



Kansas Museums Association

Preserving & Promoting History - Art - Science for Kansas Communities

eNewsletter

October 7, 2011

To The Stars...through Art, Culture, History and Science

***Kansas Museums Association
2011 Annual Conference
October 26-28, 2011***

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

[Conference Brochure \(.pdf\)](#)

Early Bird Rates Prior to October 15!

8 Conference Registration Scholarships Available

(Supported by the generosity of the Kansas Humanities Council)

**Application Deadline October 14
[Scholarship Application](#)**

Holiday Inn Olathe · 913-829-4000
101 W 151st Street, Olathe, KS 66061
Conference Rate is \$79.00 per night + tax
(Rate prior to October 22)



Ford W. Bell

President, American Association of Museums
***Awards Luncheon - Friday, October 28,
2011
12:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m.***

Ford W. Bell began his tenure as president of the American Association of Museums in June 2007. He brings a life-long passion for museums, and a clear understanding of the important role which museums play as places of lifel

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Brian Alexander

**President and CEO National World War I
Museum at Liberty Memorial**

Keynote Lunch - Thursday, October 27
12:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

With more than 30 years experience in museum management, Brian Alexander is President and CEO of the National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial. Alexander was appointed to lead the organization by the Board of Trustees in November 2007. Alexander has provided strategic leadership which has dramatically changed the operation of the newly renovated Museum. With the eight key strategic goals from the strategic plan as a foundation, the Trustees and staff have set high aspirations in areas including an outstanding visitor experience, world-class historic collections, first-rate facilities, and a strong marketing plan. To accomplish these goals the plan also outlines a strategic fundraising plan.



Julián Zugazagoitia

**Menefee D. and Mary Louise
Blackwell, Director & CEO - Nelson-
Atkins Museum of Art**

Friday, October 28, 2011
Breakfast and Keynote
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Julián Zugazagoitia, a man whose passion for the arts has taken him around the globe, is the fifth director of the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art and took his post September 1, 2010. Since arriving at the Museum, he has shown a high interest in reaching out to the community and in making the Nelson-Atkins more open and accessible to all visitors. Born in Mexico and educated at the Sorbonne Paris IV in France, Zugazagoitia speaks six languages and has worked at institutions in the Americas and Europe

[Registration Form in Conference Brochure](#)

Register Now! Limited Enrollment!

Pre-Conference Workshop

Making Collections Meaningful

in partnership with the Heritage League of Greater Kansas City

Wednesday, October 26

9:45 - 4:00 p.m.

**Fee: \$45/member \$60/non-member
(box lunch included)**

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**Join KMA
on Facebook**

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 articles from your museum. Send information to

director@ksmuseums.org

Important 2011 Dates

October 17-21

[MPMA Conference -
Helena, Montana](#)

This workshop will focus on documenting and researching artifacts in museums to make them meaningful to museum visitors. Workshop participants will learn how to:

- Examine artifacts for clues to their identity, manufacture and use;
- Collect information from donors when artifacts are acquired;
- Verify donor/source information through research;
- Find and use resources available online; in libraries, archives, local historical societies and museums; and from manufactures;
- Identify, date and interpret their collections.

Demonstrations and a hands-on research session will allow participants to hone their research skills by examining artifacts for clues, identifying questions to research and using online resources to help interpret and artifacts in their collections.

Presenters:

- Bruce Bradley, Librarian of History of Science and Special Collections, Linda Hall Library of Science, Engineering and Technology
- Janice Lee, Archivist, Metropolitan Community College
- Jean Svadlenak, Museum Consultant and Heritage League Workshop Coordinator
- Diana Watkins, Archivist and Reference Librarian, Midwest Genealogy Center.



Conference Auction Items Needed!

The Kansas Museums Association 2011 Annual Conference in Olathe, Kansas is rapidly approaching. Do you know what you're bringing to the auction? Have you thought about a table setting to awe your museum Colleagues? Each year a live and silent auction is held as part of the annual banquet on Thursday evening. Your support is needed more than ever. The more money we raise, the more money we can give in grants and scholarships. All proceeds from the auction supports the Institutional Grants and Professional Development Scholarship programs. These programs are a vital component in our mission to provide leadership, training and advocacy to our members.

October 26-28

[KMA Conference - Olathe](#)

Employment Listings

[Kiowa County Museum
Executive Director](#)

[Stauth Memorial Museum
Assistant Director](#)

[The Kansas African
American Museum Director
of Development](#)

[The Kansas African
American Museums
Director of Education](#)

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.

Send information to

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How YOU can help...

Donate items for the silent and live auctions. Not sure what to bring? See the list below for some ideas.

- Highlight your community or museum by decorating a table for the dinner. Provide a centerpiece with a value of at least \$50 that will be given away in a drawing at the end of the night. Each table setting should also include a small giveaway for guests seated at the table. There are a limited number of tables for decoration available so act fast! Tickets for the drawing will be sold at the dinner for \$10 each.
- Dress up and pose for a photo. Prints will be available for a small donation.
- Buy tickets for the drawings and bid on auction items!

Not sure what to bring? Check out the list of suggested items.

- Tickets to sporting events or entertainment venues.
- Themed gift baskets
- Artwork in various medias
- Jewelery
- Handmade textiles
- Decorative Items
- Weekend Packages from your community
- Wine
- Products or Services from your business
- Stationary, note cards, postcards, etc.

If the cost of a weekend getaway or gift basket is not possible due to financial restraints think about collaborating with other organizations in your area or approach local business for donations.

We want this to be the best auction in the history of the world. Well, at least the history of KMA!

Interested in donating an item for the auction or having a featured table at the dinner?

Contact Lisa Soller, Butler County History
Center & Kansas Oil Museum, (316) 321-9333 or
E-mail Lisa

IMLS Blog: What Works and Lessons Learned in Library and Museum Service

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), today announced the launch of a new blog <<http://blog.ims.gov>> ! The primary goal of the blog is to be a relevant and engaging online community where readers and contributors have a collaborative, open, and transparent environment to share their views and expertise. IMLS wants the blog to be a place where libraries, museums and their partners can share ideas, questions, and experiences.

Focusing on what works and lessons learned in library and museum service, the blog will feature a wide variety of topics and discussions for readers to explore as well as the opportunity to get to know more about IMLS projects, initiatives and staff and to engage with thought leaders both in and outside the museum and library communities.

"In the past month we heard ideas and comments from 1,400 users who participated in our online community <<http://ims.ideascale.com>> to help shape the IMLS strategic plan," said Susan Hildreth, IMLS Director. The UpNext blog provides one response to users who called on IMLS to create more opportunities to share best practices, spur innovation and reach out to partners. We welcome you to continue that conversation and share what you know."

Visitors to <http://blog.ims.gov> can subscribe to UpNext! and receive email updates when new articles are posted. Along with release of the blog, visitors to the IMLS website will notice some additional changes. The site offers users new page views that aggregate content from across the site. Users can view all content associated with a particular grant program or a particular "issue" and get more in-depth information about their interests.

Congratulations to Butler County Historical Society Selected for 2011 Best of Eldorado Award in Museums & Art Galleries Categories by US Commerce Association (USCA)

The USCA "Best of Local Business" Award Program recognizes outstanding local businesses throughout the country. Each year, the USCA identifies companies which have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and community.

Connecting to Collections Online Community

by: Cheri Cook, Association of State and Local History

I encourage you to check it out at www.connectingtocollections.org. The community offers free resources including information sessions with guest speakers. Earlier today, the topic was caring for textile collections. On September 8th, they will be talking about emergency preparedness. On September 16, the topic will be caring for photograph collections. The information sessions are recorded in case you are unable to take part in the live session. Go explore the website!

What Works and Lessons Learned in Library and Museum Service

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Lansing Historical Museum Hosts Cemetery Tour

On September 17th, Lansing Historical Museum Site Supervisor Laura Phillippi led forty-seven people on a walking tour of Mt. Muncie Cemetery. Established in 1866, Mt. Muncie is the final resting place for several famous people including U.S. Supreme Court Justice David Brewer, Kansas Governor Thomas Carney, Territorial Governor of Wyoming Thomas Moonlight, Fred Harvey, U.S. Senators Robert Crozier and Alexander Caldwell, and Colonel D.R. Anthony.

Mt. Muncie is home to twenty-five types of trees and recently one of its yellow poplar trees was measured by the Kansas Forest Service. Towering at 113 feet, the tree is now the state champion of yellow poplar trees. A good time was had by all and the rain held off until the tour was over. If planning a cemetery tour of your own, a valuable reference for cemetery symbolism is *Stories in Stone: A Field Guide to Cemetery Symbolism and Iconography* by Douglas Keister. We would like to thank Gene Kirby of Mt. Muncie Cemetery for his assistance in making this tour possible.

Museums on Main Street Traveling Exhibitions in Kansas

[The Kansas Humanities Council](#), in partnership with the Smithsonian Institution, has coordinated seven Museum on Main Street (MoMS) traveling exhibitions in the state. Designed especially for rural communities and small-sized museums and cultural organizations, MoMS makes available quality exhibits to communities that would otherwise not be able to host a Smithsonian Institution exhibition.

A Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Coming to Kansas in 2012-2013. is **The Way We Worked** which explores the stories of America's workers and invites us to consider how the workplace and workforce have changed over time. Through photographs from the National Archives, audio and video clips, and hands-on components, Kansans will discover how, together, our work makes America.

[The Way We Worked Kansas Tour Schedule](#)

LYONS

Coronado Quivira Museum
September 8-October 21, 2012

HUGOTON

Stevens County Library
October 27-December 9, 2012

GOODLAND High Plains Museum

December 15, 2012-January 27, 2013

CONCORDIA

National Orphan Train Complex
February 2-March 17, 2013

BALDWIN CITY

Lumberyard Arts Center
March 23-May 5, 2013

FRANKLIN

Miners Hall Museum
May 11-June 23, 2013

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