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## NSHSF Fiscal Year in Review

The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation has had a very successful year, success that is largely attributable to your loyal support.

### Project Updates:



On Friday, June 9, 2023 a new sculpture joined the **"We Stayed"** art installation at the Kearney Archway. Commissioned by long-time supporter Rhonda Seacrest, and created by Nebraska artist David Biehl, the addition of plow horses Molly & Jack officially completes the installation.

You can see these statues in person when you visit The Archway as part of [WanderNebraska](#).

In June, we awarded almost \$50,000 in support to local historical societies, museums, and nonprofits through our [Statewide Grants Program](#). 72 applications were received and of those, 48 were funded.

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We look forward to the public dedication of [Walk to the Rock](#) on July 29, 2023 at noon. The project preserves 360 acres of native prairie around Chimney Rock and adds a walking trail that will take visitors closer to the iconic landmark and National Historic Site.

Our goal is to bring visitors from around the world as close as possible to Chimney Rock, regardless of their physical ability, while being respectful of the surrounding natural habitat. We also believe this trail will provide additional economic opportunity to the region as well as an interesting focal point and photo opportunity for visitors,



graduating seniors and weddings. We thank the Acklie Charitable Foundation and the D F Dillon Foundation for their generous donations to Walk to the Rock.

We continue to serve as fiscal sponsor through our partnership with a group of passionate volunteers to preserve Lincoln's [Pershing Mural](#), a historically significant and unique piece of public art that was headed for demolition. As previously reported, the immense artwork will be reinstalled within the Park section of Wyuka State Historic Cemetery (Lincoln's first public park, dedicated in 1869). Wyuka is already a treasured historic site featuring statuary art, monumental architecture and tributes to Lincoln families. We thank the Acklie Charitable Foundation for their recent generous gift to this project.



We launched the Nebraska travel adventure program [WanderNebraska](#) which encourages travelers to leave the interstate behind to learn and enjoy the real history in Nebraska's small towns and sometimes overlooked museums, and historical societies. We have invited all 500+ local and community historically focused nonprofits to participate in

WanderNebraska and so far, 170 sites have participated, among them nine state parks.

### **Foundation Updates:**

- We are set up for stewardship. Now approaching our 81st year, this Foundation has an 80-year track record of stewarding gifts from our generous donors. We manage 37 endowed funds, a total of \$18 million in invested assets and the foundation owns more than 1,200 acres of historic property. In fiscal year 2023, we raised \$2.8 million dollars for the preservation of Nebraska history.
- We continue to support History Nebraska, a state agency, in accordance with the intent of our donors. We manage 27 endowed funds for History Nebraska's benefit. NSHSF is a Nebraska nonprofit corporation and a public charity exempt from tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Please feel free to call me at (cell) 402-209-9140 or send an email [LFattig@nshsf.org](mailto:LFattig@nshsf.org) with any questions or comments.

On behalf of our board of directors and trustees, we thank you for your support as we look forward to our 81st year.

Leslie Fattig  
Executive Director

## Recipients of the 2023 Statewide Grants Program

Congratulations to our recipients of the 2023 Statewide Grants Program:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Society of Germans from Russia</li> <li>• Arnold Area Historical Society</li> <li>• Arts Council of Thayer County</li> <li>• Banner County Historical Society</li> <li>• Butler County Historical Society</li> <li>• Clarkson Historical Society</li> <li>• Clarkson Public Library</li> <li>• Collection Museum, Inc</li> <li>• Dawes County Historical Museum</li> <li>• Descendants of DeWitty, NE, Inc.</li> <li>• Dixon County Historical Society</li> <li>• Dwight Community Library</li> <li>• Fillmore County Historical Society</li> <li>• Haigler Community Foundation</li> <li>• Hall County Historical Society</li> <li>• Hastings Museum</li> <li>• Heminford Public Library</li> <li>• Indianola Historical Society</li> <li>• Johnson County Historical Society</li> <li>• John G. Neihardt Center</li> <li>• John P. Falter Museum</li> <li>• Joslyn Castle and Gardens</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keya Paha County Library</li> <li>• Legacy of the Plains Museum</li> <li>• Lexington Public Library</li> <li>• Lied Lincoln Township Library Association</li> <li>• The National Willa Cather Center</li> <li>• Nebraska Indian Community College</li> <li>• Nebraska National Guard Museum</li> <li>• Nebraska Prairie Museum</li> <li>• Nemaha Valley Museum, Inc.</li> <li>• Newman Grove Public Library</li> <li>• Richardson County Arts and Humanities Council (Library and Community Foundation of Richardson County)</li> <li>• Robert Henri Museum</li> <li>• Saint Edward Public Library</li> <li>• Sandhills Heritage Museum</li> <li>• Shelton Historical Society</li> <li>• Sheridan County History Center and Armstrong House Museum</li> <li>• Silver Creek Township Library/Historical Committee</li> </ul> |
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## Events:

**July 5- Sept 2:** The Great Sarpy County Quilt Exhibit, Sarpy County Museum

**July 12:** "A Warrior of the People: How Susan La Flesche Overcame Racial and Gender Inequality to Become America's First Indian Doctor" presentation, Hastings Public Library, 5:15pm-6:15pm

**July 12:** "The Legacy of Neihardt and Black Elk" presentation, Norfolk Public Library, 6:30-7:30pm

**July 13-16:** Chadron Fur Trade Days, Museum of the Fur Trade

**July 15:** Book Talk, "I am a man: Chief Standing Bear's Journey for Justice", Grand Island Public Library, 11am

**July 21-22:** Chautauqua: "What Connects Us", Stuhr Museum

**July 24:** 41st Annual National Trails Conference, Scotts Bluff National Monument

Have any events you'd like us to share? Email Leslie Fattig at [lfattig@nshsf.org](mailto:lfattig@nshsf.org)

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