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NHC invites public comment at statewide meetings

LINCOLN—In its 35th year of providing educational programs statewide, the Nebraska Humanities Council has scheduled a series of town hall meetings where the public can help determine humanities programming for the next five years.

Meetings are scheduled from May through August in Lincoln, Norfolk, Omaha, Valentine Falls City, Hastings and Scottsbluff.

The council is seeking public assessment of its current programming as well as recommendations for its future activities.

Among the current NHC programs are Prime Time Family Reading Time, a reading and discussion program, for low-income, low-literacy families; Capitol Forum on America's Future, which encourages high school students to learn about and discuss policy options on international issues that affect Nebraska; Chautauqua, which brings historical figures to life every summer through a week of educational entertainment; Museum on Main Street, a collaboration with the Smithsonian Institution to bring exhibits to rural audiences; the Nebraska Book Festival, an annual celebration of literature, books, reading and writing; "Humanities Desk," a collaboration with NET Radio and KIOS Radio on a weekly radio segment that explores the humanities in Nebraska; and a speakers bureau that provides humanities programs by authors, historians, scholars and other experts.

Scheduled town hall meetings:

- May 15, Lincoln, 4-5 p.m., Museum of Nebraska History, 15th and P streets
- May 22, Norfolk, 4-5 p.m., Norfolk Public Library, 305 N. Fifth St.
- June 5, Omaha, 4-5 p.m., Swanson Public Library, 9101 W. Dodge Road
- June 19, Valentine, 4-5 p.m., Valentine Public Library, 324 N. Main St.
- June 25, Falls City, 4-5 p.m., Chautauqua tent, Stanton Lake Park, West 25th Street
- July 2, Hastings, 3-4 p.m., Quality Inn, 2205 Osborne Drive East
- August 9, Scottsbluff, 1-2 p.m., location to be announced

For more information about the town hall meetings, contact the Nebraska Humanities Council office at (402) 474-2131 or nhc@nebraskahumanities.org.

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