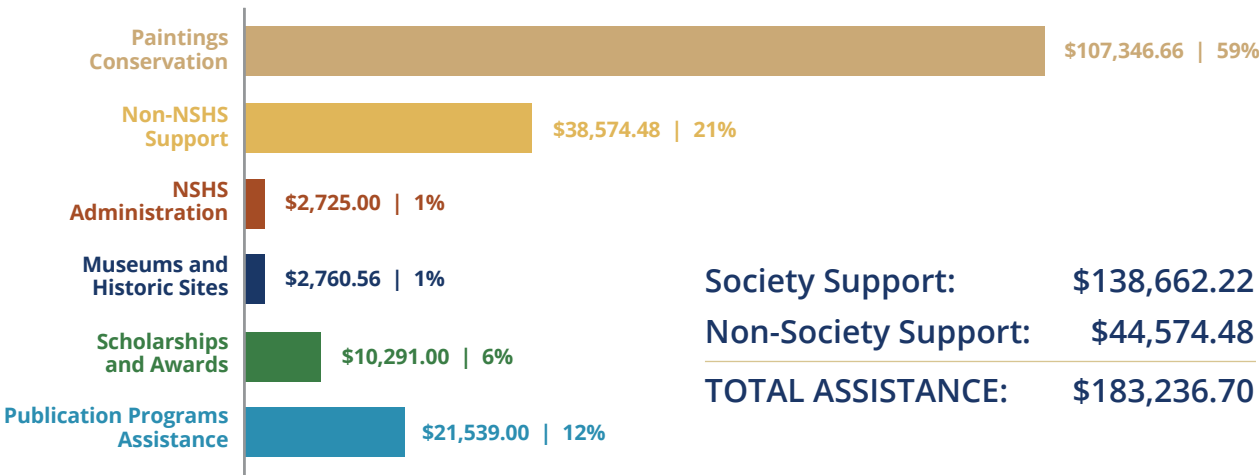
- 10% discount at the NSHS Landmark Stores
- Free admission to NSHS historic sites statewide
- Reduced fees for kids' classes and other events
- Invitations to exhibit openings, guided tours and more
- Discounts on selected services in the Library/Archives
- Advance reservation and FREE copies when using microfilm reader/printer for research
- A vote in Board of Trustees elections

If you are already a member, please consider purchasing a gift membership for a family member or for your doctor or dentist's waiting room!

Foundation Funds Released 2016-2017

The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation supports a range of activities whose aim is to increase knowledge and appreciation for Nebraska’s unique heritage.

Support is provided to, but is not limited to, the projects and programs of the Nebraska State Historical Society.



Areas of Support:

The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation has the privilege of supporting Nebraska history in a variety of ways: resources made possible by endowed and invested funds, direct donor gifts, unrestricted funds, and absorbing into our operating budget those items and events that would not otherwise be possible without private support.

Funds for **PAINTINGS CONSERVATION** provides for full-time staffing, the purchase of lab equipment and supplies for the Paintings Conservation Laboratory at the Gerald R. Ford Conservation Center in Omaha.

The **MUSEUM/HISTORIC SITES DIVISION** receives funding to promote the Nebraska History Museum and historic landmarks across the state.

NON-NSHS SUPPORT includes funds dedicated to the Foundation property expenses, including the historic Furnas House in Brownville, the Engineer Cantonment

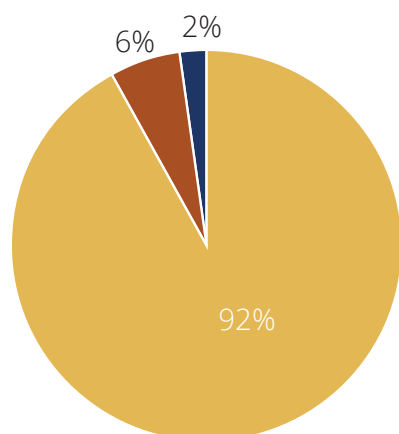
site north of Omaha and those non-NSHS organizations that have endowments managed by the Foundation.

NSHS ADMINISTRATION funding makes possible the advancement of Nebraska history that restricted budgets are unable to support. The Foundation was able to provide support for the hiring of an intern, as well as covering expenses for history-related conferences and retreats, and financing the first repairs to the Society's historical markers.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS represent the Foundation’s WWII Scholarship program and Pearl Harbor Remembrance Awards, as well as NSHS research grants and their annual Seller’s Award and Asa T. Hill Memorial Award.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS ASSISTANCE provides funds for the hosting of tables at the Chief Standing Bear breakfast as well as purchasing a Centennial Mall tile in honor of Nebraska’s 150th birthday.

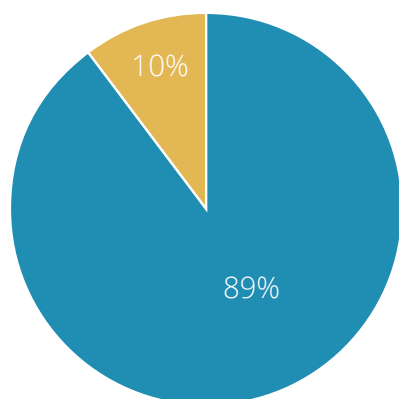
Total Funds Held by NSHSF as of June 30, 2017



TOTAL: \$12,855,417.96

- Funds Managed for the Hall County Historical Society & the Stolley House - \$814,451.33
- Society Funds Under Foundation Management - \$337,218.28
- Foundation Funds - \$11,703,748.35

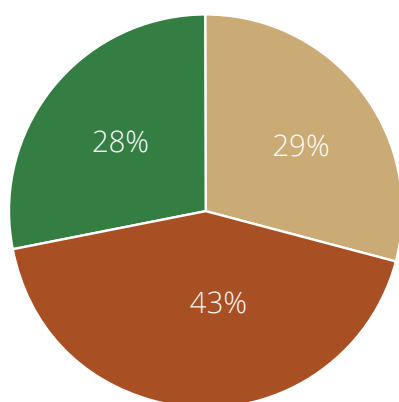
Breakout of Foundation Funds (Restricted vs. Unrestricted)



TOTAL: \$11,703,748.35

- Unrestricted Funds - \$1,203,760.39
- Restricted Funds - \$10,499,987.96

Foundation Restricted Funds



TOTAL: \$10,499,987.96

- Paxson Funds (Ford Center Building and Programming) - \$2,899,643.88
- Paintings Conservation Endowment - \$3,082,440.17
- Restricted Funds Held by Foundation (Publications, Scholarships, Special Programs, Etc.) - \$4,517,903.91

Acknowledging Long-time Donors through June 2017

Stewards of Nebraska History

Perpetually recognizes individuals and organizations for generous gift leadership totaling \$50,000 or more, including contributions of cash and property made during or after lifetime or a commitment for future support at this level.

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 Ahmanson Foundation
 Marjorie L. Barstow Estate
 Given in memory of Lt. Adrian DePutron
 Ruby and Walter Behlen
 Geraldine A. Brady
 Grace Carmody
 Given in memory of Arthur Carmody
 Flavia Champe Estate
 Given in memory of John L. Champe
 Irving S. and Jeanette Moore Chapin Estate
 Helen E. Clough
 Thomas Creigh
 Given in memory of
 Dorothy Weyer Creigh
 Dillon Foundation
 Drew Foundation
 (Jack, Helen, Louis and Jean)
 First National Bank of Omaha
 Dr. Don Gerlach
 J. Paul Getty Foundation Trust
 The Jack and Patricia Glass Trust
 The Corinne S. Gilligan Foundation
 Annadora Foss Gregory Estate
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 Capitola Mechling
 Museum of Nebraska Art
 National Endowment for the Humanities
 Nebraska Beef Council
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 Vada and Col. Barney Oldfield
 Oregon Trail Community Foundation
 Richard S. Palmer Trust
 James M. Paxson
 Olivia Pound Estate
 Jack A. Ringwalt Trust
 Amy L. Scott Family Foundation
 Ruth Sheldon Estate
 Stockman Family Foundation
 Swanson Biggs Adams Family Foundation
 Constance M. Syford Estate

Alice A. Thorngate Estate
 Jan Two Bears Falcon
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln
 Luceil Vogt Trust
 Harold Warp
 Evelyn B. Weese and Frances Lageschulte
 Geneva Wheeler Estate
 Nevada Wheeler Estate
 Woods Charitable Fund, Inc.
 Gloria and S. N. "Bud" Wolbach
 Ronald D. Yost Estate

Guardians of Nebraska History

Perpetually recognizes individuals and organizations for generous gift leadership totaling \$10,000 to \$49,999, including contributions of cash and property made during or after lifetime or a commitment for future support at this level.

Alice Abel
 Abel Foundation
 Halcyon M. Allsman
 Marian and Harold W. Andersen
 Estate of Helen Nance Anderson
 Catherine Sellers Angle and John Angle
 Alan and Marcia Baer Family
 Charitable Trust
 Rod and Debbie Basler
 The Becker Family Foundation
 Beulah E. Bedke
 E. Louise and Russell D. Brehm
 Bridges Investment Counsel, Inc.
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 Cooper Foundation
 Coopers & Lybrand, L.L.P.
 Harl and Kay Dalstrom
 Bob and Nancy Davis
 John B. Davis
 Allen Dayton
 R. Joe Dennis Foundation
 Donlan Foundation
 Douglas Theatre Company
 Margre H. and Charles W. Durham
 Tony and Tamara Dworak
 Martin and Leslie Fattig
 Florentine Films
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 Charles E. Humberger Estate
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 Lincoln Community Foundation
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 NextEra Energy Resources
 David and Roxanne Oldfather
 Tom and Cynthia Olson
 Omaha Community Foundation
 Omaha World-Herald Foundation
 Ronald K. and Judy M. Parks
 Given in memory of Hazel Virginia
 Hill Parks and Wayne Kemper Parks
 Marilyn Paul
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Alan Pirkea**

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Development Director Tony Dworak
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President Michael Nelson passes the
gavel to new President Trixie Schmidt
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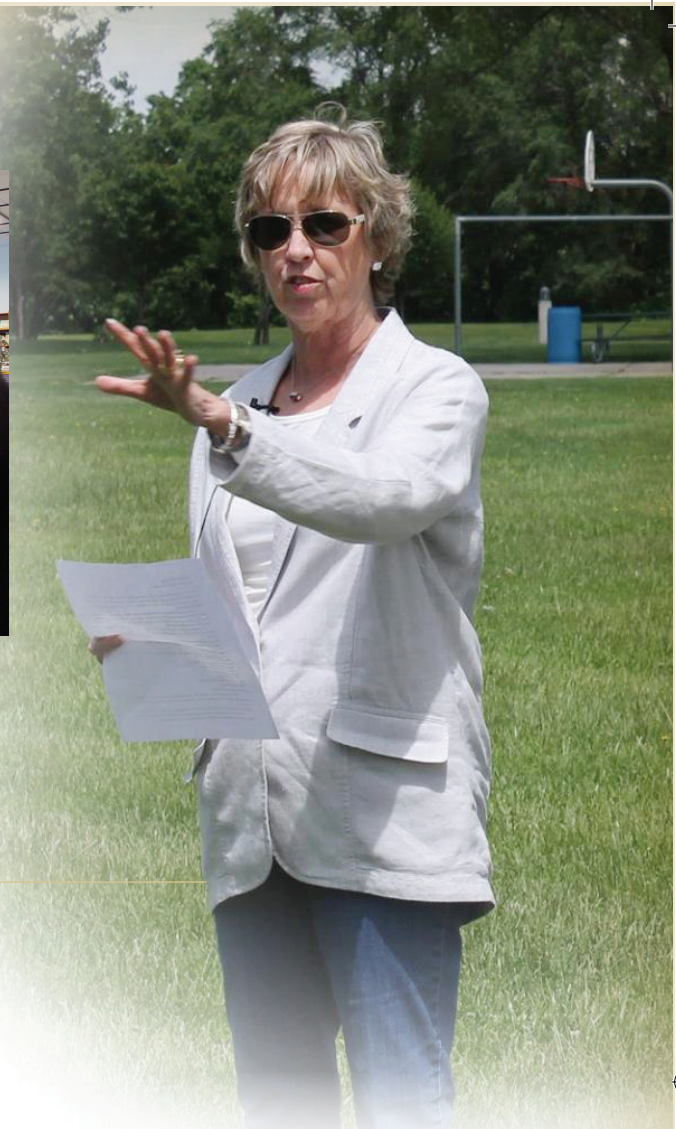


Senator Dan Quick and Senator John Stinner with NSHS CEO/
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The Foundation on the Net

Here are the sites where the NSHSF can be found online:

- Foundation website:
www.nshsf.org
- Links to specific projects:
nshsf.org/2017-brown-bag-recordings-project/
nshsf.org/projects-and-events/scholarships/
nshsf.org/the-nebraska-marker-project/
- Foundation on Facebook:
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- Links to Society sites
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<https://history.nebraska.gov/>



Gail Potter dedicates
the Bellevue Rifle Range
marker in honor of her late
husband, James Potter

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Former First Lady and new Trustee Sally Ganem joins in the fun at the Cattlemen's Ball Photo Booth sponsored by your foundation.

New Trustee Kay Dalstrom addresses Trustees at the 2017 Annual Meeting reception. The Historical Society dedicated the Harl A. and Kay Dalstrom Research and Publications Suite at the Society's headquarters at 1500 R Street.

