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## **NHC seeks host community for 2011 Chautauqua**

The Nebraska Humanities Council invites community applicants to host Chautauqua in the summer of 2011. After the great success of the “Bright Dreams, Hard Times: America in the 1930s” Chautauqua, the Nebraska Humanities Council has decided to reprise this theme in one Nebraska community in 2011. The preferred dates for the 2011 Chautauqua would be June 22-26. The deadline for applications is Oct. 1.

As they did for the past three summers, scholars will portray President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Louisiana governor and U.S. Sen. Huey Long, Harlem Renaissance writer Zora Neale Hurston, evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson, and humorist Will Rogers, five historical characters who helped shape America’s response to the Great Depression.

Thousands of Nebraskans of all ages have been entertained and intellectually engaged when the “Bright Dreams, Hard Times” Chautauqua has visited the communities of Hastings, Falls City, Broken Bow, Plattsmouth, Columbus, and North Platte through the summers of 2008, 2009, and 2010. This Chautauqua also traveled to six Kansas communities during the summers of 2008-2010 as part of the Kansas-Nebraska Chautauqua partnership.

A host community must be able to provide a number of items including a steering committee and sub-committees to assist project coordinators; a grassy, well-protected site for the tent; and electricity and sufficient power near the tent.

If your community is interested in hosting the 2011 Chautauqua, contact NHC Program Officer Kristi Hayek at (402) 474-2131 or [kristi@nebraskahumanities.org](mailto:kristi@nebraskahumanities.org) for an application. For more information about the “Bright Dreams, Hard Times” Chautauqua visit [www.knchautauqua.org](http://www.knchautauqua.org).

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