

# HISTORICAL Connections

NEWS FROM THE NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOUNDATION

## Introducing Leslie & Barbara

BY LESLIE FATTIG, NSHSF

**H**ello! Becoming a Nebraskan has meant so much to me, particularly over the last six months! I am proud to have been selected as the Executive Director of the NSHSF and I am excited about our future! Before my career brought me to the Foundation, I was President of AmeriMax Financial Corporation. Originally from Chicago, I lived in Frankfort, Illinois for many years before calling Auburn, Nebraska my home.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce the Foundation's Business Manager, Barbara L'Heureux. Barbara is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with over 20 years of non-profit accounting experience.

Together we are excited to help further the mission of the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation. ☰

*Leslie Fattig (right) and Barbara L'Heureux.*



*The magnificent tin ceiling in the old bank in Broken Bow (now Custer Co. Foundation headquarters) recently restored to its former glory.*



## Director's Corner

BY LESLIE FATTIG, NSHSF

**E**very morning on my way to Lincoln, I call my mom. I usually give her a report about what I'm going to be doing that day. Most mornings I happily report the interesting things on my agenda, to which she has responded more than once... "Really? You should be paying them for all the fun and education you're getting!" As a side bar comment, when I tell that story, if Carol Zink is near, she is always quick to point out that my mother, Maxine, should be a Trustee! But you know; Mom is absolutely right! I've had

so many great experiences these last few months. I've met interesting people and toured many historic places which have served me well as I familiarize myself with the treasures of Nebraska and all the people dedicated to its preservation.

After the Standing Bear Breakfast in May, Mike Smith, NSHS Director/CEO and Lynne Ireland, NSHS Deputy Director provided a behind-the-scenes tour of the Gerald R. Ford's Conservation Center in Omaha. I didn't know his birth name was Leslie! I also had the



*Dee Adams, Leslie Fattig and Lisa Bell reading a land deed from the turn of the century.*

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Lindsey Burki, Dee Adams, and Leslie Fattig in front of "The Benign Bulls" by Grant Reynard on loan from MONA.

opportunity to meet Kenneth Bé and his amazing conservation staff.

Mid-summer, Ann Billesbach and Tom Buecker from the Historical Society arranged a tour of the Kennard and Ferguson homes. Carol Zink, Barbara L'Heureux and I had a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed Tom's lively descriptions of the Kennard house.

In August, my husband Marty and I took a trip to Custer County—thanks again to Dee Adams, NSHS Treasurer and her husband Kevin Dauel for sharing their "neighborhood" with us. We toured the Custer County Museum in Broken Bow and the St. Anselm Church in Anselmo. We also had the opportunity to meet with Lisa Bell, Executive Director of the Custer County Foundation. The Custer County Foundation is located in the old Security State Bank building at 403 S. 9th Avenue in Broken Bow, Nebraska. The building is beautifully restored and if you're in the area please stop in and meet Lisa and her staff.

While in the Broken Bow area, we made a stop to see the newly renovated and restored Security State Bank in Anselmo. The bank is one of the newest additions to the National Register of Historic Places. Lindsey Burki, Customer Relations Representative, graciously gave

us a tour of the bank, including the regionalist works of Grant Reynard showcased in the second floor conference room. All of the works presented are on loan from the Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA) and are gifts of Jane Wilcox. ☺

Tom Buecker, Barbara L'Heureux, Leslie Fattig, Ann Billesbach, and Carol Zink.



## Annual Appeal

There's more Nebraska history every day, so the need for financial support is ongoing. The Foundation will be sending its annual appeal letters on November 1<sup>st</sup>. We hope you will continue to give generously as there are many priority projects and activities for 2013–2014 not included in current endowments.

### Programs and activities for 2013–2014 include:

- Developing a master plan to guide the future interpretation at the Neligh Mill State Historic Site, Neligh
- Remodeling at the Nebraska History Museum not covered by LB198—The Capital Construction Bill

- Addressing NSHS's opportunities in social networking to expand the reach of Nebraska history
- Developing new exhibits for the Senator George Norris House in McCook, home of the legendary Nebraska public servant
- Continued history and learning opportunities through educational programming at the Nebraska History Museum for families and children ☞

## SAVE THE DATE

The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation 2014 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 29, 2014 at the Gerald R. Ford Center in Omaha, Nebraska. Please plan on attending this event.

## New Trustees Spotlight— Ed and Joan Malk

Barbara and I had a lovely visit with new Trustees Ed and Joan Malk this summer. Having lived in California, Illinois and Arizona, they find Lincoln to be a very friendly place! Their most recent move to the Lincoln area brought them here to be closer to their grandchildren. Ed is a retired Research and Development executive for Alcon Laboratory having earned his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Illinois at Champaign. Joan enjoys quilting and gardening and both are members of the Catholic organizations Legatus, the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre and the Knights of Columbus. Ed is also

a hospice volunteer at the Veteran's Hospital and said, "It is truly a rewarding experience".

The Malk's became NSHSF trustees this spring. Please give them a warm welcome when you see them at the next event! ☞

*Ed and Joan Malk*



**Sept 23, 2013 to Jan 5, 2015**

The Historical Society is presenting the exhibition *Nebraska Cowboys: Lives, Legends & Legacies* at the Nebraska History Museum.

**October 8, 2013** 

**Pawnee City Meet & Greet**

at the SchillingBridge Winery from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Please join us early from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Tours are scheduled for the Pedal Car Museum and Clinic and Pawnee City's Historical Society, complete with Governor Butler's home, the Wherry Building, an honest to goodness General Store from the turn of the century, a renovated log cabin from the 1850's and so much more!

Thanks a million to Joe Stehlik, NSHSF Director, and Yvonne Dalluge for their help in planning this event!

**October 10, 2013**

Saddle up and save the date for *The Roundup*, a special opening reception the Foundation is sponsoring for members and friends of Nebraska History the evening of Thursday, October 10th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Museum.

**October 16, 2013** 

**McCook Meet & Greet**

Jan and Van Korell are graciously opening their Frank Lloyd Wright designed home to the NSHS and the NSHSF for a reception from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Conveniently located down the block from the Korell's home, the Museum of the High Plains and the Senator George Norris State Historic Site will be open for tours from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

Cloyd Clark, NSHS Second Vice President, was instrumental in putting this together for us. Thanks Cloyd!

Please call the Foundation for more details and if you are planning on attending, please let us know.



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