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INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY



On October 11th, we participated in Indigenous Peoples' Day by sponsoring the first official Nebraska Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration.

The event began with a Tribal Flag Dedication Ceremony at the Nebraska State Capitol in the Warner Chamber. As mandated in Legislative Bill 848, the flags from the four Nebraska headquartered tribes (Omaha, Ponca, Santee Sioux, and Winnebago) will be permanently represented in this Chamber.

Senators Patty Pansing Brooks and Tom Brewer introduced the four tribal chairs who then talked about the significance of the day and what it means to have their flag in the State Capitol.

Next was a powwow exhibition hosted by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska in the Capitol Rotunda.



Afterward, the unveiling of the Dr. Susan LaFlesche Picotte bronze statue took place on Centennial Mall. The funding for the Ben Victor statue of Dr. Susan was graciously donated by NSHSF Secretary-Treasurer Larry Small.



The NSHSF supported this event by donating to the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs which will help pay for one-third of the tribal flags representing the 27 historic tribal nations currently displayed as part of the Stone Light circle on Centennial Mall near the sculpture of Chief Standing Bear.

STATEWIDE GRANTS PROGRAM

Over the summer, we announced the 20 recipients of our [Statewide Grants Program](#). The program was developed to fulfill a funding need for local historical and educational organizations in Nebraska. Thank you again to our generous donors, without whom we wouldn't be able to help these invaluable organizations achieve their goals. Stay tuned over the next few weeks as we introduce the grantees and share what they're using their awards for!

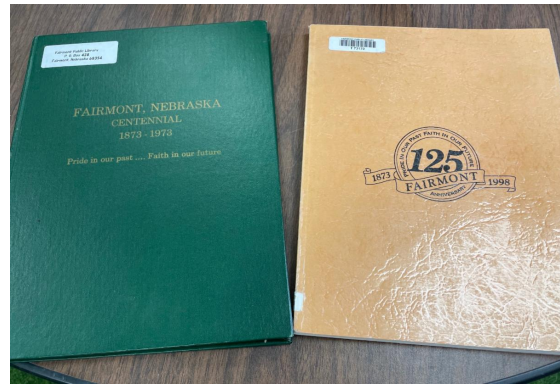
Today we are highlighting Seven Valleys Historical Society, Fairmont Public Library, and Wayne County Historical Society.

SEVEN VALLEYS HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Seven Valleys Historical Society is located in Callaway and is responsible for three buildings: the first Custer County Courthouse, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, and the jail. With all three buildings being over 100 years old, they need work done to maintain historical preservation. Seven Valleys Historical Society will use their grant towards repairing the log-cabin Courthouse.

FAIRMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY



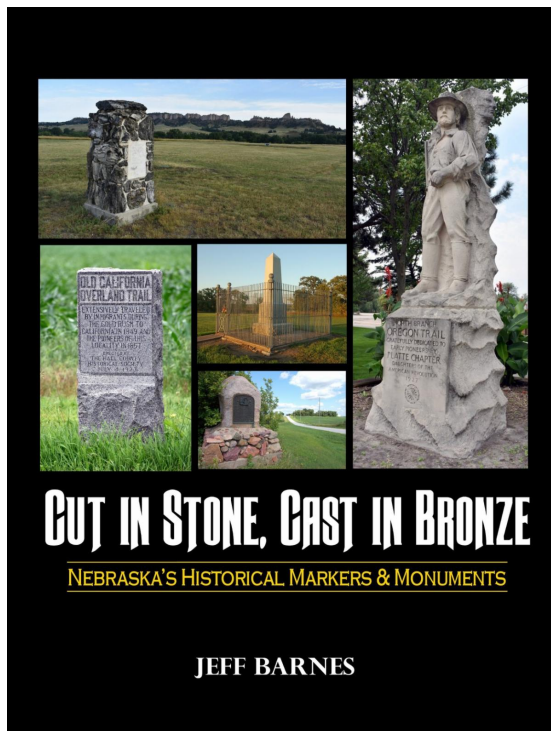
Fairmont Public Library is located in Fillmore County. They will use their grant to digitize two historical books: Fairmont Centennial printed in 1973 and an updated version of the same book published in 1998 for the 125th Anniversary. The books are no longer in print but are filled with useful history of the area and citizens. By digitizing these books, this information will be easily available on Fairmont Public Library's website.

WAYNE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Wayne County Historical Society is located in Wayne. They will use their grant to raise membership and awareness in the community in order to fundraise for building repairs. Wayne County Historical Society plans to work with local schools to increase support and interest.

CUT IN STONE, CAST IN BRONZE



We are excited to announce that a NSHSF-produced book, written by author Jeff Barnes, received a Nebraska Book Award!

Cut in Stone, Cast in Bronze: Nebraska's Historical Markers & Monuments was named the best book in the "Nonfiction Nebraska as a Place" category.

The award will be presented at Celebrate Nebraska's 2021 Book Award Ceremony on October 23rd. **Congratulations, Jeff!**

Order your copy of *Cut in Stone, Cast in Bronze* [here](#).

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