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Kansas Museums Association

Preserving & Promoting History - Art - Science for Kansas Communities

eNewsletter

November 30, 2011

Greetings!

I would like to express my utmost thanks to Shannon, Lisa, the Olathe local arrangements committee, and the program committee for an outstanding conference. The wonderful keynote speakers, professional sessions, and tours were fabulous. I look forward to a great conference next year in Newton.

I attended MPMA and presented a report for the state of Kansas. The report is attached.

Kansas Museums Association will be hosting their annual conference, To the Stars Through ...Art, Culture, History and Science, on October 26-28 in Olathe. Members are looking forward to an excellent conference with high-quality sessions and interesting keynote speakers, including AAM's Ford Bell. <http://ksmuseums.org/news/2011-annual-conference>

The organization also recently made the decision to undergo a strategic planning process with consultant Jean Svadlenak.

Although funds are tight, the board decided that this was an important next step for KMA's growth into a responsive organization for the membership.

KMA is meeting the needs of member institutions through

- Institutional Grants, of up to \$400, are given to approximately 5 institutional member museums each year to help with a variety of projects. Funds can be used for software purchase, exhibits, preservation, and programming.
- Professional development scholarships are given to individual KMA members to facilitate the advancement of museums in Kansas by enhancing the professional skills of museum personnel. This program provides direct financial support to individual members to participate in workshops, conferences and classes that they would not otherwise be able to attend.
- The Kansas Museums Association (KMA) awards program honors institutions and individuals whose achievements are worthy of special recognition. Such recognition furthers the mission of KMA, which is to create, to foster, and to promote interest in, advancement of, and appreciation for museums in Kansas. The Award of Excellence goes to institutions and the Distinguished Service Award is for individuals.
- Partnered with the Kansas Humanities Council to provide scholarships for members to attend the annual conference.
- Hosted regional meet-and-greet receptions.
- Hosted a legal issues workshop in Dodge City.
- KMA's executive director, Lisa Dodson, participated in the second session of training for the STEPs program through AASLH to help bring the program to more museums in Kansas.
- With the distances involved, KMA is exploring a variety of technologies to connect with museums in every corner of the state.



Katie Herrick visits another museum

Kansas is celebrating 150 years of statehood with a year-long slate of events. A website

<http://ks150.kansas.gov> was created to showcase statewide events. The Kansas Museum of History, along with many local museums, created special 150th birthday exhibits. The Stauth Museum in Montezuma undertook one of the most comprehensive, exhibiting quilts from all of the state's 105 counties.

Governor Sam Brownback's Blue Ribbon Panel for Kansas History selected 25 notable Kansans and the governor made the announcements at museum locations across the state.

<http://ks150.kansas.gov/Pages/NotableKansansEvents.aspx>

Many museums and libraries have taken advantage of the Kansas Humanities Council's special Statehood Speakers' Bureau to bring programs to local communities.

One of the biggest issues in programming for museums is the defunding of the Kansas Arts Commission and the subsequent loss of upstream funding. Although it appears unlikely, steps are being taken to try to satisfy the needed requirements to qualify for NEA and Mid-America Arts Alliance funding.

For more information on Kansas museums, check out the KMA facebook page.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Herrick
www.ksmuseums.org

Kansas Museums Association Annual Conference Huge Success!

The Kansas Museums Association 2011 Annual Conference in Olathe was enjoyed by more than 180 participants, speakers and sponsors. Keynote speakers included Brian Alexander, President & CEO National [World War I Museum](#), Ford W. Bell, DVM, President, [American Association of Museums](#), and Julián Zugazagoitia, Director & CEO The [Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art](#).



Katie Herrick and
Brian Alexander



Ford Bell

KMA Announces Institutional Grant Awards

Gardner Historical Museum- Operation Safe Collection

Funds to be used to insulate and panel board the walls and ceiling of an existing facility on the property so that it can be utilized as an artifact

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FREE MUSEUM MANAGEMENT BOOK



FREE ONLINE BOOK ON MUSEUM MANAGEMENT

. Available for free online is:
[Running A Museum: A Practical Handbook](#)

This book was published in 2004 by the International Council On Museums (ICOM). It covers ethics,

collection storage space. The furnace and AC will also be renovated to control the environment.

Baker Arts Center- After School Arts

Funds used to purchase art supplies for their Wednesday after school arts workshops reaching out to students in kindergarten thru 6th grade.

Kansas Sports Hall of Fame and Museum- Alphabet Soup: Letter Jackets Across Kansas

Funds to purchase hanging and free standing body forms for upcoming exhibit featuring the history of the letter jacket from high schools and colleges across the State of Kansas.

Allen County Historical Society- New Temporary Exhibit Case

Funds used to purchase museum quality construction materials and labels for a new exhibit case to feature rotating, temporary exhibits



KMA Board Meets at the New Flint Hills Discovery Center

Members of the Kansas Museums Association Board of Directors had a sneak preview of the new Flint Hills Discovery Center. Bob Workman, Executive Director, provided a tour and treated the board to

lunch at the November KMA Board meeting. Watch for the official opening of the Center in the Spring 2012.

Kansas Aviation Museum Executive Director Selected to Serve on Editorial Advisory Council

Kansas Aviation Museum executive director Lon Smith has been invited to serve on the Editorial Advisory Council for Museum, the bi-monthly publication of the American Association of Museums. Museum is distributed to member museums and other professional member organizations and publishes articles of concern to museums of all types regarding general management, collection management and the like.

Smith will begin work with the council in early November and will be actively involved in determining topics for future magazine content. For more information visit the [American Association of Museums](http://www.aamuseum.org)

collection management and care, exhibiting, education, risk management and security, and management issues. It has a global perspective, but the information would apply in many local situations.

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 Dates

2012 KMA Annual Conference
October 26-26, 2012
Newton

Employment Listings

Send employment listings to

director@ksmuseums.org

Exchange Submissions

Newsletter Submissions are due the first of the month.

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

Send information to director@ksmuseums.org

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on Facebook

AASLH Grant Internship Program

AASLH offers its smaller institutional members the opportunity to apply for the Alderson Grant Internship Program. The program recognizes the demand for students to gain "real world" experience and for our members to get qualified interns into their institutions.

The internship opportunity (up to \$1,000) is available for three AASLH institutional members to hire a summer intern. The host institution must provide information on what they expect their intern to do and match funds at a 1:4 level (that is \$1 for every \$4 AASLH provides).

Requirements:

- * Applicants must be an institutional member of AASLH.
- * Applicants must have an annual operating budget under \$250,000.
- * Application must be received by AASLH office by 5 p.m. on December 9.

[Click here](#) to download the application and instructions in Word format.

Note: Application deadline is **December 9** for an internship beginning the following summer. Only three grants of \$1,000 each are awarded per year.

Visit the website <<http://www.aaslh.org/alderson.htm>> for more information or contact:

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KMA Links

www.ksmuseums.org

[Board of Directors](#)

Join Our Mailing List!

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AASLH Free Webinars

AASLH is offering Free webinars and all StEPs organizations are invited. No limit on the number of volunteers, board members or staff who take part in the sessions!

Creating Historic House Interpretive Plans that Connect

December 8, 2011

Time: 2-3:15 pm Eastern

Interpretive plans that connect with your visitors and their lives are the keystone for a positive visitor experience. Guest speaker Nancy Bryk will show participants how research is an integral part of the interpretive planning process.

Redefining Audiences

January 27, 2012

Time: 2-3:15 pm Eastern

Who are our current audiences and how can we engage new ones? Looking at the most recent U.S. Census, Susie Wilkening will discuss demographic change and the valuable ways in which history organizations can use census data.

Pre-registration is necessary. Please visit [AASLH](#)

Exhibit Planning Resource

A resource written by Tom McKay, and published by the Wisconsin Historical Society, has been made available through the Minnesota Historical Society. Tom McKay was one of the leaders in the field. He was the head of the field service office in Wisconsin for many years before his retirement.

These articles discuss planning the content of local history exhibits, examine basic exhibit design principles, and present inexpensive techniques for exhibit construction.

[Exhibit Plan Articles](#)

Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections Travel Grant Program

The Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections (SPNHC) is pleased to announce the Third Annual Fitzgerald Travel Grant Program designed to assist members with the cost of attending the Society's annual meeting.

The grants will be available for attendance at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Society, which is being held in New Haven, Connecticut and hosted by the [Peabody Museum of Natural History, Yale University](#)

A total of \$3,000 is available and individual awards will be for a minimum of \$750 USD each. The deadline for application is **March 1, 2012**. Some conditions apply. To find out more about this program, visit the [2012 Travel Grant webpage](#):

The Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections [SPNHC] is an international society whose mission is to improve the preservation, conservation and management of natural history collections to ensure their continuing value to society. For more information about [SPNHC](#)

[Application form](#)

AASLH New Professional Scholarships Exhibit Makeovers - Shawnee, KS April 12-13, 2011

The American Association of State and Local History (AASLH) is offering New Professional Scholarships (Applicants must have been working in the field for three years or less) and Workshop Diversity Fellowships (Applicants must represent a minority group in the U.S.) for attendance at their Onsite Workshops, <http://www.aaslh.org/documents/2012ProDevBrochureFINAL.pdf>, part of their Professional

Development Programs.

One workshop, "Exhibit Makeovers," is being held in Shawnee, Kansas on April 12-13, 2012 - what a great opportunity for Kansas museums!

To be eligible, applicant must be a paid employee of a history organization. Recipients receive registration fee reimbursement and a one-year individual membership in AASLH. Applicants do not need to be AASLH members to apply for Workshop Scholarships! Recipients receive registration fee reimbursement and a one year individual membership in AASLH. Recipient is responsible for his/her own transportation, lodging, and meals.

Deadline to apply is **December 12, 2011**. [Click Here to Download the](#)

[Scholarship Application](#)

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