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Apply for the Statewide Grants Program!



The Foundation is currently accepting applications for the 2023 Statewide Grants Program. Registered 501(c)(3) nonprofits with a historical focus or those offering historical research opportunities are eligible to apply. Examples of these nonprofits include museums, historical societies, and libraries with a history display. The deadline for applications is April 30th so apply today and share the word!

If you would like to support future SGP recipients, you can make a donation by following the link below.

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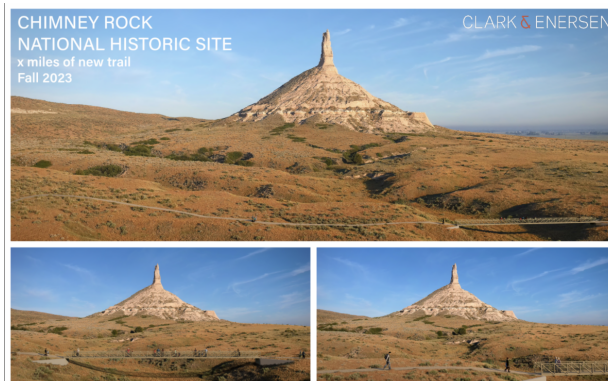
Interview with Pete Peters on Nebraska Stories



Pete Peters' knowledge of the Oregon Trail and Alkali Station (a NSHSF property) was limitless. He was an avid collector of historical artifacts, particularly those from the Ft. Alkali site. Pete passed away in December, 2022 however PBS/Nebraska Public Media was able to get an interview with him about the importance of Alkali Station for an episode of "Nebraska Stories". The television broadcast is this Thursday (4/6) at 8pm CT / 7 MT on Nebraska Public Media. A repeat broadcast of this episode will air Monday night at 9pm CT / 8 MT. You can currently see a snippet of the interview on the Nebraska Stories Facebook page.

[Learn more about Alkali Station](#)

Updates on Walk to the Rock



Construction of the Walk to the Rock should begin as soon as the snow melts! We want to keep you as informed as we can so here's what's new with Walk to the Rock:

- The two 130-ft long walking bridges, designed by Wheeler Lumber, are ready for installation.
- A Swift Fox survey, part of the Nebraska Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan permit, was recently completed. This study, conducted by a wildlife biologist, ensures that there are no Swift Foxes (considered an endangered species) present on the trail construction site. Results will be shared in the next newsletter.
- We have raised \$1.446 million of the \$2 million construction budget. We look forward to building a \$1 million endowment to support educational

programming and future trail maintenance. If you love Chimney Rock as much as we do, please make your donation today.

- Paul Reed Construction, located locally in Gering, plans to begin trail construction soon.

The Chimney- Up to \$99

Nose Mountain- \$100- \$499

Arikaree Sandstone- \$500- \$999

Bobcat- \$1,000- \$4,999

May be pledged over 3 years

Big Bluestem- \$5,000- \$14,999

May be pledged over 5 years

Prairie Dog- \$15,000 or more

Contact Leslie Fattig

Donate today to help us reach our \$2 million construction goal and to support the endowment fund. Those that donate over \$1,000 will receive an invitation to the ribbon-cutting ceremony later this summer.

[Learn More about Walk to the Rock](#)

Slow Tourism and WanderNebraska



WanderNebraska functions in a whole new way this year, becoming a history-lovers resource for museums and research libraries across Nebraska. Since the program runs year-round, WanderNebraska now aligns with the latest trend in tourism- SLOW TOURISM.

What is slow tourism? Slow tourism means moving at a pace that allows rediscovery. Slow travel places an emphasis on discovering the culture, history and characteristics of the local

area, perfect for WanderNebraska participants.

Not only does WanderNebraska include a list of museums, historical societies, and libraries, we've also asked these organizations to list nearby attractions and events so tourists can get the most from their travels while supporting small-town communities. Stay tuned for more information on WanderNebraska including the launch date and a dedicated website!

Events:

April 14: Women Defining History Luncheon and Fashion show, Douglas County Historical Society, 11:30am, tickets required

April 16: Reinterment Ceremony for Lt. Gabriel Field, Fort Atkinson, 12pm

April 16: Larry Dwyer will be discussing his book, *Standing Bear's Quest For Freedom*, Douglas County Historical Society, 2pm

April 19: Card Marketing Workshop with Lea Money, Elmwood Cultural Arts and Learning Center, 5:30pm-8:30pm, \$25 fee

April 22: Fly Back in Time with Gage County Historical Society, 11am-3pm

April 25: Wool Applique Workshop, Elmwood Cultural Arts and Learning Center, 9:30am, registration deadline April 15th

Have any events you'd like us to share? Email Leslie Fattig at lfattig@nshsf.org

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