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Humanities Council awards grants totaling \$12,555

The Nebraska Humanities Council (NHC) recently awarded \$12,555 in grants to 11 Nebraska organizations.

Grant recipients and the amount of each grant:

Native American Public Telecommunications Inc. Lincoln, \$1,500 for the Vision Maker Film Festival, a series of film screenings, lectures and workshops Nov. 16-29 at the Mary Riepma Ross Media Arts Center, the Lincoln Indian Center and in Lincoln Public Schools. The festival aims to provide a biannual showcase for films by and about Native Americans.

Friends of Loren Eiseley Society, Lincoln, \$1,500 for the Loren Eiseley Centennial, Sept. 7-8 in Lincoln and Omaha. The keynote speaker was Scott Slovic, professor of literature and environment at the University of Nevada-Reno, who talked about the significance of Eiseley's literary works in the 21st century, and Eiseley's influence in his life as a scholar and teacher.

Southeast Community College Diversity Program, Lincoln, \$1,500 for GiveWay in Southeast Nebraska, a series of lectures, workshops and performances Sept. 10-12 in Lincoln, Wymore, Beatrice and Milford. GiveWay is a group of four musical sisters from Scotland, who led discussions and answered questions on the development of traditional Scottish music in their individual specialties.

Friends of the Libraries of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, \$1,500 for a celebration of the UNL Libraries three millionth book, Sept. 27 at Love Library. The occasion will be an opportunity to help library patrons, Nebraska citizens and UNL alumni see the connection between print materials and online resources.

Nebraska Writing Project, Lincoln, \$1,250 for the North Platte Rural Institute in place-conscious writing teaching to guide teachers in the development of writing curriculum centered in local resources, local history, local civic issues and local understanding. The two-week institute was June 4-14 at North Platte Community College.

Analog, Omaha, \$1,375 for "ARTSaha! 2007 Pre-Concert Talks: A Series of Discussions of Futurism in Music and Art," Sept. 8-15 at Strauss Performing Arts Center at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. The talks highlight the relationship between the programs and the Futurist movement of the early 20th century.

South Dakota Chapter of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Inc., Bushnell, S. D., \$1200 for a re-enactment of the Lewis and Clark council with the Yankton Sioux in August 1804. The re-enactment and related programs were Aug. 25-26 at Gavins Point Dam on the Missouri River.

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State of Nebraska Department of Administrative Services, Lincoln, \$1,000 for World Day on the Mall, a celebration of diversity through educational programs, art projects, food and cultural entertainment, Sept. 13 at Centennial Mall in downtown Lincoln.

John G. Neihardt Foundation, Bancroft, \$730 for the 42nd Annual Neihardt Day Celebration, which explored how Neihardt's works addressed the bravery, tenacity, intelligence and spirituality of the Plains tribes in the person of Oglala Lakota warrior Crazy Horse, Aug. 5 at the J.G. Neihardt State Historic Site.

Nebraska Library Association Diversity Committee, Lincoln, \$500 for "Work of Reconciliation: Creating American Indian Library Collections, Services and Programs," an informational program for Nebraska librarians, Oct. 25 at the Holiday Inn in Kearney.

Gold Coast Historical Preservation Association, Omaha, \$500 for "McDonald: A Scottish Imprint," an historic photo and archive exhibit documenting the architectural achievements and contributions of one of Omaha's primary architectural firms, June 1-July 3 at the Nebraska State Historical Society and late July through early fall at Joslyn Art Museum.

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. 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.

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 grant 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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