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NHC adds new speakers to resource center

LINCOLN—The Nebraska Humanities Council (NHC) has added six new speakers and 10 new programs to its Humanities Resource Center.

Some of the additions enhance the NHC's "Notable Nebraskans" offerings, celebrating historical and cultural contributions of Nebraska writers, statesmen, scholars, social activists and others. Other programs target the council's Changing Nebraska Population Demographics Initiative, emphasizing immigration, rural and urban issues, and the aging population.

Ron Hull, professor emeritus of broadcasting at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and an administrator at NET Television, offers two programs: "Mari Sandoz – A Personal Reminiscence," and "My Two Friends: Mari Sandoz & John Neihardt." The programs are based on many conversations and TV interviews Hull conducted with the legendary Nebraska writers.

Mary K. Stillwell, independent scholar and writer, also offers two programs: "Bright Leaves Flying: An Introduction to U.S. Poet Laureate Ted Kooser" and "The Conversation Through Time: An Introduction to Poetry of the Nebraska." Stillwell focuses on the state's rich heritage in song and poetry and how Kooser continues that tradition.

Doug Kuony, independent scholar and living history interpreter at Fort Atkinson, presents "Major John Dougherty: Trapper to Statesman, A Life on the Plains." Dressed in period clothes, Kuony's presentation is based on Dougherty's experiences in the 1820s, when he served as Indian sub-agent and interpreter at Fort Atkinson and later at Bellevue.

Gene O. Morris, publisher of the McCook Daily Gazette, offers the programs "The Editor Who Stopped the Floods: The Harry Strunk Story" and "Archway to Excellence: The Visions of Gov. Frank Morrison." Morris explores the colorful lives of two prominent Nebraskans.

Thomas J. Lynch, manager of the Boys Town Hall of History and Father Flanagan House Museum, presents "Father Edward J. Flanagan of Boys Town, Nebraska," a look at Flanagan's views on racial and religious equality, and how they differed from the social norm of the day.

Randall Austin, professor of history at Chadron State College, offers "The Enemy Brought Home: German POW Camps in the U.S. During WWII" and "From Liverpool to New York to Omaha: Irish Immigrants During the Civil War." Austin discusses ways in which German and Irish history intersect with Nebraska.

Organizations are allowed *two* Speakers Bureau programs per calendar year. The processing fee is \$50 for the first program and \$100 for the second program. If one of the two is a "Notable Nebraskans" presentation, the fee for the second program is \$50, or \$75 for a high-use speaker.

For more details on booking speakers through the Humanities Resource Center, go to www.nebraskahumanities.org and click on "Speakers and More."

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