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Humanities Council awards grants totaling \$19,880

The Nebraska Humanities Council (NHC) recently awarded 15 grants totaling \$19,880. The grant recipients and the amount of each grant:

Brownville Fine Arts Association, Brownville, \$1,500 for the Wine, Writers and Song Festival, April 24-26 in Brownville. Designed to encourage literacy and creativity, the festival will feature readings and discussion by authors, poets, storytellers, historians and songwriters.

Homestead National Monument of America, Beatrice, \$1,500 for Heartland Storytelling Festival, May 7-8 at the Homestead National Monument Education Center. The event features regionally known storytellers who relate homesteading history through stories and songs.

Grassland Foundation, Lincoln, \$1,500 for "Global Development in Private Conservation: Do they Apply to the Northern Great Plains?" a series of events April 1-5, including a public lecture at the Great Plains Art Museum, a workshop and a tour of Western Nebraska.

Museum of Nebraska Art, Kearney, \$1,500 for "A Visit with John James Audubon," a series of programs by Brian "Fox" Ellis about the life and times of the famed naturalist, March 16-20. Among the events is a Chautauqua-style presentation with Ellis as Audubon.

Nebraska Writing Project, Lincoln, \$1,500 for the Poetry of Place Celebration, showcasing the poetry writing of secondary and elementary school students about their engagement with local place, with a public reading May 1 at the State Capitol.

Social Action Committee of The Unitarian Church, Lincoln, \$1,500 for the 2009 Winter Lecture Series, "Cuba From Slavery to Sanctions," through March 1 at the church.

McCook Community College, McCook, \$1,450 for "The Carl Sandburg Project," a series of poetry and songwriting workshops, a lecture and a performance Feb. 26-27 at McCook Community College and the Fox Theater in McCook.

Wayne State College, Wayne, \$1,440 for a Language Arts Festival involving students grades seven through 12. Along with teachers and parents, they will participate in workshops with visiting writers and Wayne State College faculty and students April 17 at the college.

University of Nebraska at Kearney, Office of International Education, \$1,400 for "Indigenous Poet: Fredy Chicangana," a presentation at the James E. Smith Conference on World Affairs, March 9-10 at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

International Quilt Study Center and Museum, Lincoln, \$1,400 for a brochure and public programming for the "Yikes! Stripes!" quilt exhibition, through April 30 at the center.

Nebraska Community Foundation for Heritage Nebraska, Lincoln, \$1,190 for "Bright Lights, Fun Times: A Celebration of Nebraska in Films," a film festival traveling statewide.

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University of Nebraska at Kearney, \$1,050 for a retreat and festival honoring the Sandhill crane migration, March 15-26 at several locations in the Kearney area.

Creighton University, Omaha, \$1,050 for “The Good, the Bad and the Altered,” a symposium on identifying recut and typologically impure Roman Imperial portraits, April 22 at Joslyn Art Museum.

Nebraska StoryArts, Omaha, \$1,000 for the Nebraska Storytelling Festival, a series of workshops and storytelling events March 7 at Southwest Church of Christ. Featured storytellers include Leeny Del Semonds of Cuban heritage and Jack Gladstone of the Blackfoot Nation.

Northeast Community College, Norfolk, \$900 for a Jan. 19 performance of “Dr. King’s Dream” by the Mixed Blood Theatre of Minneapolis as part of the community college’s black history observance.

NHC grant applications may now be submitted online at www.nebraskahumanities.org. In 2009 online submission is not required, but is strongly encouraged. Beginning Jan. 1, online submission will be required.

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

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

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