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New NHC program to promote civil discussion

The Nebraska Humanities Council has announced a new program in response to the call for more civility and dialogue in community life. “Nebraska Conversations: A Guide for Civil Discussion” is designed to provide Nebraska communities with a structure and funding to create safe, comfortable and reflective environments for discussion of any important issue.

NHC invites nonprofit and governmental groups to apply. Eligible organizations include schools, libraries, museums, civic groups, service clubs, tribal organizations, educational institutions and local governments.

“Nebraska Humanities Council is eager to pilot the program in several communities across the state this year,” said Executive Director Chris Sommerich. “The time is ripe to change the tenor of some of our civic dialogue, and we hope to be a positive force for that change in Nebraska.”

Sponsoring organizations are encouraged to propose discussion programs to meet the needs of their own communities. Participants representing a cross-section of the community will explore a topic or question together with the goals of appreciating multiple points of view, respecting differences of opinion, expanding knowledge, recognizing the value of diversity of thought, and exchanging and exploring ideas together. “Nebraska Conversations” will encourage full participation, civility, balance and learning.

NHC will provide funding for facilitation, presenters, meeting space and materials, and refreshments.

For more details or to propose a program for “Nebraska Conversations,” visit the NHC website at www.nebraskahumanities.org. A descriptive brochure is available online or by contacting the NHC by mail at 215 Centennial Mall South, Ste. 330, Lincoln, NE 68508, by phone at 402-474-2131, or by e-mail at nhc@nebraskahumanities.org.

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