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State Poet Kloefkorn joins NHC Speakers Bureau

The Nebraska Humanities Council (NHC) announced today that William Kloefkorn, Nebraska State Poet and author of the 2008 One Book One Nebraska selection, will be available to visit Nebraska communities through the NHC Speakers Bureau.

The year 2008 has been designated by Gov. Dave Heineman as One Book One Nebraska Reads "Restoring the Burnt Child." The governor's proclamation, issued Jan. 22, urges all citizens to engage in discussion with the book's author, Kloefkorn, during visits across the state.

The NHC Speakers Bureau will enable libraries and other non-profit organizations throughout Nebraska to bring Kloefkorn to their communities. In his One Book One Nebraska presentation, "O the Stories We Tell: Did That Really Happen?" Kloefkorn invites his audience to explore the joys and challenges of telling personal stories and describes his own experiences in writing his memoir of life as a small-town boy in the 1940s.

State Poet since 1982, Kloefkorn is emeritus professor of English at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln. His numerous publications include many poetry collections, two collections of short fiction, and three memoirs that relate to three of the four elements: water, fire and earth. He is working on a fourth memoir to complete the set.

NHC requires that organizations confirm the date and time with Kloefkorn before submitting a Speakers Bureau request form. Request forms and a \$50 processing fee must be received at least 30 days before the program date. For more information on booking Kloefkorn and other speakers through the Nebraska Humanities Council Speakers Bureau, go to www.nebraskahumanities.org and click on "Speakers & Resources" or call (402) 474-2131 or email bob@nebraskahumanities.org.

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