

# Historical Connections

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## RoamNebraska Impact Program Applications Now Open!



Grants of up to \$3,000 will be awarded. Applications must be received by March 31, 2026 and grantees will be notified in May 2026.

The focus of RoamNebraska grants is **education and access**.

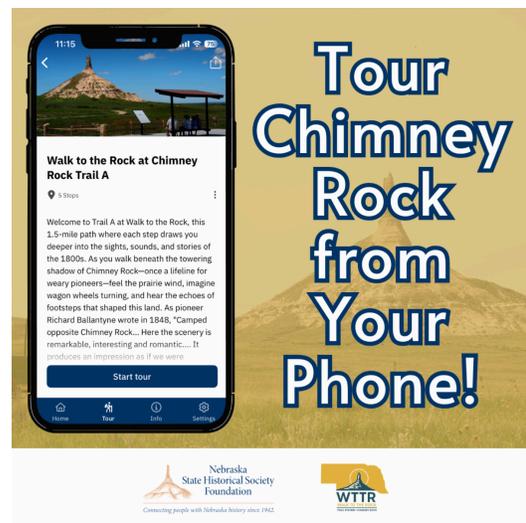
Funding areas include:

- Collection Preservation
- Milestone Events or Festivals
- Historically Focused Youth and Family Programming
- Exhibit Production
- Funding Support for Traveling Exhibits and Speakers
- Publication Support for Historically Focused Materials
- School Field Trips including Transportation Costs and Admission Fees
- Professional Development and Conference Registrations

For more information, [click here](#).



## Take a Walk to the Rock—Now with a New Mobile App!



The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation is excited to share a new way to experience the trails at Chimney Rock. Our new mobile app, Walk to the Rock, brings history to life as you explore the path leading to one of Nebraska's most iconic landmarks.

Developed in partnership with STQRY and funded through a grant from the Scotts Bluff Visitors Bureau, the app uses stories, photos, and audio to guide you along the trail, offering a peek into the lives, challenges, and dreams of the pioneers who once passed this way.

We invite you to experience Chimney Rock in a new way. Download it for free today on Google Play or the Apple App Store and start your adventure to the Rock!



## Put your local history on the map with WanderNebraska!

Applications are now open for Nebraska museums, historical organizations, libraries, and landmarks to take part in this year's statewide travel program. Selected sites will be featured in WanderNebraska's print and digital guidebooks and showcased on the WanderNebraska website inviting travelers from across the state (and beyond) to discover and explore your story. Contact the **Foundation** or email Teresa Breazile at [tbreazile@nshsf.org](mailto:tbreazile@nshsf.org) for more information. Deadline is 2/11/26.



## Pioneer Prairie Tour - Second Chance April 21st & 22nd

Led by Dr. Sara Crook, this 2-day adventure shares the best that South Central Nebraska has to offer, from historical sites to local vineyards and breweries.



The tour departs from Lincoln, NE and heads to the **Plainsman Museum** in Aurora. After a stop for lunch in Kearney, the group will tour the **Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA)** and the **G.W. Frank House Museum** before stopping in Red Cloud for the night. The second day includes touring Cather sites, **Stark Round Barn**, **Gage County Historical Museum**, and cocktails

at **Stone Hollow Brewery**.

Get your tickets [here](#).



## Nebraska Museums Association Conference

NMA  
Conference 2026



**CONNECTED  
BY CULTURE  
UNITED BY  
HISTORY**

The 2026 conference theme is “**Connected by Culture, United by History**” – it speaks to the shared culture and experiences that are unique to Nebraska museums and adjacent organizations. 2026 is also the 250th anniversary of the United States, so its the perfect time to celebrate our collective history, and contemplate the

dedication of preserving history that so many of us do day in and day out.

The conference will take place April 13th & 14th in Beatrice, Nebraska, hosted by the Gage County Historical Society and Museum. For more information, [visit the website](#).



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