

EXCHANGE

Kansas Museums Association

Preserving & Promoting History - Art - Science for Kansas Communities

eNewsletter

August 4, 2011

SAVE THE DATES!
October 26-28, 2011
Kansas Museums Association
2011 Annual Conference • Olathe, Kansas
 Registration Fee (includes meals):
 Member \$165 / Non-member \$185

Keynote Speakers—

- Brian Alexander, President & CEO National World War I Museum
- Julián Zugazagoitia, Director & CEO The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art

Informative Sessions—

- Marketing & Public Relations
- Collections Management
- Resource Development
- Programming & Interpretation
- Administration & Governance

Pre-Conference Workshop—

- Making Collections Meaningful offered in partnership with the Heritage League of Greater Kansas City

Opening Reception— Join your colleagues in a progressive tour of local cultural and historical attractions

to the Stars ... through Art Culture History and Science

Kansas Museums Association

Keynote Speakers:
 BRIAN ALEXANDER
 JULIÁN ZUGAZAGOITIA

Tours (tentative)—

- Johnson County History Tour: Johnson County Museum All-Electric House, Shawnee Town, Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm
- Kansas City Art Tour: Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art

Hotel—
 Holiday Inn, Olathe Regional Medical Center
 101 West 151st Street
 Olathe, KS 913-829-4000
 Conference Rate: \$79 + tax

Look for a detailed conference brochure in September!

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KMA Pre-Conference Workshop

Wednesday, October 26

9:45 a.m. - 4:00 pm.

Rx: Healthy Collection Care Habits:

Uncovering the Stories That Make Collections Meaningful to Museum Visitors

presented by: Jean Svadlenak

- Discovering Stories Within Your Collections
- Research Methods & Resources: An Overview
- Researching People: Verifying Donor Information, Family Stories
- Researching Manufactured Objects, Manufacturers, Patent

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Dates

- **Researching Artifacts**

Holiday Inn - Olathe Medical Center
101 West 151st Street, Olathe, Kansas

Questions? Contact [Jean Svadlenak](#), Workshop coordinator, or 816-361-5639

Understand Legal Issues in Non-Profit Administration Workshop a Success

Approximately twenty participants gathered in Dodge City on July 19 for an informative workshop presented by Susan Whitfield-Lungren, J.D.

Topics discussed included governance for nonprofits, registration and annual filings, Kansas meeting and records laws, maintaining tax exempt status, conflict of interest and fundraising and charitable gifts.

KMA is considering offering this workshop again. If you are interested in attending, please let Lisa know by e-mailing director at ksmuseums.org or call 316-765-9197. KMA needs at least 20 participants to run this workshop.



**HELP ADVANCE PROJECT
Mid-America Arts Association
by: Rachel Saalweachter**

The HELP Advance project orientation workshops successfully took place in June 2011. The Kansas organizations gathered in Kansas City, Missouri, for their orientation on June 23-24. HELP representatives from Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska spent those two days getting to know each other, learning more in-depth about the project components, considering the institutional benefits of strategic planning and visioning what their organizations hoped to accomplish through the project period.

Carla Patterson and Brian Crockett (second from right and center) were terrific in leading the workshops. As the HELP Advance participants start on preliminary strategic planning considerations (gathering their teams, reviewing the kinds of data they

[Employment Scholarships](#)

Congratulations to Larry Brow - Winner of KMA Communications Survey Drawing

Thanks to everyone who completed the KMA Communications Survey. The KMA Board will use this information in planning.

Larry Brow is the winner of the 8 Wonders of Kansas by Marci Penner.



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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](#).

MPMA CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Mountain-Plains Museum Association Announces 2011 [Conference Program](#)

Web Page



The KMA Web page is evolving and wants to feature photos and news

gather), Carla and Brian will visit the field in October and November 2011 to support their efforts.

WSU Center for Community Support and Research: Your Partner in Capacity Building

Increasingly, Wichita State University Center for Community Support and Research (CCSR) is providing organizational capacity building for nonprofit museums.

In 2010, we facilitated a retreat with the board, staff, and stakeholders of the Birger Sandzén Memorial Gallery of Lindsborg. Also in 2010, our center provided technical assistance and priority setting for the Baker Arts Center in Liberal as part of the Compassion Kansas initiative. In 2011, we designed a strategic planning process with the Wichita Art Museum that will prepare its trustees for governing the institution for the next 3-5 years.

CCSR combines well-established capacity-building techniques with innovative approaches that strengthen organizations and the teams that comprise them. Our staff and associates have the experience and background to effectively strengthen your organization. We work closely with organizations' boards, staff, volunteers, and community partners to:

- Identify organizational capacity needs, including planning or evaluation;
- Design a process for helping your organization respond to those needs;
- Facilitate board development activities, program and outreach planning, and talent cultivation; and
- Assess progress on organizational change.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about our services, give Amy Delamaide or Seth Bate a call at 316-978-3843. Also, we will be at the October 2011 Kansas Museum Association conference as exhibitors. Bring your questions or just stop by to see what free goodies we have.

Find us online at www.wichita.edu/ccsr and follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Blogger](#).



**KMA President - Katie Herrick
Professional Dedication Makes the
News!**

**articles from your
museum. Send
information to
director@ksmuseums.org**

Important 2011 Dates

September 14-17
[2011 AASLH Annual
Conference Richmond,
Virginia](#)

October 17-21
[MPMA Conference -
Helena, Montana](#)

October 26-28
[KMA Conference - Olathe](#)

Employment Listings
[Director of Education,
Kansas African American
Museum, Wichita](#)

[Chase County, Mo
Historical Society Executive
Director](#)

Scholarship

KMA Professional Development Scholarships

Applications are available 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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Katie Herick, KMA President, was featured in an article in The Hutchinson News on July 28. The article *Museum Director Fuses Past, Future with Energy, Focus on Youth*, is online at HutchNews.com. Congratulations Katie! You make us proud!

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Threshing Stone

Kauffman Museum Researching Threshing Stones

Kauffman Museum at Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas, is preparing an exhibition for October 2012 that will feature threshing stones, a rare farming artifact with European origins. One of the research goals is to locate old stones in order to interpret the extent of their use in North America. KMA members are invited to submit information on threshing stones in public or private collections, as well as archival information. The inventory of stones is for research purposes only and will not be made public without permission.

The threshing stone is a cylindrical stone about 30" long and 24" in diameter. Carved into the stone are seven (sometimes eight) notches resembling gear teeth. The stone was pulled by horses over a circular pile of harvested wheat on a hardened dirt surface. The rolling stone created a thumping action that knocked the grain from the head. The straw was lifted from the pile and thrown aside. The remaining grain and chaff were tossed into the air to allow the chaff to be blown away, leaving only the grain. The grain was then stored, to be ground into flour, shipped off to market, or saved as seed wheat for the following year.

This process of threshing with a stone dates back to the Roman era. German-Russian immigrants, many of who were of the Mennonite faith, brought this technology to the Great Plains. Some Kansas Mennonites manufactured threshing stones of local limestone in the mid-1870s. Although there is evidence of use until about 1900, stones were soon superseded by mechanized forms of threshing.

Glen Ediger, President of the Board of Kauffman Museum, is head of the threshing stone research project. For additional information see the web site www.threshingstone.com. Contact Glen through the web-site or his business e-mail gediger@vornado.com, or contact Kauffman Museum

directly at www.bethelks.edu/Kauffman. Thanks for your help in this project.

Three Kansas Museums Awarded 2011 IMLS Grants

Congratulations to the following Kansas museums:

- **The Kansas African American Museum - Wichita, KS**
Amount: \$106,346
Grant: Museum Grants for African American History and Culture
- Mulvane Art Museum, Washburn University of Topeka - Topeka, KS
Amount: \$149,100
Grant: Museums for America - Engaging Communities
- Museum of Entomological and Prairie Arthropod Research, Kansas State University - Manhattan, KS
Amount: \$150,000
Grant: Museums for America - Collections Stewardship

Let's Move! Museums & Gardens

[*Let's Move!*](#) is a comprehensive initiative, launched by the First Lady Michelle Obama, dedicated to solving the problem of obesity within a generation, so that children born today will grow up healthier and able to pursue their dreams. Sure, this is an ambitious goal. But with your help, we can do it.

Combining comprehensive strategies with common sense, *Let's Move!* is about putting children on the path to a healthy future during their earliest months and years. Giving parents helpful information and fostering environments that support healthy choices.

[For more information](#)

AASLH's Visitors Count Education Group Starts September 1!

Audience research is critical. That's why AASLH partnered with the Center for Nonprofit Management and developed the most comprehensive visitor research tool available to history organizations.

Over 160 museums and sites have taken part in Visitors Count! since it began in 2006. The program offers both visitor and teacher survey questionnaires that underwent extensive research and piloting. The confidential data you receive from Visitors Count! will help your organization:

- Strengthen fundraising
- Reach your target audience
- Develop successful programs

- Benchmark results and compare to similar institutions
- Create strategic plans for the sustainability of your organization

The deadline is quickly approaching for museums that want to survey teachers who bring classes for an onsite program during the 2011-2012 school year. September 1 is the last day to sign up.

The goal for each participating museum is to collect up to 100 teacher surveys. Visitors Count! staff handle all data entry, processing, and analysis. A final report is delivered to you in September 2012. AASLH's affordable payment plan allows most institutions to pay the \$3,500 fee (\$4,200 for non-institutional members) over two fiscal years.

For more information including a full client list and program overview, visit: <http://www.aaslh.org/visitorscount>
Contact: Cherie Cook at cook@aaslh.org or 573-893-5164.



Museums Wanted!

The Kansas 150 Festival: The Sunflower State's Biggest Birthday Bash Ever!
Saturday, October 8, 2011

The Kansas 150 Festival is a daylong birthday celebration featuring the Kansas Sunflower Parade; a fair with historic reenactors, Kansas attractions and vendors of food, arts and cultural products; concluding with a "Kansas: Home on the Range" concert that tells the history of Kansas in song, poetry and video. The parade begins at 11 a.m., followed by the fair at noon and the "Kansas: Home on the Range" concert at 2:30 p.m.

Museums from across the state are invited to participate in the parade, exhibits or reenactors. If you have a float, antique equipment or vehicles, please consider participating in this celebration.

The Kansas 150 Festival is being organized by civic leaders, and is endorsed by Gov. Sam Brownback, the Kansas Association of Counties and the League of Kansas Municipalities.

For more information

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