



Kansas Museums Association

Preserving & Promoting History - Art - Science for Kansas Communities

eNewsletter

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Map the Trail: Understanding Legal Issues in Non-Profit Administration

KMA Workshop

Tuesday July 19, 2011

Who should attend?

*Museums professionals * Non-profit Administrators * Development Directors
Board members * Students*

Location

Dodge City Public Library

1001 N. 2nd Ave

Dodge City, KS

Program

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

- Nonprofit Governance: Sarbanes Oxley and Other Laws that Govern Nonprofit Organizations
- Government Reporting Requirements for Museums
- Fiduciary Responsibilities of Museum Boards
- Intellectual/Cultural Property Protection

*****Lunch Break (Box lunch available)*****

- Developing and Implementing a Funding Plan
- Analysis of Financial Needs
- Assessment of Existing Funding
- Identification of Opportunities for Additional Funding
- Setting Board/Staff Resource Development Priorities
- Identifying Potential Fund Raising Partners
- Creating an Endowment

For more information contact [Lisa](#) or see [KMA Website](#).

[Registration Form \(print and mail\)](#)

[Registraton form \(complete and e-mail\)](#)



KMA Conference Needs Auction Items

It's time to plan for the auction that raises grant and scholarship money for KMA members. The auction is on Thursday, October 27 at the annual conference in Olathe, October 26-28. If you have items for the auction bring these to the registration desk at the conference contact [Lisa Soller](mailto:lisa.soller@kma.org) at 316-640-7342.



Turtle Cuddle

KMA Grant Provides Exploration Place Turtle Home

"Exploration Place is so grateful for the grant from the Kansas Museum's Association for the new home for the state turtle. It's wonderful to have this addition to the animal collection in the *Kansas Explorer* exhibition."
-- Jan Luth, Executive Director, Exploration Place, Wichita.

All Aboard Salt Mine Express!

Since Wednesday, March 16 many visitors have enjoyed yet another memorable experience on your adventure 650 feet below the Earth's surface. "Our Dark Ride tram tour has proven to be extremely popular as an option, and we're confident visitors will be equally excited about riding the Salt Mine Express," said Linda Schmitt, director of the Museum.

You will have the unique opportunity to discover parts of the salt mines that the general public has never viewed before! . "The area is pretty much as the miners left it years ago," Schmitt explained. "It's dark, although we have spotlighted some particularly interesting spots so our visitors will have a good view."

Interactive Mystery Dinner Theater "CLUE-less" **Saturday, August 27, 2011**

Will it be Colonel Mustard in the Gift Shop with the revolver or Miss Scarlet in the Great Room with the lead pipe?

Our Murder in the Mine series provides ticket holders a chance to go 650 feet below ground for an entertaining evening of dinner, theater, and a tour of the mine. Produced by Without a Net Entertainment, CLUE-less is an interactive murder mystery comedy that allows the audience to help determine the "who dunnit." Guests are encouraged to further join in the fun by dressing as their favorite Clue character.

Resourceful Kansas Energy Seminars for Museums

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Check out KMA on Facebook. Thanks to Jami Frazier Tracy, KMA Southeast Regional Representative, the KMA Facebook page will be featuring photos and news articles that will help keep members up-to-date. Send your photos and events to [Contact Lisa](mailto:jami@kma.org).

Mathematics Museum to Open in NY 2012

Mathematics illuminates the patterns and structures all around us. Our dynamic exhibits and programs will stimulate inquiry, spark curiosity, and reveal the wonders of mathematics. The Museum will have its grand opening in 2012 at 11 East 26th Street in Manhattan.

[Museum of Mathematics](http://www.mathmuseum.org)

MPMA CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Mountain-Plains Museum
Association Announces

The Riley County Public Works Facility (Rod Meredith) is leading a grant team to provide energy efficiency and renewable energy services to several categories of eligible organizations, including non-profit organizations, such as museums. Additional information on eligible facilities can be found in the attached flier and in the postcard below.

Resourceful Kansas, funded through the U.S. Department of Energy, is a new program whose mission is to "to engage communities throughout the state of Kansas in making a fundamental shift toward a less energy intensive, more efficient economy." The application for Resourceful Kansas is live on our website, www.ResourcefulKansas.org<<http://www.ResourcefulKansas.org>>.

Eligible organizations can attend a one-day seminar in Riley County to receive a hands-on tour of wind turbines, solar LED lighting, solar radiant floor heating systems, and more. The next seminar is scheduled for **July 27, 2011**, and is open to all eligible Kansas organizations, regardless of location. A portion of the organizations attending the seminar will be selected for a free energy assessment. Be sure to read the 'application info' tab and don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Seminars will also be conducted on **October 26, 2011; January 25, 2012; April 25, 2012; July 25, 2012; and October 24, 2012.**

Please forward this information to other people you think might benefit from participation in the program. Continue to visit our website as we add information about Resourceful Kansas, as well as resources for Energy Conservation, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy improvements. I am also available to speak about the program at conferences or training events, or to provide an article for newsletters or listserves.

If you have any questions, please contact me at any time.

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KMA Institutional Grant Supports Exhibit: Fighting the Fires of Hate: America's Response to the Nazi Book Burnings

Patricia Schurkamp

Fighting the Fires of Hate: America's Response to the Nazi Book Burnings was an exciting exhibition for the Wyandotte County Historical Society and Museum. The exhibition opened April 20, 2011 with two mayors, John McTaggart from Edwardsville, KS and Joe Reardon from Kansas City, Kansas, one state representative, Tom Burroughs, one past state representative, Margaret Long, and one county commissioner, Nathan Barnes, present. Many of the contributors to the exhibition were also present.

2011 [Conference Program](#)

Web Page



The KMA Web page is evolving and wants to feature photos and news articles from your museum. Send information to director@ksmuseums.org

Important 2011 Dates

July 19

[Understanding Legal Issues in Non-Profit Administration](#)

September 14-17

[2011 AASLH Annual Conference Richmond, Virginia](#)

October 17-21

[MPMA Conference - Helena, Montana](#)

October 26-28

[KMA Conference - Olathe](#)

Employment Listings

[Museum Coordinator
Bushwaker Museum, MO](#)

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Executive Director](#)

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Curator](#)

Scholarship

**KMA Professional
Development
Scholarships**

Applications are available

We are pleased to say that throughout the time the exhibition ran, the museum saw 1,614 people. (The exhibition closed June 17, 2011) Many of the visitors had never been to the museum before. We had visitors from as far away as Colorado and New York. Schools from as far away as Wichita, Kansas and Odessa, Missouri brought students to view the exhibition. (It is probably important to note that the museum generally only receives 500-1000 people in any given year.)

The funds from KMA made it possible for us to bring this exhibition to our museum. The funds were spent on support of supplemental education and exhibition materials. Those materials were the addition of panels on the Jewish past of Wyandotte County. This exhibition has already been requested by the Kansas City Kansas Public Library for a temporary display.

Become a **BLUE STAR** Museum

The Blue Star Museums initiative is a partnership among Blue Star Families, the National Endowment for the Arts, and more than 1,000 museums across America. First launched in the summer of 2010, Blue Star Museums once again are offering free admission to active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day, May 30, 2011, through Labor Day, September 5, 2011. For more information see [BLUE STAR MUSEUMS](#)

New Annual Day to Honor "Greatest Generation"

Observe National Spirit of '45 Day on Sunday, August 14, 2011 in Kansas communities!

History organizations across the country to join the national campaign to establish an annual day to honor the achievements of the men and women of what is commonly referred to as America's "greatest generation." History museums are organizing or supporting commemorative activities in their community, and sharing the stories of what took place in their community to be included in a national archive. Last year, Congress unanimously voted in support of "National Spirit of '45 Day," to be observed on the second Sunday in every August, coinciding with August 14, 1945, the day President Truman announced that World War II was over and America assumed the leadership for rebuilding the postwar world.

Communities across the country are being encouraged to hold observances this year on Sunday, August 14, 2011. The idea of a national day to honor the "ordinary heroes" of the WWII. The campaign to raise public awareness about this new national day is attracting the support of a wide array of organizations including the History Channel, the American Society on Aging, the Assisted Living Federation of America and the Weider History Group.

For more information [National Spirit of '45 Day](#)

Conservation Assessment Program Applications

The 2012 Conservation Assessment Program (CAP) application will be launched on Heritage Preservation's Web site at www.heritagepreservation.org on <http://www.heritagepreservation.org>

for professional development education to enhance skills of museum personnel are available for up to \$300.

[Scholarship Application](#)

Exchange Submissions

Newsletter Submissions are due the first of the month.

Newsletter is published monthly around the 15th of each month.

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Monday, October 3, 2011. The deadline to submit 2012 applications is 11:59 pm on December 1, 2011. Participants are identified on a rolling basis, and site visits for participants can begin as early as January 1, 2012. Final reports must be submitted by assessors to Heritage Preservation by November 1, 2012.

CAP is a federally-funded program that provides professional conservation assessments for small to mid-sized museums of all types, at a minimal cost. The program also funds historic buildings assessments for institutions with buildings that are 50 years or older. The assessment process helps museum professionals improve their institutions' conservation policies and procedures, learn conservation and historic preservation best practices, and forge relationships with conservators and historic structures assessors. The resulting CAP report helps museums to develop strategies for improved collections care, long-range planning, staff and board education, and fund-raising. CAP is administered by Heritage Preservation and supported through a cooperative agreement with the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

In 2011, 101 museums in 36 states have been selected to participate in CAP, including the Franklin County Historical Society in Ottawa, Kansas. To view the entire list of current CAP participants, visit www.heritagepreservation.org/CAP/11recipients.html <<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/CAP/11recipients.html>>. To search for any CAP participant from the program's 21-year history, check out the Past CAP Participants Search Tool at <http://www.heritagepreservation.org/cap/Search.html>.

The 2012 application will be available online and for download in PDF and Word fill-in forms. If you prefer to receive a paper application booklet, please let us know. To receive notification of the availability of the 2012 CAP application, or for more information, please contact the CAP staff at cap@heritagepreservation.org or 202-233-0800.

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