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Day In The City: Nebraska City, May 2nd Directed By Dr. Sara B. Crook Get Your Tickets Today!

Join NSHSF on Thursday, May 2nd for the inaugural "A Day in the City" tour when we visit Nebraska City. Tours will leave Lincoln at 8 a.m. from the Target Parking Lot at 56th and Highway 2. We will be stopping at these exciting places along the way:

- The Old Freighters Museum
- Kregel Windmill Factory
- Civil War Veterans Museum
- The Memorial Building
- Arbor Lodge State Park
- Lewis and Clark Center
- "Nebraska Through Song and Story" by Dr. Dan Holz

Lunch and Dinner will be provided. Cost is \$200 per person.

[Click here](#) for the full itinerary! April 20th is the last day to sign up.

Purchase tickets below and mention "Day In The City" in the notes section or mail a check to the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation, 1201 Lincoln Mall, Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68508.

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WanderNebraska Booklets Are Back, Pre-Order Yours Today!



WanderNebraskaSM

The printed booklets listing all the WanderNebraska sites are back for 2024. Click this [link to pre-order](#) yours today!

We currently have 193 museums, historical societies, state historical sites, and libraries that have already signed up!

ALL sites will be listed on WanderNebraska.com.

New this year...

From May 1 to mid-October, billboards advertising the WanderNebraska.com program will be located along I-80, courtesy of a marketing grant from Nebraska Tourism. NSHSF will also carry a full line of t-shirts and other fun items to market the program.

Ads for WanderNebraska have been placed in the *Nebraska Traveler* magazine and the *Western Nebraska Destinations* magazine thus far. Multiple press releases will be going out throughout the year.

And, QR codes will be used to scan the visitor's information and record visits, which will remove the responsibility of recording visitor info.

THANK YOU for joining us! Let's WanderNebraska!

Statewide Grant Site Visits with Sue Quambusch



The day I chose to make this trip was the day after a wonderfully warm one. This day was blustery and windy from the moment I left until well after I got back to Lincoln. The big check was flying around all day and I'm lucky it didn't take off at one of the places I visited. My first stop was [Abie's Place](#) in Abie, to pick up a half dozen kolaches for each site. Tonnette is the owner and her kolaches are really good! After that, I headed to Clarkson, stopping first at the [Clarkson Historical Museum](#) which is located on Pine Street in downtown Clarkson. Ruth Waters, Board President, welcomed me and we enjoyed a kolache together. After this, we were off on a tour of the museum. The building started off as a hardware store that then turned into a funeral home and served several purposes after that before becoming the museum it is

today. I guess any building that is over 100 years old has a variety of uses!

Ruth and her volunteers have set up the museum so that there are at least 20 different exhibits and there is also a genealogy room for anyone who wants to do family research. The museum was given a **\$400 grant to purchase display cases for a large collection of Czech pottery** that was gifted to the museum by Betty Dasenbrock of Lincoln. Ruth had to travel to Omaha to find the display cases she wanted.

I drove on to Newman Grove, a town of about 1,000 people. I met with Kathy Strong, the Director of the [Newman Grove Library](#). They are conveniently located across the street from the school complex so it is easily accessible to the students. This site received a grant for **\$500 for their 100-year celebration** in the summer of 2023. Kathy and her volunteers decorated the library with "Books Through the Decades" of the 20th Century. They also had a float in the parade which had a children's book for each decade from the 1920s to 2013.



After a quick and delicious lunch at City Café in Newman Grove, I drove another 20 minutes to St. Edward where I visited with Vickie Fritzges, Director of the [St. Edward Public Library](#). This library was built in 2006 and it is bright and airy and holds a lot of books for everyone. She is going to rearrange her collections so that there is a dedicated reference section for people who want to do research. They were given a gift that created a Genealogy research room, and she has a lot of reference material there as well. This site received a **grant of \$550 for speakers** who have been coming to the library since last summer. Included among their speakers are [Yvonne Hollenbeck](#) "Fabulous Feedsack Era"; [Jody Lamp](#), "Stories



from Nebraska's Agricultural History" and "Born to Rein"; [Mary Kay Quinlan](#) "Introduction to Oral History"; [Beth Sparrow](#) "Beginning Genealogy"; and [Janie York](#) "Quilting Your Legacy." They also had a local quilter from Belgrade who presented a program on quilts and vintage fabrics. Some of the funds went to adding materials to their Genealogy room.

This was my last stop and it was a big day. I cannot overemphasize how important the Statewide Grants Program is for the people and their organizations I have visited over the past few years. All of them are genuinely nice people and are working hard to preserve history — in their own towns and in their own ways.

SGP Deadline Is Approaching - Apply Today!



Applications for the [Statewide Grants Program](#) are now open. Grants range from \$100 to \$3,000. The main focus areas for grant distributions from the Statewide Grants Program will assist local historical efforts on the part of historical societies, museums, archives, libraries, etc. Grants should be for core educational, preservation, and interpretive purposes. **Applications must be received by April 30th.**

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