



# Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation

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## Day In The City: Nebraska City, May 2nd Directed By Dr. Sara B. Cook 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 8am 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
- Arbot 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.

[Purchase Tickets  
Here](#)

## WanderNebraska Booklets Are Back Pre-Order Yours Today!



WanderNebraska<sup>SM</sup>

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

If you would like your site included in the **2024 WanderNebraska** travel program it is not too late. Please email [lfattig@nshsf.org](mailto:lfattig@nshsf.org) for more information. We currently have 125 museums, historical societies, state historical sites, and libraries that have already signed up!

ALL sites will be listed on [WanderNebraska.com](http://WanderNebraska.com).

### New this year...

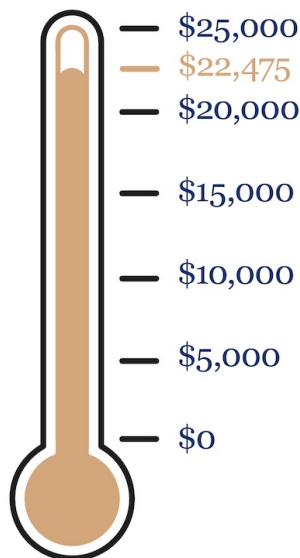
From May 1 to mid-October, billboards advertising the WanderNebraska.com program will be located along I-80, courtesy of a marketing grant from Nebraska Tourism. NSHSF will also be carrying a full line of t-shirts and other fun items to market the program.

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!

## Boyer Family Matching Grant



In December we shared news about the generous support from the John K. and Lynne D. Boyer Family Foundation, which contributed a \$25,000 matching grant to [NSHSF's Statewide Grants Program](#). The Boyer Foundation has already donated \$25,000 to the program and has committed to an additional \$25,000 if we can match that amount by **April 1, 2024**. This means a potential of \$75,000 to support this program in its 2024 cycle!

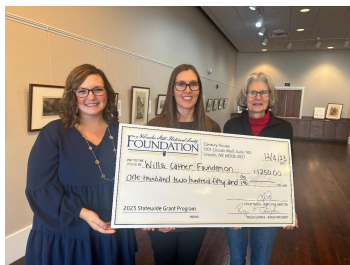
**If you haven't yet contributed to the match challenge, PLEASE stop what you're doing, take out your checkbook, and make your donation now. Our goal was \$25,000 and as of today, we have received \$22,475.18. We have until March 31st at 5 p.m. to present our report to the Boyer Family Foundation to collect our match. If you'd like to use PayPal, [here's the link](#).**

Your donation today will not only contribute to this worthy cause but will also be matched by the John K. and Lynne

D. Boyer Family Foundation, doubling the impact. Help us fund more historically-focused 501(c)(3)s in Nebraska by donating today.

**DONATE TODAY**

## Deadline Are 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.**

## NSHSF – Dr. Don R. Gerlach Education Fund

On January 15, 2024, NSHSF Trustee Dr. Don R. Gerlach, Professor of History Emeritus at the University of Akron, Ohio, passed away at the age of 91.

Dr. Gerlach received bachelor's, master's, and

doctorate degrees from the University of Nebraska in 1954, '56, and '61, and he taught there in 1961-62 before accepting a position at the University of Akron. Dr. Gerlach retired from teaching in 1993. Since 2010, he has resided in the 1919 home his grandparents acquired in 1929.



Dr. Don R. Gerlach – June 9, 1932 to  
January 15, 2024

Dr. Gerlach has written numerous books and articles on General Philip Schuyler and the American Revolution, as well as other subjects of early American history, such as Samuel Johnson of Connecticut - an Anglican convert and missionary who became the first president of King's College, which later became Columbia University.

Dr. Gerlach has contributed articles for the Clay County Historical Society about the War of 1812 veteran buried in the Harvard Cemetery, and the five generations of Gerlachs in Clay County since 1886. He has contributed or written texts for four state historical markers out of the six that currently stand in Harvard.

In 2015, Dr. Gerlach successfully led a campaign to rescue Harvard's historic jailhouse from dilapidation. This building is over a century old, and was featured in David Hendee's *Nebraska: 150 Years Told Through 93 Counties* (2016). The jail gained national notoriety in 1943 when a local teenager bought the property for back taxes and then sold it to Edgar Bergan's Charlie McCarthy for \$10,000 as a fundraiser for a new Naval ship.

The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation's finance and executive committees have suggested that an educational fund be established in his name. Memorials may be made to the **NSHSF – Dr. Don R. Gerlach Education Fund**. As a lifelong learner and educator, we think this is an appropriate and respectful way to honor Dr. Gerlach's life and his many achievements.

[Click Here For  
Memorial](#)

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