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Humanities Council awards grants totaling \$20,044

The Nebraska Humanities Council (NHC) recently awarded 16 grants to Nebraska organizations totaling \$20,044.

Grant recipients and the amount of each grant:

Wachiska Audubon Society, Lincoln, \$1,500 for several appearances by Brian Ellis in the persona of John James Audubon, celebrating the society's 35th anniversary in southeast Nebraska. Ellis will speak to Lincoln Public Schools students and the general public during his visit April 10-11. He will portray Audubon as ornithologist, naturalist, hunter and painter.

Indian Center Inc., Scottsbluff, \$1,500 for the Circle the Bluffs Powwow, June 13-15 at the University of Nebraska Panhandle Station. The event will feature informational booths, cultural exhibits and a traditional dancing contest to increase understanding of the culture among American Indian youth and non-Indian community members.

Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission, Lincoln, \$1,500 for an event commemorating 40 years since passage of the Fair Housing Act. Scheduled for April 4 at the Holland Center in Omaha, the event will feature a lecture, music and historic photographs.

Social Action Committee of The Unitarian Church, Lincoln, \$1,500 for the 2008 Winter Lecture Series, "Africa: Challenge and Hope," 7-9 p.m. on seven consecutive Sundays through March 9 at the Unitarian Church, 6300 A St. Sessions address a range of topics that balance awareness of regional problems with positive development.

University of Nebraska-Kearney, \$1,500 for "Always the Young Strangers," a lecture, writing workshop and performance April 10-11 at the Frank House and at the Merryman Performing Arts Center. Carl Sandburg's poetry and songs will be used as examples of the connection between the personal and the poetic.

Durham Western Heritage Museum, Omaha, \$1,500 for two Chautauqua performances by Charles Everett Pace portraying Malcolm X, Feb. 5, one for high school and college students and one for the general public, in observance of Black History Month.

Malaika Foundation, Central City, \$1,500 for "Bringing the World to Your Classroom," a professional teacher development symposium in February at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Board of Regents, University of Nebraska at Omaha, \$1,454 for "Women in and of Film," a documentary film series featuring four films made by women and about women during March, Women's History Month, at Eppley Auditorium on the UNO campus.

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University of Nebraska at Kearney, \$1,450 for literary workshops and speaking engagements by visiting indigenous and international authors on the subject of the Sandhills crane species and its migration. Presentations will be at various sites in the Kearney area in March.

Wayne State College Department of Languages and Literature, Wayne, \$1,450 for “Plains Writers Fiesta,” a series of literary readings of both fiction and poetry by Nebraska area authors, an art show and musical interludes between readings.

Grassland Foundation, Lincoln, \$1,450 for “Wildlife and Sustainable Rural Development in Namibia: Applications to Nebraska,” a series of classroom lectures and a roundtable discussion with Chris Weaver of the World Wildlife Fund, March 25-26 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the Center for Great Plains Studies.

City of Lincoln, \$1,050 for the 8th annual Abraham Lincoln Birthday Celebration, featuring singer-songwriter Chris Vallillo performing “Abraham Lincoln in Song,” Feb. 12 at Lincoln High School.

Wayne State College, Wayne, \$1,000 for a Language Arts Festival for students grades seven through 12, April 11 at Wayne State College. Students who attend will participate in workshops with visiting writers and college faculty and students.

University of Nebraska at Kearney, \$796 for the 6th annual Kent Estes Justice for All Conference, a one-day training event for counselors, psychologists, social workers, students, faculty and others, Feb. 8 at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Board of Regents, University of Nebraska at Omaha, \$450 for the 2008 UNO Women of Color Awards Luncheon, March 5 at the DC Centre in Omaha. The theme is “Women in Politics,” and the keynote speaker is Esther Aguilera, CEO of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute.

Department of Foreign Languages and Literature, University of Nebraska at Omaha, \$444 for the 2nd annual Colloquium on Language Teaching, March 29 at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Major grants are for more than \$1,500 and there are two grant cycles a year. Applications must be postmarked by March 1 or Aug. 1. Mini grants are for \$1,500 or less and there are six grant cycles a year. Applications must be postmarked by Jan. 1, March 1, May 1, July 1, Sept. 1 or Nov. 1.

Through its grants, the NHC works with non-profit groups statewide to create high-quality programs that add to the understanding and appreciation of Nebraska and the world, and that foster a better understanding of the humanities. The NHC staff is available for consultation and will read proposal drafts. Contact the NHC office if you need assistance with a project idea.

For details on applying for a grant, call Mary Yager at (402) 474-2131 ext. 103 or Erika Hamilton at ext. 104, or visit the NHC website at www.nebraskahumanities.org.

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