

HISTORICAL Connections

NEWS FROM THE NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOUNDATION

Director's Corner

BY LESLIE FATTIG, NSHSF

Happy New Year! Barb and I are looking forward to the start of our second year with the Foundation. Currently, we are organizing the Annual Meeting being held this year at the Gerald R. Ford Conservation Center on Saturday, March 29. Kenneth Be', Head of Paintings Conservation and Deb Long, Head of the Objects Conservation and their staff will be on hand to provide an interesting program of tours of their laboratories and will show us their current preservation projects. I pray for good weather and I hope all of our trustees will attend.

The Foundation is in the process of updating current Trustee biographical information and beginning its search for new Trustees. We are looking for people from all areas of the state with diverse backgrounds and experiences that have a desire to support the Foundation's mission. We believe our existing Trustees are our greatest source for identifying potential new Trustees.

The Meet & Greet events succeeded in building camaraderie between our trusteeship and the Society's membership and I enjoyed meeting several people who have become interested in the Foundation's mission. In the coming weeks, Mike Smith and I will be working to develop various presentations that will not only be educational and interesting; the events will be fun and engaging! Ainsley, Valentine, the Sand Hills, Scottsbluff and Deshler are a few of the locations under review for Meet & Greet events this year. Trustees can be invaluable in helping us identify communities, organizations and businesses that may assist us in underwriting expenses for the event.

If you know someone who would be interested in working with the Foundation and becoming a Trustee, please contact me or complete a Trustee nomination form located in the packet sent to all Trustees the week of January 20th.



The High Plains Museum, one of the highlights of our tour of McCook. See page 6 for more from our McCook Meet & Greet event!

This packet includes a Trustee survey, a biographical information sheet, Trustee nomination forms and a list of Trustees roles and responsibilities. Please take the time to review each document and respond candidly. I encourage our Trustees to share their suggestions or comments so that we may improve our processes in the future.

I wish one and all a healthy, happy and fulfilling 2014! 🍀



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The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation secures funding for the Nebraska State Historical Society from individuals and organizations, across the state and beyond, who value Nebraska's unique heritage and wish to play a personal role in assuring that Nebraska's history will be accessible to future generations. The Foundation is a 501(C3) not-for-profit corporation.

The Foundation Holiday Open House

BY LESLIE FATTIG



Left to right: Lissa Schwab, Kenneth Be', Courtney Ziska, Nolan Johnson, Joan Clare, Katie Lamb, Christina Smith.

Recently, it came to our attention via a query about our office from Tina Koeppel, Nebraska History Museum Exhibits Services Coordinator that apparently, some of the staff at the Society and the NHM had never seen our "Museum"...the Kinman-Oldfield Suite here at University Towers. Those of you who have visited us are familiar with Barney's philanthropic interests, journalistic triumphs and friendships with some of the most famous people

of the 20th Century. We extended a hearty invitation to all at the NHM and NSHS to tour the office and share some holiday treats and friendly conviviality. If you are going to be in Lincoln and would like your own tour please let us know and we would be delighted to show you this fascinating place. 🍪

Left: Kenneth Be', Head of Paintings Conservation at the Gerald R. Ford Conservation Center and Tina Koeppel, NSHS Exhibits Services Coordinator.



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Annual Report

The Foundation's 2013 Annual Report will be available February 15, 2014 online. Copies of the report will be available at our Annual Meeting and luncheon on March 29. If you are unable to attend and would like a report, please give us a call at 402-435-3535.

Historical Meet & Greet in Pawnee City a Success

On October 8, 2013, the Foundation sponsored a Meet & Greet with approximately 90 people attending. An informative slideshow about the Museum and other historic state sites was presented by Mike Smith. Foundation friends and Trustees, Society members, people from local museums and folks interested in historical preservation from a six county area were invited. Tours of the Pawnee City Historical Society and the Pedal Car Museum and Clinic were offered prior to a reception at the SchillingBridge Winery. New friends were made and old friendships rekindled.

All in all, I know those who participated thought it was a very informative and enjoyable day. Big thank you to Joe Stehlik who helped us identify key attendees, got folks excited about our first event, and his donation of beverages for the evening. Foundation Trustees in attendance were: Carol Zink, Allison Petersen, Ed and Joan Malk, Joe Stehlik and Dee Adams, Society Treasurer and NSHS President Elect. 🇺🇸

NSHSF Executive Director Leslie Fattig and NSHS Executive Director/CEO Mike Smith sharing a laugh at the Pawnee City Meet & Greet.



From left: Dawna Bates, Tour Guide at the Senator George Norris State Historic Site, Leslie Fattig, Dee Adams, NSHS President and Joan Malk, NSHSF Trustee.



PAWNEE FUN FACT

SchillingBridge Winery is located on an archeological site where, in 1906, the University of Nebraska's State Museum excavated two Asian elephants, Venus and Hamburg, which are currently on display at Morrill Hall Museum.



Joe Stehlik, NSHSF Trustee and Carol Zine, NSHSF President.



From left: Joan Malk, NSHSF Trustee and Carol Zine, NSHSF president at the Pawnee City Historical Society Log Cabin.



Leslie Fattig with Mike Smith.



The Pawnee City Pedal Car Museum where tours were provided by proprietors Bill and Elsie Sunneberg.

Historical Meet & Greet in McCook Well Attended



Reception was held at Jan and Van Korell's Frank Lloyd Wright-designed home, The Harvey P. Sutton House.

The McCook Meet and Greet event was attended by about 75. Many thanks to Jan and Van Korell who had graciously opened their Frank Lloyd Wright designed home for a reception from 5 to 7 and supplied all of the beverages for the evening. Tours of the Senator George Norris home and the Museum

of the High Plains were offered from 3 to 5. We appreciate the assistance we received from Cloyd Clark in putting the event together. NSHSF Trustees in attendance were: Cloyd Clark, Carol Maddux, Ed and Joan Malk, Allison Petersen, Walt Sehnert and Dee Adams, Society Treasurer and President Elect. 🇺🇸



The sign in front of Senator Ben Nelson's childhood home.

MCCOOK FUN FACT

McCook serves as a "whistle stop" for politicians and has the distinction of being the home town of three Nebraska governors—Ralph G. Brooks the 29th governor, Frank B. Morrison the 31st, and Benjamin Nelson the 37th.

Nebraska Cowboys: Lives, Legends and Legacies Reception

On October 10th, Over 130 people attended the reception celebrating the Nebraska History Museum's newest exhibition, Nebraska Cowboys: Lives, Legends and Legacies. The event accomplished our shared goal; to bring the Foundation and Society folks together for an enjoyable evening and to tour the new exhibit.

Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale and NSHS Research Historian and Curator Jim Potter were on hand to give their remarks about the newest exhibition at the Museum. Mike Smith gave a presentation and I served as MC wearing my best genuine cowgirl apparel.

I'd like to thank the following Foundation and Society Trustees who lent their hand as "Greeters" for the evening. Carol Zink, Allison Petersen, Judy Humiston, Sheryl Schmeckpeper, Jim McKee, Martin Massengale, Tim & Judy Thietje, Steffan Baker, Dan Holtz, Spencer & Vivian Davis, Roger & Jeane Wehrbein, Kit & Gerry Dimon, Dee Adams and Cloyd Clark. 🌵



NSHSF Executive Director Leslie Fattig and Joan Wells standing in front of Joan's exhibit.

From left: Jim Pipher, Kris Simon, Joan Wells, Steve Hanson at the exhibition reception for Nebraska Cowboys: Lives, Legends and Legacies on October 10, 2013.



The Nebraskans of World War II Scholarship and the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Award Update

BY BARB L'HEUREUX, NSHSF BUSINESS MANAGER

The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation has the privilege of administering the Nebraskans of World War II Scholarship and the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Award. Both the Scholarship and Award are made available to qualifying seniors from high schools which encompass the hometowns of the twenty-two Nebraska sailors who died at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and remain entombed on the USS Arizona. In an effort to maximize available funds and provide a simpler process, we are awarding both the Nebraskans of World War II Scholarships and the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Awards within the same process.

For the 2013-14 school year, the Nebraskans of World War II Scholarship

Fund will award up to four (4) \$1,000 scholarships. The Pearl Harbor Remembrance Award Fund will award up to four (4) \$250 awards to students who apply for but do not receive a Nebraskans of World War II Scholarship.

The Foundation is pleased to make these scholarships and awards available as a tribute to the many Nebraskans who served their country during World War II. The sacrifices of these brave men and women made it possible for our students to grow

up with the freedoms they enjoy today. Thank you for helping us share this information with your students.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding this process or the enclosed information. ☺

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on Saturday, March 29th at
the Gerald R. Ford Center in
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