



Kansas Museums Association

Preserving & Promoting History - Art - Science for Kansas Communities

eNewsletter

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Greetings!

We share the same goals. The Kansas Museums Association (KMA) supports best practices and professional standards for museums, historic, arts, cultural and science organizations.

If you have already renewed your membership for 2012, thank you! If not, **please renew your KMA membership and continue to stand with your colleagues as a unified voice for museums and arts organizations in Kansas.**

Your membership also provides:

- Education - conference, workshop, training programs and web resources.
- Networking - connecting with valuable contacts and making new ones.
- Grants & Scholarships- eligibility to receive association grants and scholarships.
- Advocacy -as one voice for KMA members' interests.
- Leadership & Visibility - positioning your organization and staff as professionals in the field.

We offer Individual, Institutional and Business Memberships.

I urge everyone to join as both an individual and institutional member. Your \$20 individual membership shows your commitment to your profession and your investment in KMA's future. Institutional memberships are vital to maintain a strong, state-wide association and presence in events and issues impacting our community and profession.

[2012 Membership Application & Benefit Details](#)

Our Members represent a range of organizations and professionals in the state of Kansas including: Art Galleries and Museums, Historical Societies, Historic Preservation, Museums, Natural History Museums, Convention and Visitors Bureaus, and Zoos.

If you have recently renewed your KMA membership, thank you for your support! Reminder letters will be mailed this month. If you need an invoice and don't receive a reminder, please contact me.

With your help and support, I look forward to another successful year.

Sincerely,

Lisa Dodson

Executive Director

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Kansas Hall of Fame Call for Nominations

Deadline January 30

[Nomination Form](#)

The Kansas Hall of Fame at the Great Overland Station is calling for nominations from across the state of Kansas. Hall of Fame officials anticipate five to seven honorees to be inducted into the Kansas Hall of Fame at a Gala Ceremony on June 15, 2012, and are asking Kansans to participate in the process. Deadline to receive nominations is January 30.

"We are eager to hear from people from all corners of the state," Roger Aeschliman, Chairman of the Nominations Committee said. "This is THE Hall of Fame of ALL of Kansas and we hope to receive a broad representation of nominations."

A simple nomination form is available on-line. Click on the **[Kansas Hall of Fame](#)** logo on the home page to find the nomination form. The form can be filled out, printed and mailed or faxed back to the Great Overland Station. Anyone without Internet access who desires a paper copy may call the Great Overland Station Museum office to request a form by mail or fax.

The Hall of Fame Committee hopes the nominations process will spur continued Kansas-wide discussion and debate about Kansas history and community engagement about the great qualities of our state. "I think it would be great if every elementary school teacher would use this as a tool to engage their students on the great historic figures of Kansas and the tremendous diversity of talent that shaped our state," Aeschliman said.

Beth Fager, Campaign Director at the Great Overland Station Museum, said nominations will be accepted until January 30, 2012. "The committee will then meet to review nominations and make recommendations to the Board of Directors. When approved, our induction committee will contact the selected nominees and coordinate their acceptance and attendance at the event. Once that is done, we will announce the final class of inductees for 2012," Fager said.

"We know there will be no shortage of great nominations. The hard part is selecting only a few from so many deserving Kansans. But we have to limit it to ensure a high quality ceremony for each honoree, properly recognizing their achievements and contribution to Kansas," Fager explained.

The 2011, the Kansas Hall of Fame seated the inaugural class of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Vice President Charles Curtis, US Senator and Presidential Nominee Bob Dole, General and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Richard Myers, Pizza Hut founders Dan and Frank Carney, Aviatrix Amelia Earhart and Marshal Matt Dillon of "Gunsmoke" as portrayed by James Arness.

"We're counting on Kansans to make the second class as amazing as the first!" Fager said.

For more information contact:
The Great Overland Station Museum
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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 - North Newton

[American Association of Museums Annual Conference](#)
[April 29-May 2, 2012](#)
[Minneapolis - St. Paul, MN](#)

[Association of State and Local History](#)
[October 3-6, 2012](#)
[Salt Lake City, UT](#)

[Mountain-Plains Museums Association Conference - Corpus Christi, TX](#)
[October 1-5, 2012](#)

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Kansas Museums Association Strategic Planning

The Kansas Museums Association met January 22-23 at Shawnee Town Museum for strategic planning. Some key goals developed for KMA included:

1. Diversify and strengthen revenues;
2. Provide consistent quality programs to members;
3. Provide leadership for Kansas museums;
4. Promote best practices and professional standards.

The board also established new committees including:

Governance - [Susan Hawksworth](#) (chair)
Finance - [Jeff Sheets](#) (chair)
Membership - [Cheryl Collins](#) (chair)
Communications - [Jennifer Toelle](#) (chair)
Programs - [Shannon Hsu](#) (chair)

The board will be working on the strategic planning document over the next few months. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please contact [Lisa Dodson](#), Executive Director or the committee chair.

Share with Your Colleagues

Do you have a creative idea, an innovative program or new project? Share it by submitting an article and photos to the Kansas Museums Association Exchange newsletter. Send articles to [Lisa](#) and SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS!



Children standing outside a theater. Photograph, c. 1930.
 Collection Minnesota Historical Society

The Kansas African American Museum Director of Education

Send employment listings to

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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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Our Lives, Our Stories: America's Greatest Generation

New Exhibit Opens at Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum January 29th - March 16, 2012

Who speaks for the experiences of a generation and their impact on the world around them? What experiences help to create a sense of shared identity?

Our Lives, Our Stories: America's Greatest Generation, a new exhibition opening this week at the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum, explores the life arc of the World War II generation-as told in their own words. Born in the 1910s and 1920s, these people were decisively shaped by the Depression and World War II. They went on to make the "baby boom" and shape the economic boom of the postwar era. Today - well into the 21st century - we are all living with their legacy. But who are these people upon whom the title of "greatest" has been bestowed?

Our Lives, Our Stories draws on memories and oral histories gathered by the Minnesota Historical Society to help us understand who these people really were. The exhibition begins with the babies of the 1910s and 1920s, and then explores the human impact of events that marked major turning points in their lives, including the Depression, the bombing of Pearl Harbor, World War II, the rising awareness of Civil Rights, and the growth of media-driven consumer culture during the post-war boom. While this generation's identity is clearly linked to World War II, the focus of *Our Lives, Our Stories* seeks to restore a wholeness to our understanding of them by allowing them to tell their stories along the larger arc of their lives.

In the process, their diversity of memories reveals them as the complex mix of real people who truly helped to shape the world that we live in today. The Museum has special programming planned for this exhibit, including the following:

Our Lives, Our Stories: America's Greatest Generation has been made possible by [NEH on the Road](#), a special initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The exhibit was originally developed by the Minnesota Historical Society in Saint Paul, Minnesota. This exhibit was adapted and is toured by Mid-America Arts Alliance through NEH on the Road. NEH on the Road offers an exciting opportunity for communities of all sizes to experience some of the best exhibitions funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). Mid-America Arts Alliance was founded in 1972 and is the oldest regional nonprofit arts organization in the United States. For more information, visit www.maaa.org or www.nehontheroad.org.

AAM Annual Meeting On Sale!

The 2012 AAM Annual Meeting & Museum Expo™ will take place April 29 - May 2 in Minneapolis Saint Paul.

- Reaffirm the vital role that museums play every day in building creative communities
- Reconnect with colleagues from all types of museums in the U.S. and over 50 other countries
- Renew your commitment to perform at your best by interacting with content experts in over 150 sessions.

Make sure your state is represented! AAM members who register by January 31st will receive nearly 40% off of the full registration rate.

[Register](#) and make your [housing arrangements](#) today!

AASLH Leadership in History Awards

Deadline for nominations is March 1, 2012.

Every year, AASLH bestows the Leadership in History Awards in recognition of excellence in the field of state and local history.

The Leadership in History Awards was established to encourage standards of excellence in the collection, preservation, and interpretation of state and local history in order to make the past more meaningful to all Americans. By publicly recognizing superior and innovative achievements, the Leadership in History Awards serve as an inspiration to others in the field.

AASLH recognizes excellence in the following areas:

- Projects, including programming, civic engagement, exhibitions, restoration projects, etc.
- Individual Achievement
- Organizational General Excellence
- Publications

Applicants can self-nominate or nominate another project. Organizations of all sizes are encouraged to apply!

For more information, visit the [website](#) or contact [Bethany Hawkins](#) 615-320-3203.

Kansas Aviation Museum Offers Spring Break Aviation Camp

The Kansas Aviation Museum is set to host its annual Spring Break Aviation Camp starting Monday, March 19 and running through Wednesday March 21, 2012 from 9am-5pm. The camp is intended to offer a fun and interactive environment within which students from first through fifth grades can learn about the science and history of aviation.

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- Sit in the cockpit of an actual 727 airliner
- Board a KC-135 refueling tanker
- Fly over one hundred different planes on the KAM flight simulator

- Slide in the seat of an F-16 cockpit simulator and have a real time dogfight with their fellow campers
- Design an airport
- Learn about navigation
- Build and fly a model airplane
- Visit the tallest spot in the Wichita area (the historic terminal control tower)

Cost for the camp is \$125 per participant which includes all activities and afternoon snack. A sack lunch must be provided by the camper each day.

For more information call:

316-683-9242 local
877-683-9242 toll free

Students Research Local Civil War Veterans Through Sleeping Heroes Project

[Click to visit The Sleeping Heroes website](#)

Attorney General Derek Schmidt will launch "Sleeping Heroes," a Civil War veteran documentation project for students grade three through eight at 3 p.m. Friday, January 27, at Memorial Hall, 120 SW 10th Avenue, Topeka. The public is invited to attend.

Sleeping Heroes is a collaboration between the Kansas Historical Society, Kansas State Department of Education, Freedom's Frontier, and researchers John Jackson and Don Lambert to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, 2011 -- 2015. This project encourages students to research Civil War veterans in their community's cemeteries through the use of primary sources. Students share what they learn through an online database. The project was conceived in 2006 by students at Glasco Grade School.

Kansas' connection to the Civil War is unique. Kansas Territory witnessed bloodshed over the expansion of slavery---some claim the Civil War actually started in Kansas. After the war, Kansas earned the nickname, "the soldier state" because so many Civil War veterans settled here.

AASLH 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.

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