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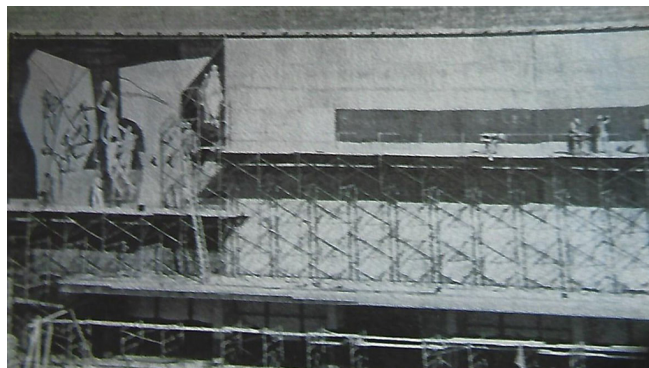
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RESTORATION OF THE PERSHING MURAL

If you ever attended an event at the Pershing Auditorium in Lincoln, NE you probably remember the beautiful Pershing Mural, a 38-foot-by-140-foot mural consisting of more than 763,000 square-inch tiles in 40 colors and shades depicting the history, geography, culture, activity and community of Nebraska. In the 1950's when it was installed, this iconic piece of artwork was said to be the "largest of its kind in the Western Hemisphere."

The mural on the west exterior was designed by Leonard Thissen and William Hammon and constructed in one by three-foot sections by the Cambridge Tile Company in their Cincinnati, Ohio building. The sections were then shipped to Lincoln where they were affixed to metal cleats against a plaster base. When completed it was said the "mural has a life expectancy equal to that of the building."



As you look at the mural, it appears that it contains an abstract atlas of the state, with highways, roads, rivers, lakes and even the historic pioneer trails carefully drawn and cemented in the tile patterns. Twin cities of Scottsbluff and Gering grace one section; Lincoln and Omaha, separated by the Platte, seem to float on the edge of another piece, perhaps humorously close to the images of clowns and boxers. The more one observes, additional details are revealed on one gigantic ceramic canvas. After a few minutes, the viewer appreciates the complexity and cleverness of the artists' effort and that the designs incorporated in its overall composition were not accidental, but have many levels of meaning relative to our great State of Nebraska.

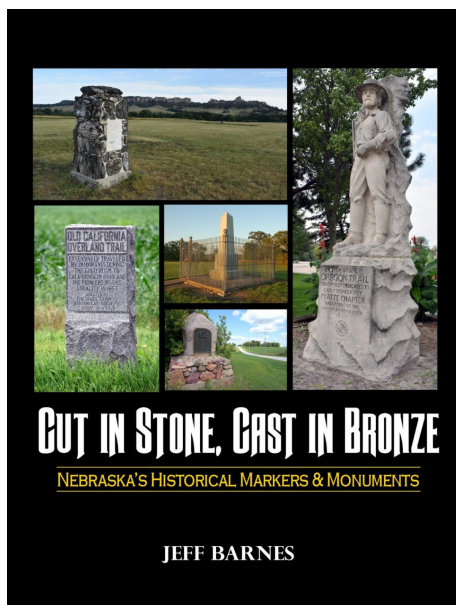
Now, more than ever, citizens of Lincoln and the State of Nebraska realize they have the power to preserve our iconic, historic heritage for future generations. To that end, a fundraising campaign to save the mural was initiated by The Committee to Preserve Pershing's Mural on March 1, 2022, to raise the \$3 million necessary by May 1, 2022 in order to initiate the 2-month process to remove the mural from the front of Pershing. With the money raised in this fundraising effort, these tiles will be removed, cleaned, restored and reinstalled at a new location.

The NSHSF is serving as a repository for donations received for the project. Please considering donating to this important project.

Tax Deductible monetary donations to save Pershing's Mural may be mailed to the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation (128 North 13th Street, Suite 1010, Lincoln, NE 68508), noting *Pershing Mural Preservation Project* in the 'Memo' line of the check.

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Cut In Stone, Cast In Bronze

"Why are stone and bronze memorials to people long gone and events forgotten found across Nebraska? Jeff Barnes's volume offers answers: to remember, to honor, to celebrate. In this richly illustrated survey, organized by county, Barnes provides an armchair tour of monuments and markers many readers would otherwise never know about, much less visit. In addition, he offers the reader background information, bringing to light some of those who saw the opportunities and led the efforts to place memory on the ground. Spend time with the book, cast an eye back and see the places and people on which much of present-day Nebraska life rests. " **-Mike Smith, retired CEO/Director of the former Nebraska State Historical Society**

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The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation is helping to raise funds to restore the Picotte Memorial Hospital. The creation of the Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte Center will provide an exhibition space depicting Dr. Susan's life and practice. Additional funding is needed to complete this work. The Foundation is proud to help bring this national treasure back to life.

To support this project, please click the link below.

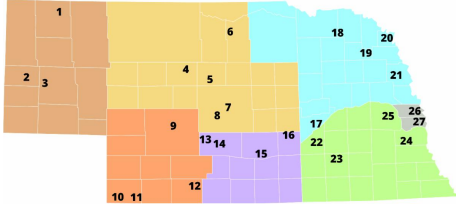
HELP US RAISE THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS

The new Center will include a medical clinic offering a variety of health and medical services, an educational and youth programming area, a community garden showcasing traditional medicinal plants, a counseling area for local families, a sweat lodge, an entrepreneurial and technology center and Native American cultural space.

STATEWIDE GRANTS PROGRAM

REMINDER - Our 2022 Statewide Grants Program application process is underway!

Over 100 qualified 501c3 organizations around Nebraska have been contacted to apply for the program. If you are a 501c3 organization and have not been contacted by NSHSF, please [click here](#) to apply. The application deadline is April 30, 2022.



[Click here](#) to pre-order your booklet and visit all 27 sites shown on the map above.

WanderNebraska

We are thrilled with the public interest in our newly launched **WanderNebraska** travel adventure program! To date, we have a total of 27 sites for you to visit all across the state. Booklets are being printed for those who pre-ordered and will also be available to download from our website. The program starts in May.

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